

Less farms, less rice

Shrinking agricultural lands have been taken over by commercial interests

MANILA - The Philippines is unlikely to become self-sufficient in rice amid concerns the rice farming lands have been shrinking, President Duterte said.

This is contrary to what Agriculture officials had earlier claimed that the country could be rice self-sufficient by 2020. The country is reportedly 96 percent rice sufficient so far.

Despite this, the public was asked not to panic over the country's rice situation as the overall supply remains "more than sufficient."

Senior Deputy Executive Secretary Menardo Guevarra assured that there was no rice shortage in the country despite the low inventory of the National Food Authority (NFA). "There's no rice shortage. Our overall supply is more than enough," he added.

The President had said that the rich people have converted vast tracts of lands to produce cash crops, instead of food crops that could meet the nation's rice requirements.

At present, the Philippines continues to import rice despite goals to attain self-sufficiency. The NFA had earlier announced plans to import 250,000 metric tons of rice to boost the local supply.

Guevarra found no reason to adjust the country's rice importation schedule given the stable supply. "Wala naman pong shortage kaya same schedule lang pong importation [There is no shortage so the same importation schedule will remain],"

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BURNOUT or DEPRESSION?

SARAH GERONIMO

Sarah Geronimo breaks down during a concert and asks

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Sarah Geronimo gets emotional, frank at Las Vegas concert and talks about the pressure to be 'perfect' and the search for meaning and purpose

MANILA, Philippines – Sarah Geronimo got real and raw during a concert in Las Vegas on Sunday, April 29.

The singer, who is celebrating 15 years in the industry, poured her heart out to her audience and was later unable to finish her trademark "Forever's Not Enough."

Speaking to her audience, the singer admitted that she was tired. In video

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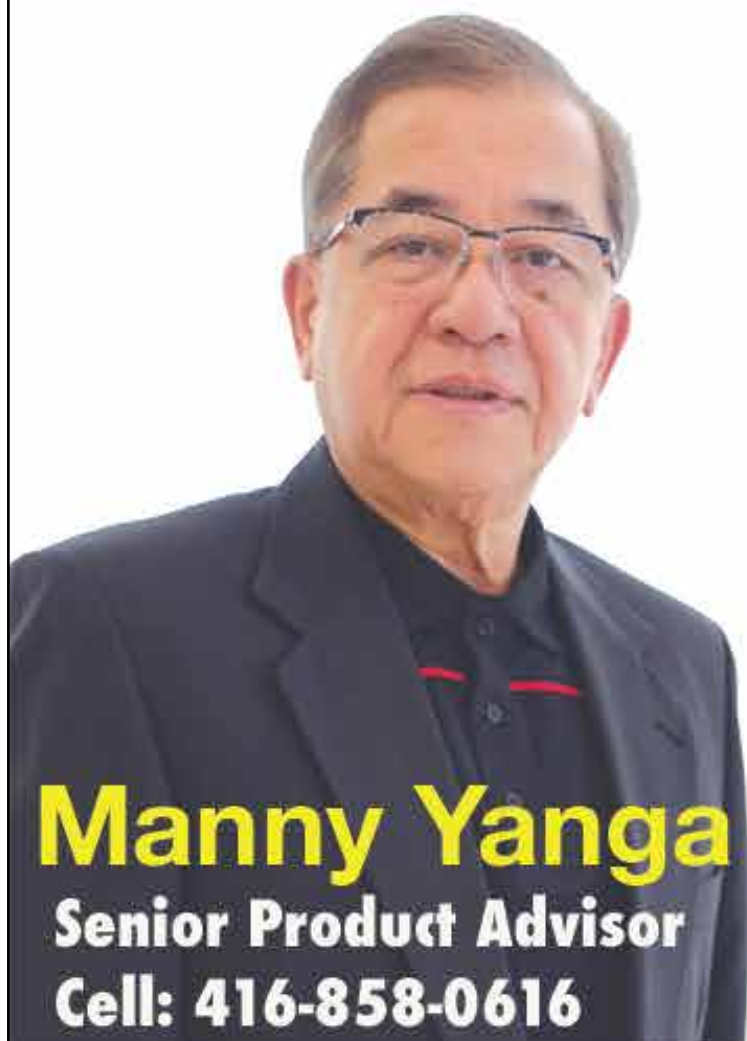
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Sunshine Cruz defends moving to GMA-7 after Wildflower

May mga netizen na naghayag sa social media ng kanilang pagkadmaya kay Sunshine Cruz dahil sa pagtanggap nito ng trabaho sa GMA Network.

Katatapos lamang daw kasi ng Wildflower, ang teleserye ng ABS-CBN kung saan nakasama ang aktres sa cast.

Si Sunshine ang bida sa Kapuso shw, ang Karibal Ko Ang Aking Ina. Ayon kay Sunshine, isa itong blessing para sa kanya.

“Blessing ‘yan for me. More work, more fun,” pahayag niya. Dagdag pa niya, “The role is very interesting. Fashionista ako dito. “Something new. I’m really excited.”

Paglilina pa ni Sunshine, show contract lamang ang pinirmahan niya sa GMA-7, pati na noong nasa ABS-CBN pa siya.

Saad niya, “Nagpaalam naman po kami nang maayos sa ABS-CBN.

“Malaki ang utang na loob ko sa ABS-CBN.

“Nabuhay ko nang maayos ang kids ko dahil sa series na ginawa ko sa kanila.

“Non-exclusive naman po ako and puwede kahit saan.

“I’m just grateful na nabibigyan tayo ng trabaho madalas.”

Dagdag pa ng aktres, sana ay maintindihan ng mga tao kung bakit kailangan niyang mag-trabaho sa ibang network.

Aniya, “They have to understand that I love working, and it’s important for me na palaging may work.

“It’s a blessing to be given this kind of opportunity.

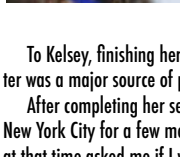
“Blessing ito, not just for me but for my children as well.”

“At the end of the day, work is work, and we should always be thankful for the opportunity and trust given to us.”



Kelsey Merritt is proof that slaying runways abroad while studying full-time is possible

International Pinay model Kelsey Merritt finished her studies on time. Get to know her better. Did you know that international model and new San Mig Light ambassador Kelsey Merritt was once a working student? She once juggled school in Manila and work on the other side of the globe.



To Kelsey, finishing her studies without skipping a single semester was a major source of pride. “It was not easy.”

After completing her second year in college, Kelsey moved to New York City for a few months to work as a model. “My agency at that time asked me if I wanted to consider online schooling so I [wouldn’t] have to go back to the Philippines... It was tempting.

“But I chose not to. I had no right to complain [that] I was having a hard time because I was blessed with work. I was living my dream!”

Now Kelsey joins the league of accomplished women whom San Mig Light has celebrated in recent months. When Kelsey shared her new San Mig Light on social media, she said she’s “excited to be a part of a global brand that makes you proud to be Pinoy.”

“People often ask me how I managed to do it, and all I say is that as long as you have your priorities straight and manage your time well, then it really can be done.”

Former singer Carol Banawa is graduating at a U.S. nursing school

Former singer-actress Carol Banawa finishes summa cum laude at nursing school in the United States.

Former singer-actress Carol Banawa graduated summa cum laude at a nursing school in the United States yesterday, May 12 (U.S. Time).

This was announced by Carol’s friend David Cosico on Facebook on May 11.

Carol, who is Claire Cristostomo in real life, is already a licensed practical nurse after finishing her associates degree in nursing.

Carol became famous for interpreting songs such as “lingatan Ka,” “Stay,” and “Tanging Yaman.”

She was also the lead actress in the prime-time series Bituin (2002), starring Nora Aunor, Desiree del Valle, and Cherie Gil.

In 2003, Carol left show business to seek medical care for her ailing father in the U.S.

Eventually, she worked as a nurse, and settled down.

Meanwhile, the 37-year-old mom’s Bituin love-team partner Josh Santana is now a licensed doctor.

The former singer shared the good news in March 2018 when he passed the Physician Licensure Examination.



Honey Shot

Mia Santeramo

Mia plays volleyball. he favourite food is pasta. Someday, she wants to be a criminal lawyer. But right now, she is busy competing in the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation pageant, Miss Philippines-Canada.

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Sarah Geronimo responds wittily to fan who told her, “Mag-asawa ka na!”



Sarah Geronimo, the girlfriend of Matteo Guidicelli, reacts to a fan who urged her to get married already.

Sarah Geronimo had a witty comeback for a fan who urged her to get married already.

This happened while the 29-year-old singer-actress was opening up to her fans during her concert held at the K

upferberg Center for the Arts in New York last May 6 (Monday in Manila).

“Minsan po sumasagi pa rin siya sa isip ko, the heart...” she said before a female fan yelled, “Mag-asawa ka na!”

In response, Sarah quipped: “Huwag po kayong ganyan! Kausapin niyo po yung nanay ko. Huwag ganyan.”

The ABS-CBN star was referring to her mother, Mommy Divine.

Sarah continued: “Nagtatrabaho po ako, ma’am. Wait lang, ma’am. I’m working here. Don’t distract me, ma’am. Because I’m distract-able!”

“Asan na nga ba ako? Ma’am kasi sabi ko, huwag niyo ako idi-distract.”

The Popstar Princess is currently in a four-year-relationship with fellow Kapamilya star Matteo Guidicelli.

Sarah’s candid reaction was captured on video by an Instagram user using the handle @roy_regina_anderson. The Instavid was accompanied by the caption:

“She is very funny! Sabi ng isang nanay magpakasal na daw sya tapos sabi nya nadistract tuloy sya! Natawa ako sa kausapin nyo po nanay ko”

‘TOTGA’ A HIT EVEN IN U.S.

DENNIS Trillo admits he felt at a loss when they first started taping “The One That Got Away” as he has so many leading ladies and they’re all beautiful and sexy. “Maraming lalaki ang naiinggit sa akin and they consider me one lucky guy,” he adds. “Maski ako, I get confused kapag sama-sama lahat kami sa eksena. Ang hirap mag-focus.”

But now, he has settled down with Lovi Poe and the

other characters are also getting their own respective partners. One thing with the show’s cast is that, from episode one, they all always displayed their best OOTD (outfit of the day) to show who has the trendiest summer outfits. As one regular viewer says: “Talagang patalbugan silang lahat lagi sa mga outfit na sinusuat nila sa show at doon pa lang, kaabang-abang na ang programa.”

TOTGA stars are also admired for their #Barkada-Goals because of their united ‘one for all, all for one’ stance shown when Rhian as Zoe was disrespected at the launch of her own swimwear line. Lovi as Alex and Max as Darcy quickly defended her from some rude people, along with Jason Abalos as Gael who is so angry about the alleged video scandal involving Rhian which became the talk of the town.

Someone obviously hates her guts so the scandal was uploaded on the internet. Now, who is the culprit and what will Rhian do about this? Don’t miss the next few episodes of TOTGA as it soon reaches its very exciting finale.

Dennis is pleased that even Pinoys in the U.S.A. are watching the show. “When we did shows there recently for GMA Pinoy TV, ang daming lumapit sa’kin to tell me na they watch the show regularly with their American friends at tuwang-tuwa sila rito dahil nakaka-relate daw sila sa mga sitwasyon. So ang sarap sa pakiramdam na hanggang abroad, maraming nanonood kaya nawawala ang lahat ng pagod namin in trying our best para laging maganda ang bawat episode ng show.”

Who will Ken Chan save in case a catastrophic epidemic happens in real life?

Ken Chan on liking someone: “Pag may gusto akong tao, mas okay na yung sa amin na lang.”

Ang bagong prime-time series ng GMA-7 ay isang sci-fi drama series na pinagbibidahan nina Jennylyn Mercado at Tom Rodriguez bilang sina Charity and Gregory Salvador.

Ang The Cure ay kuwento tungkol sa isang experimental drug na pumapatay ng cancer cells pero ang side effect naman ay ang mutation ng mapanganib at nakahahawang virus na Monkey Virus Disease or MVD.

Ang sinumang ma-infect nito ay naging rabid at violent na mas masahol pa sa isang asong ulol.

Tinanong namin ang isa sa mga bida na si Ken Chan: kung magkakatotoo ang kuwento ng The Cure at kakalat ang epidemiya at may isang tao lang siya na ililigtas (bukod sa pamilya niya), sino iyon?

“Isa lang? Mahirap ‘yan, ha.

“Isang tao lang talaga?

“Siyempre kung sino yung mahal ko sa buhay.”

Karelasyon ang tinutukoy ni Ken, at nagkataong sa ngayon ay loveless siya.

“Kaya ngayon, kung sakali, wala kong maililigtas,” at tumawa si Ken.

“Pero kung meron man akong ililigtas siyempre iyon. Ngayon wala, e.”

Gumaganap si Ken sa The Cure bilang doctor na si Josh Lazaro.

WHAT SOFIA REALLY WANTS TO OFFER

With her beauty and talent, it’s expected that 18-year-old Sofia Gonzales-Romualdez would follow in the footsteps of her mom, Cristina “Kring-Kring” Gonzales-Romualdez. After a successful stint in showbiz, Kring-Kring joined politics, with her husband, former Tacloban Mayor Alfred Romualdez, paving the way for her.

After being Tacloban Councilor for three terms, Kring-Kring is now mayor of the city.

Going back to Sofia, her and Alfred’s elder daughter, she is passionate about music, writing songs, and singing, too. A recording artist of Viva Records for over two years now, her debut single was “Pikit Mata.” She has also tried acting, appearing in the Julian Trono-Ella Cruz movie “FanGirl, FanBoy.” And now, Sofia returns to the recording scene with her new song “Thinkin’ Of You.”

Venturing into the music scene at a young age, Sofia said “Music was always in me. There was never a time where it wasn’t my passion. I never really saw myself doing anything else besides music growing up.” She also tried songwriting very early in her life, inspired by her musical influences.

She intends to build a reputation as a unique artist which she is slowly proving. According to her, “I don’t really write to sell, it defeats the purpose of being an artist. Being yourself is key, it’s better to sound weird than to sound like every other artist in the market. We shouldn’t be afraid to express ourselves; that’s the point of being an artist after all.”

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Buzz spreads

With the successful airing of the pilot episode of “The Cure,”



it can be said that the Tom-Jen virus has spread and now affects viewers who eagerly await the first episode.

Everyone thinks it was worth the wait for this newest prime-time series of GMA Network. For viewers, the tandem of Jennylyn Mercado and Tom Rodriguez is incomparable. The spine-tingling scenes are engaging, too. The show airs after “24 Oras” on GMA Telebabad.

Paparazzi shoots Ellen Adarna eating ramen

After taking a break from showbiz industry, actress Ellen Adarna has again been the talk of the town.

Just recently, Adarna posted a short video of a customer holding a phone, assuming assuming being the subject of a stolen shot while she was dining at a ramen restaurant.

Captioning the clip, she wrote: “Oo yan ha . . . You know the feeling . . . Uncomfy noh? When you PAP us, we PAP you too! Nasa resto eh. It’s a tie.”

The actress also used the hashtag #Paparazzi Moves in one of the photos she posted.

Following the Instagram posts, Eleila, the woman whom Adarna identified as paparazzi, reposted the stories and wrote: “So we were casually eating ramen and this happens . . . We didn’t notice her or even knew it was her. I just wanted to story our food.”

Eleila also shared the video that she took during the incident, showing that the focus of her phone was the ramen and definitely not Adarna.

“Sarap pa rin [ng] ramen! Although it’s just wrong to assume things,” Eleila tweeted.

Kris Aquino bluntly rejects aspiring suitor on Instagram; says she doesn’t like “fakes”

Kris Aquino to aspiring suitor on Instagram: “Please, i’m too smart & too pretty para mag attempt kang bolahin pa ako.”

Kris Aquino bluntly turned down a male netizen asking for permission to court her via Instagram.

The guy, using the handle name @mandi_monaco, identified himself as OFW in United Kingdom who hopes to be Kris’s “da one.”

He wrote, “Hi, Ms kris kamusta pwed ba kitang ligawan kung papayag ka im a Simple guy lng ako ofw egnr. pero nag nurse dito sa UK.

“Bka ikaw na yung da one ko kc pareho tayo lagi niloloko iniwan. Kapag ako minahal mo mamahalin kit a hbg buhay promise.”

But the 47-year-old TV host-actress refused to take him seriously.

Based on their exchange of tweets, Kris noted that she even felt offended by the guy’s Instagram feed showing an inappropriate picture of a woman.

Kris told him, “no thank you. I saw your feed- i don’t like ‘fakes’ & your account looks like a ‘troll’

account.

“Ang bastos pa nung pics.

“Please, i’m too smart & too pretty para mag attempt kang bolahin pa ako.”

Kris’s last romantic relationship was with Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista.

They secretly got engaged in 2015, but the mayor reportedly broke it off because he chose to prioritize his kids’ needs.

Last year, Kris said that Mayor Herbert gave her a diamond ring and proposed to her for the second time, but she turned it down because of “wrong timing.”

In spite of the many things they have in common, Kris said, “But... the ‘but’ lang there is that I knew that we would end up not making each other happy sa long run...”

The two remain good friends to this day.



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Alden Richards on finding purpose in showbiz: **“Minsan iisipin mo, ‘Tama pa ba ang ginagawa mo?’”**

Alden Richards on dealing with career struggles: “Ang primary goal ko talaga, no matter how negative or unfair this business can be, I’m just gonna continue to do good para nakikita ko yung purpose ng trabaho ko.”

Alden Richards, 26, had his share of career highs and lows since he started in showbiz seven years ago. But even when the going gets tough, the Kapuso actor said he managed to stay strong by finding purpose in whatever he does. Alden explained, “There are certain points talaga in your career that you’re gonna feel tired and minsan iisipin mo, ‘Tama pa ba ang ginagawa mo?’” “For me, one of the reasons I can endure siguro yung physical exhaustion, yung stress, yung some negative parts of the industry, I really pray everyday. “I pray for wisdom; I pray for patience. “I’m just focusing on my work to be able to deliver whatever is needed of me.” Alden went on to say that it helps not to lose sight of the big picture when it comes to being a showbiz personality. “The experience that you give to people with what you’re doing? Minsan kasi you touch lives through it, e. “Since we’re public figures, we’re always seen on TV, in print, in social media, etc. “Ang primary goal ko talaga, no matter how negative or unfair this business can be, I’m just gonna continue to do good para nakikita ko yung purpose ng trabaho ko.



Former Kapamilya Kyline Alcantara on transferring to GMA-7: **“Ayoko pong mawalan ng trabaho.”**

Kyline Alcantara on transferring to GMA-7: “Sa una, nahirapan po ako kasi siyempre baguhan nga po ako dito sa GMA Network, but pinaramdam nila sa akin yung warm welcome.” Former ABS-CBN child star Kyline Alcantara admitted that she didn’t find it easy the first time she set foot on GMA-7. It was in October 2017 when the Star Circle Quest: Search for the next Kiddie Star alumna transferred to the Kapuso network to do the series Kambal Karibal, alongside Bianca Umali and Miguel Tanfelix. Kyline’s co-stars in the show helped her adjust to the new working environment. She said, “Siyempre po, sa una, nahirapan po ako kasi siyempre baguhan nga po ako dito sa GMA Network. “But pinaramdam nila sa akin yung warm welcome, ang sarap sa pakiramdam na nagkaroon ako ng mga bagong kaibigan, mga bagong katrabaho.” The 15-year-old actress pointed out that it was actually Bianca, Miguel, and their two other co-stars Pauline Mendoza and Jeric Gonzales, who broke the ice. “Sila po yung unang um-approach sa akin and yun po yung masarap kasi mahiyain po ako. “Sinabayan ko naman po sila ng mga jokes ko para mas maging close kami and habang humahaba po yung show namin, mas nagiging komportable at mas nagiging close kami.” Kambal Karibal, which has been airing since November 27, 2017, was just awarded another extension, allowing it to air until June 2018. Kyline spoke to PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) and other select entertainment reporters at the press conference organized by the GMA Regional TV group at Lenox Hotel, Dagupan City in Pangasinan. The cast members of Kambal Karibal were the scheduled performers for the Kapuso Night in celebration of the Bangus Festival.



“Pero wala naman pong [bad blood] kasi kung di naman po talaga sa kanila, wala tayo dito. “Isa po sila sa naging stepping stone ko para makapunta ako dito ngayon sa kung paano ako umarte and I’m so thankful sa binigay nila, sa pamana nila sa akin.” After becoming part of SCQ’s Magic Circle of 10 in 2010, Kyline was assigned to do young-er versions of female characters in teleseryes, particularly those played by Maja Salvador (Lumayo Ka Man Sa Akin, Ina Kapatid Anak). In 2013, Kyline was tapped to play Arlene in the remake of Annaliza, starring Andrea Brillantes. Kyline also played roles in Pangako Sa ‘Yo (2015) and Born For You (2016).

KONTRABIDA ROLE. With the success of Kambal Karibal, Kyline can’t help but feel proud, especially since her portrayal as the kontrabida Cheska/Crisel received good feedback from viewers. She told reporters during the presscon, “I’m overwhelmed po sa lahat ng nangyayari sa akin, sa amin ngayon. “Sana po magtuluy-tuloy at na-e-enjoy ko siya at ayoko pong mawalan ng trabaho, to be honest!” Did you know that Kyline actually auditioned for the role of Cheska? Bianca, who witnessed Kyline’s audition, remembered, “She was actually the last one na nag-audition kasi kaming dalawa ni Miguel nandun. Tapos parang humabol ka lang...” Kyline recalled that she was supposed to audition for another role, the younger version of Teresa, played by Jean Garcia. “Dapat kasi, mag-audition ako for young Teresa, tapos pauwi na ako tapos pinabalik nila ako doon sa role na Cheska. “Siyempre, nanginginig po ako noon, siyempre BiGuel po ito!” In her interview with PEP.ph after the presscon proper, Kyline said that she really dreams of becoming a well-known kontrabida just like her idol, the late Bella Flores. “Idol ko po si Miss Bella Flores, Queen of all Kontrabidas! “Si Cherie Gil, Gladys Reyes, sila po talaga yung parang pinanood ko, wow, I want to be like them. “Gusto ko sa future may magsasabi sa akin na, ‘Gusto kong masampal ni Kyline Alcantara,’ gusto ko may ganun. “Kasi pag ako, gusto kong masampal ni Maricel Soriano, e. Kasi iba siya sumampal, may bwelo, yung pak ganun!” Aside from Kambal Karibal, Kyline is also gearing up for her album with GMA Records. Talking about her heavy workload, Kyline said with a laugh, “Huwag po nating bakantihin ang ating oras. “Katulad nga po ng sinabi ko sa manager ko and sa Artist Center, wala, huwag niyo pong intindihin yung tulog ko, kaya ko na po yun i-manage, basta bigyan niyo lang po ako ng trabaho kasi matagal din po akong nabakante.”

LEAVING THE KAPAMILYA NETWORK. In a separate interview with PEP.ph, Kyline shared a few details about her transfer to GMA-7 after being with ABS-CBN for 7 years. She recalled, “Well, natapos naman po talaga yung contract ko sa kanila [ABS-CBN]. “So si Tito Manny Vallester, my co-manager, ayun po lumapit, nag-meet po kami halfway and sabi [niya], ‘Meron akong new soap, baka gusto mong mag-audition?’ “And then nag-audition kami sa Artist Center para may mag co-manage. “So parang sige po, salamat, siyempre bilang artista, ayoko pong mawalan ng trabaho. “GMA and ABS po kasi, I consider them as different countries lang. Sa isang showbiz world, may different countries so parang lumipat lang ako and wala namang conflict talaga.” She admitted that it was a difficult decision leaving the Kapamilya network, especially since it was where she started her career. “Hard decision siya, of course, kasi yun nga po, doon ako nagstart sa ABS.

Rhian Ramos admits closeness to screen bro Migo Adecer



Rhian Ramos and Migo Adecer get cozy like siblings on the set of The One That Got Away. Naging parang magkapatid na rin ang turingan nina Rhian Ramos at Migo Adecer sa isa’t isa habang gumaganap sila bilang half-siblings sa The One That Got Away ng GMA-7. Si Migo ang Ultimate Male Survivor ng Season 6 ng StarStruck noong 2015 at kasalukuyang mina-manage ng Pop Diva na si Kuh Ledesma ang kanyang showbiz career. Ayon sa kanya, si Rhian ang paborito niya among the cast ng teleserye nila. Mula naman sa kanyang biyahe sa Thailand ay pinasalubungan ni Rhian si Migo ng mga insekto at exotic delicacies na sikat doon. Kuwento ng aktres, “It’s so funny, kasi a lot of people when I ask them, ‘What do you want?’ “Lagi silang magdyu-joke ng either ‘Elephant! Scorpion! He! He! He!’ Parang ganun, yung joke lang. “So, sabi sa akin ni Migo, scorpion; nagte-text kami one night nung nandun ako. “And then naisip ko, actually, may mga pritong scorpion dun, na-try ko na, e. “Pero dun sa province kung saan nakatira yung dad ko, wala, more of a touristy thing kasi yung scorpion, e. “Nakahanap naman ako, ‘tapos may crickets, worms, grasshopper... kumuha ako ng combo nun. “Bumili pa ako ng Tupperware kasi naka-paper bag lang yun, sabi ko, ‘Kailangan ko itong mauwi ng Pilipinas!’ “Gumawa ako ng video kasi hindi kami agad nagkita sa taping dito na sa Pilipinas, baka mapanis bago pa umabot kay Migo. “So gumawa ako ng video, tinag ko siya sa Instagram, ‘Bro-bro, eto, kakainin ko na!’ Pinapakita ko yung iba-ibang bugs.” Nakarating naman daw kay Migo ang pasalubong ni Rhian in good condition, “Pinapak niya!” Sabi pa ni Rhian, “Sa video niyayabang ko lang sa kanya, pero isa lang... isang grasshopper, isang worm, isang cricket “Na-try ko na before, parang first few times ko sa Thailand, ano, e, sumabog yung utak ko nung nalaman ko puwede pala yun. “Itong recent parang ginagawa ko lang siya para iyabang ko lang kay Migo... dalawang klaseng cricket yun. “Yung sa akin trip lang, yung sa kanya, talagang pinapak niya.” Samantala, bida rin sina Max Collins, Lovi Poe, Ivan Dorschner, Jason Abalos, at Dennis Trillo sa The One That Got Away.



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Pinoys in US, Canada thrilled to see their Kapuso idols



Sikat Ka, Kapuso! concerts take social media by storm

GMA Pinoy TV's Sikat Ka, Kapuso! was a huge hit among Filipinos abroad as the back-to-back shows featuring Kapuso Drama King Dennis Trillo, Ultimate Star



Jennylyn Mercado, Kapuso Premier Drama Actress Lovi Poe, Pamantasan Bae Alden Richards, Kapuso comedian Betong Sumaya, and Kapuso Primetime King Dingdong Dantes took New Jersey and Toronto by storm.

The shows held at the Newark Symphony Hall, New Jersey last April 7 and Sony Centre for the Performing Arts, Toronto last April 8 were flocked by excited Pinoys who came from different parts of America and Canada. Fans travelled all the way from New York, Florida, Texas, Michigan, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton, St. Laurent and Montreal, Ottawa, and Windsor just to see their Kapuso idols perform on stage and get the chance to take photos with them.

The Kapuso abroad also took to social media how much they enjoyed watching Sikat Ka Kapuso! which became a trending topic over the long weekend.

"One of the best shows I've watched in years," Joyce Andes-David wrote on Facebook. "[It was] filled with fun, laughter and such wonderful talent and all out performances. Grabe! We're still talking about it!"

"Very entertaining. We were laughing from beginning to end!" said Marilyn Gacilos Abiva from Queens, New York.

Jocelyn Escanlar, a GMA Pinoy TV subscriber from Cambridge, Ontario, wrote that even though they always see the artists in their respective TV programs, seeing them in real life is a totally different experience. "We knew they were tired because of their hectic schedule/jet lag and yet their performance level was very high," she said.

"The experience we had is something that we wish for every Filipino / Filipino at heart to have. Even though it was cold in Toronto and we are far away from the Philippines, the show made us feel like we were back home. It was a night that we truly enjoyed and will not easily forget. Thanks to GMA for bringing them to Toronto, Canada," Jocelyn added.

Instagram user @mahalo005, meanwhile, said "I'm so happy! Worth it

pagpunta ko dito, galling pa ako sa Texas. Thank you Kapuso napakabait nilang lahat. @aldenrichards02, di ka pa rin nagbabago mabait at gwapo ka pa rin! I had so much fun! Thank you Betong, Dennis, Jennylyn, Dingdong, Alden, I love you Kapuso!"

Twitter user Ems noted the positive things about the show. "Ganda ng team work ng 6 artists, they blend well. Ganda ng repertoire ng show. Nanonood sila ng TOTGA. I heard screaming Liam and Alex both in New Jersey and Toronto. The audience enjoyed the show. Congratulations! @gmapinoytv," she said.

The Kapuso artists, despite the cold weather, tirelessly prepared for the shows and gave their all to provide the Kapuso brand of quality entertainment. They offered a variety of song and dance numbers that reminded the audience of home as well as laughter and kilig that the crowd surely loved.

Dennis expressed his gratitude to his fellow Pinoys for the warmth they received during their brief stay in the East Coast. "Kung gaano po kalamig dito, ganun naman kainit ang pagtanggap ninyo sa amin. Salamat po, mga Kapuso!"

Jennylyn also thanked everyone who supported their shows. "Maraming salamat po sa lahat ng mga nagpunta. Sa uulitin! Magkita-kita po tayo!"

Lovi was nothing but grateful for the love and energy that the audience gave her during their show. "That was amazing. Napawi pagod namin sa inyo. Maraming salamat, mga Kapuso!"

On the other hand, Alden said that spending time with his supporters in the US and Canada was his way of saying thanks to them. "We're very happy to see them. Maraming salamat at sana makabalik po kami, napakainit ng pagtanggap ninyo sa amin," he said.

Betong said seeing the venue filled with an excited crowd really made him forget about his jetlag. "Ibang iba yung pagtanggap nila sa amin, lalo na nung pag-labas namin sa stage, ang daming tao! Binigyan ako ng energy boost ng mga tao! Sana hindi po ito ang ating una at huling pagkikita and please subscribe sa GMA Pinoy TV para lagi kayong amazing!," said Betong.

Lastly, Dingdong acknowledged the Kapuso abroad for coming together to enjoy the concert with them. "Alam ko marami sa atin ang napapasaya ng GMA Pinoy TV, mga Kapuso of all ages. Thank you mga Kapuso! Sana makauwi kayo sa Pinas very soon!"

Sikat Ka, Kapuso! is a GMA-produced event which aims to bring Filipinos abroad closer to home via its international channels GMA Pinoy TV, GMA Life TV, and GMA News TV International.

Canadian carriers Bell and Rogers set up booths at the Toronto show.

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.

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LJ always re-minds son that Paulo is his dad

LJ Reyes was last seen in the afternoon show about mistresses, “D’Originals”, last year. Now, she’s back on primetime in “The Cure”, where she plays Katrina, a clinical researcher and colleague of Tom Rodriguez in the laboratory that produces the virus that causes a national epidemic in the story. Off cam, it’s common knowledge that she’s on with Paolo Contis. Is it true they’re now officially engaged?

“No, hindi pa,” she says at the presscon of “The Cure”. “Naku, ayoko siyang pangunahan ano? Also, it’s not me na ‘yung nagtatanong about that. Basta ako, hindi ako nagmamadali. Happy ako sa what we have now. Very close sa kanya ang son kong si Aki and treats him as his second father. Walang pressure ng kasal-kasal.”

A Starstruck Batch 2 discovery, what can she say that the winner in their batch, Ryza Cenon, has now transferred to ABS-CBN? “Siyempre, I wish her well. Career move ‘yun, e. Sana nga maging mas successful doon ang career niya.”

How about her? Will she also leave GMA for ABS-CBN? “Naku, hindi siguro. Wala akong balak lumipat kasi happy naman ako maging Kapuso. Hindi naman ako nababakante rito at challenging roles ang ibinibigay nila sa akin.”

In “The Cure”, she co-stars with Starstruck 1 winners, Jennylyn Mercado and Mark Herras, and they all have something in common: they’re all single parents. “Oo nga, ano? Kaya nga, kapag nasa set kami, we talk about our kids and how we rear them according to the best of our ability even if we’re all busy as working parents.”

How is her relationship now with Aki’s dad, Paulo Avelino? “Okay naman kami. We’re in good terms and he’s free to visit our son anytime. When Aki has activities in school, he also attends and I always remind Aki na Paulo is his dad. Hindi naman makakaila kasi magkamukha sila.”

New destinations for Filipino workers are Russia, China

MANILA - Russia and China are just some of the promising destinations for Filipinos looking for jobs abroad as the Philippines seeks to cut its reliance on the Middle East.

“Russia is opening their market for the first time to the Philippines,” Bernard Olalia, head of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, said in an interview in his office in Manila. “They want a government-to-government deployment scheme, just like what we did with China.”

Russia is hiring skilled workers in construction and services and China is asking the Philippines to send over 2,000 English teachers this year, Olalia said on April 20. The Czech Republic and San Marino are also negotiating labor deals, he said. For decades, the Philippines has relied on money sent home by millions of overseas workers to boost the economy

and support the currency. The funds – estimated by the World Bank to be \$33 billion last year – account for about 10 percent of gross domestic product and are the nation’s largest source of foreign exchange after exports.

With exports faltering and stocks suffering outflows, officials are banking on remittances to help stabilize the peso, Asia’s worst-performing currency this year. The peso has lost more than 4 percent against the dollar in 2018.

The Middle East remains the largest destination for land-based workers with more than 1 million deployed in 2016, accounting for 63 percent of the total. But the brutal killing of a domestic worker, whose body was found stuffed in a freezer in Kuwait, pushed President Rodrigo Duterte to order a deployment ban to the Arab state since February.

The Philippines is flexing its muscle to protect workers in other Middle Eastern countries amid cases of employer abuse, Olalia said. A deployment ban to Saudi Arabia isn’t far-fetched unless better labor conditions are provided, he said.

“We don’t mind advising the President to impose a deployment ban in countries where our Filipino workers are suffering so much, like Kuwait,” Olalia said.

The outlook for labor demand is strong and deployment will keep growing, Olalia said. Aging populations are prompting Japan and South Korea to place more job orders for Filipino health workers, while Singapore is looking to hire in its technology sector.

According to Olalia, the administration’s policy now is to focus on skilled workers and professionals, whose working conditions are significantly better.

NO MORE DUET WITH CELINE DION - Jake Zyrus



Jake Zyrus hopes to meet Celine Dion again during her concert in July, “Kung mayroon mang chance, kumanta o hindi, at least magkaroon ng chance na magpasalamat ako sa kanya, na in-inspire niya ako to be more grateful at to be more thankful sa mga taong loyal, to treat them well.”

Jake Zyrus will most likely decline if he is offered to do another duet with Celine Dion when the diva comes to Manila for a two-night concert in July.

His reason? The 25-year-old performer wants to give young singers a chance to experience this unforgettable moment with the Canadian hitmaker.

Jake, who was known back then as Charice, shared a duet with Celine at the Madison Square Garden in New York in 2008.

“Kapag naiisip ko ‘yon, ang dami kong nakikitang new belters out there, na sobrang nakikita ko yung bright future nila.

“Minsan nai-imagine ko kung ako yung nararam-daman ko noon, when I was that kid with a long hair, na to be on the same stage with Celine Dion, of course, gusto ko ng mai-share yung feeling na ‘yon sa isang bata na maka-duet yung iniidolo nila,” said Jake at the recent press conference of his upcoming birthday and anniversary concert Music and Me.

“Kung piliin niya ako, thank you.

“Pero ang biggest wish ko is sana mabigyan ng chance yung isang bata, a boy or a girl, na ma-experience yung treat na na-experience ko.”

JM de Guzman teases Barbie Imperial about her relationship status; asks, “Single ka naman ngayon, di ba?”

JM de Guzman, 29, admitted that he instantly developed good rapport with leading lady Barbie Imperial, 19, even though it’s the first time they’ve worked together in the ABS-CBN afternoon series Araw Gabi.

He said that they’ve got such good onscreen chemistry that viewers have begun to root for them to become a couple in real life.

Referring to the first time he met Barbie at a screen test for the show, JM recalled, “Kinilig ako... Effortless ang chemistry.”

Now that they’ve gotten to know each other, JM described Barbie as “charming, magaan kasama, and malambing minsan.”

JM also noted how she brings out child-like qualities in him.

“Ang sakit sa ulo. Para akong bumalik sa grade school. Hindi pa ako naging ganito kakulit sa loob ng maraming taon.”

Asked if it’s possible for him to develop romantic feelings for Barbie, JM replied, “Basta kasi masarap, e. Masaya kasi siya ngayon. Masaya katrabaho,

masaya maka-bond.

“So, ang sarap na i-maintain nang ganun. Minsan mapapaisip ka rin, ‘What if nga?’”

Then JM turned to Barbie, who was sitting beside him on the couch, and asked her, “Puwede ba? Single ka naman ngayon, di ba?”

Caught off guard by JM’s question, Barbie paused for a few seconds before she laughingly exclaimed,

“Minsan talaga ang sarap sapakin ng mga pina-pangunahan kang mag-announce, e, ‘no?’”

After a while, Barbie was still at a loss to how she would address the question about her relationship status.

She said, “Wait lang, hindi ko alam kung anong ire-react ko.

“Lagi niya ako pinapangunahan sa mga interview. Mamaya ka sa akin!”

JM, however, kept teasing Barbie, “I’ll cry with you. I’ll comfort you. Gusto mo rebound?”

Then the two of them dissolved into laughter.

Before the PEP.ph Live Interview ended, JM promoted their show Araw Gabi using the hashtag #singlenaposibarbie.”

Threatening to expose JM’s share of secrets, Barbie retorted, “Gusto mo magbukingan tayo dito?”

JM replied, laughing, “Hindi na. Huwag. Cut niyo na ‘yan.”



Jennylyn Mercado: Pinay version of Lara Croft?

With her Amazonian physique, it’s no wonder Jennylyn Mercado is creating buzz as being comparable to a fictional character famously played in the movies by Angelina Jolie.

In a recent interview, however, the Kapuso actress laughed off the idea that she’s the Pinay version of “Tomb Raider’s” Lara Croft.

“Ngek ang layo,” she said, giggling. “Kayo naman baka mag-expect kayo ng sobra. Hindi naman umabot sa ganu’n. Pero siguro dahil pareho lang ‘yung damit then ‘yung sa buhok naman naka-ponytail lang hindi naman siya naka-braid.”

“Baka siguro dahil ‘yung itsura lang nu’ng outfit medyo malapit du’n sa Lara Croft,” she added.

Note that the lead character of “Tomb Raider” is a highly intelligent, athletic, and beautiful archaeologist who ventures into ancient tombs and hazardous ruins around the world.

On the upcoming series “The Cure,” Jennylyn is plays Charity, a licensed nurse who eventually quits her job to focus more on her family. She is the husband of Gregory Salvador played by Tom Rodriguez.

According to the actress, her character really loves her mother-in-law who unfortunately has cancer. The latter is played by Irma Adlawan.

“First ipapakita du’n sa character ni Charity ang hinhin niya, very loving na tutok lang siya sa family niya. Tapos hindi nila ine-expect na darating sa point na mas palaban pa siya kaysa sa ibang characters kasi darating ‘yung time na magkakaroon ng gulo,” she shared.

Jennylyn said audiences should watch out for the intense fight scenes and risky stunts on the show.

The 31-year-old actress is do dedicated in playing her role to the point that she doesn’t want to have any stunt double.

“I mean kung kaya naman kasi bakit hindi ‘di ba?,” she said. “So sinabi ko na ‘Hindi Direk kung kaya okay ako, gagawin ko kasi mahirap na ‘yung halatang iba ‘yung gumawa.’ Kasi siyempre ‘pag meron kang double medyo nahahalata na iba ‘yung galaw, iba ‘yung form ng body, iba ‘yung buhok so mas maganda kung mas realistic lang.”

“Tsaka masarap din sa feeling na na-experience mo ‘yung mga buwis buhay stunt o talon. Kaya kami talaga ‘yung gagawa kung kaya,” she added.



Of course a fit body is needed.

Although Jennylyn is known for his fitness routine, the actress admitted she had not worked out for more than a month now.

“Gusto ko lang magpahinga. Ewan ko parang tumatanda na ata ako. Sabi ko nga ‘Mag 31 pa lang ako bakit ba ayaw kong tumayo ng kama,’” she shared, laughing.

She has also relaxed her diet regimen.

“I mean nagtatrabaho ka, nagpupuyat ka tapos magdi-diet ka pa? Papatayin mo sarili mo. ‘Wag na. Pagod ka na, puyat, stress ka na so kumain ka ng mabuti.”

Unexpected

The actress feels flattered to have snagged the role. However, Jennylyn revealed she was shocked upon initially hearing about the traits of her character.

Hindi ko ine-expect kasi nu’ng una kasing binigay sa akin ‘yung concept akala ko parang may pagka-suspense lang siya tapos drama. Hindi ko alam na aabot siya sa medyo physical pero na excite ako nu’ng gusto nila umabot ‘yung character ko sa talagang

nag fi-fight scenes para magamit ko ‘yung alam ko.”

Recall that the actress knows martial arts particularly Balintawak Arnis.

Still, it was a challenge for her to do fight scenes as she is used to doing reaction training than defending exercise.

“Hindi ako sanay na bina-block kasi nahihirapan ako na parang ‘Paano ba ito? Ito muna tapos ito naman ‘yung sunda?’ Hirap ako sa movements kasi hindi ko natatandaan, talagang makakalimutin ako,” she maintained.

“Hindi na nila ako pinapasayaw kasi napapagod sila na ‘Sige na ‘wag ka ng sumayaw hindi mo mapick-up,’” she added in jest. “Hindi ko alam kung bakit pero siguro hindi kaya ng brain ko pagsabayin at mag-connect sa body ko.”

But she explained she has been like that ever since.

“Matagal talaga ako maka-catch-up. Like sa taping ‘yung sa first week medyo nangangapa pa ako sa character ko kahit isang buwan na ako nagta-taping pero ‘pag nagamay ko na ‘yung role eh dirediretsyo na naman,” she explained.

Aside from “The Cure” Jennylyn is set to be seen on the big screen anew by last quarter of this year.

According to her, the upcoming project is one of her dream roles.

“Kasi ‘yun na lang halos ang hindi ko nagagawa na role. And gusto ko ‘yung mga ganu’n na hindi masyado mabait, may dark side,” she said.

No regrets from Katrina: I learn from my mistakes

Katrina Halili is known as much for topping FHM Philippines’ Sexiest Women list twice as she is for that pesky sex video. But, that controver-



sial chapter of her life is now water under the bridge for the 32-year-old “StarStruck” alumna.

During her recent visit to Davao City to promote “The Stepdaughters,” where she costars with former Miss World Megan Young, we asked her to answer four questions:

If you were asked about your biggest regret, what would it be? Regret? Wala akong regret sa mga ginawa ko, because if I didn’t make mistakes, I wouldn’t have known what I know now and would not have learned from them. ’Yun lang.

What lessons do you want your 5-year-old daughter to learn from you? Family frst. I want her to know that she can find love and acceptance from her family. Gusto ko, ’yung love n’ya mabubuo sa family ... that she doesn’t need to seek it from other people. And I want her to have a relationship with God—that’s all I want for her.

You’re often cast in kontrabida roles. What do you think about when you’re required to be mean in those teleseryes? Actually, wala. I don’t think about anybody. But, when I was I kid, I was fond of watching those Mexican drama series, so that has helped me figure out [what to do with characterization]. Kung ano ang dapat ginagawa ng character ko, I just follow my instinct.

If you can go wherever you want this summer, where would you go? If

money’s not an issue, I’d love to go to Amanpulo, because I’ve never been there. If I can travel outside the country, my choice is Switzerland.

Anna Luna bags new foreign Best Actress nomination

Award-winning independent actress and 2018 Star Magic Circle Anna Luna has



earned another validation of her stellar performance in the movie “Maestra” with a Best Actress nomination at the 2018 Philadelphia Independent Film Awards (Pifa).

In an interview shortly after receiving the news, Luna said she was happily shocked that her portrayal of Iah Seraspi, a teacher’s licensure exam topnotcher in the Lem Lorca-independent film, impressed foreign movie critics.

“Tina-try talaga nilang iikot ang movie kung saan may mga festivals. Hindi ko naman siya iniisip na sobra pero siyempre masaya po ako dahi napsin ulit ang mga Pinoy,” she explained.

The said nomination is Luna’s second nod for the said film, which debuted in 2017 at the Cinemalaya Film Festival.

Her first recognition came last year at the 2017 Five Continents International Film Festival in Venezuela, where she brought pride to the country by bringing home the Best Lead Actress trophy.

Maestra is a heavy drama, which follows the story of three struggling teachers whose dedication to their profession pushes them to educate young people despite their personal difficulties.

Luna has been nominated alongside actresses Keniesha Robinson, Margherita Mannino and Catalina Lavalles for the Best Actress trophy at Pifa.

JASMINE AS NEW KAPUSO NOT TO BE PAIRED WITH ALDEN: SOURCE

SO finally, Jasmine Curtis Smith has signed up with GMA-7 and some Aldub fans have started bashing her as it was reported she will be paired with Alden Richards in his new show. But a reliable source told us this is simply not true as GMA has another show planned for Jasmine. We hope they’ll succeed in making her a top rater.

No doubt, Jasmine is an actress and she has won several acting awards to prove this. But she has yet to be a rater. TV5 has given her several shows but none of them really rated. Hopefully, GMA-7 will succeed in doing this for her. And here’s hoping she also gets to do a movie where she’s the lead star that will also hit it big at the box office. As of now, she reminds us of Iza Calzado, undoubtedly a great actress, but has yet to achieve the status of being a box office or a top rating star despite her prodigious talent and beauty.

As for Alden and Maine, it seems the idea of them working together again in a movie or TV show is quite remote, especially now that Maine is being linked to Juancho Trivino (who was suspended by GMA for his video flashing a dirty finger on Alden’s standee). Lately, there have been several sightings of Maine and Juancho being seen together, making fans suspect that something romantic must be brewing between them.

Maine and Juancho became friends while they’re doing the soap, “Destined to Be Yours”, with Alden. Some fans are uncomfortable with Maine still being a close friend to Juancho after he disrespected Alden and some complain na “mas kinampihan pa ni Maine si Juancho kaysa sa ka-love team niya.”

As of now, Maine is busy with her Facebook project and blog, “Humans of Barangay”, patterned after photographer Brandon Standon’s “Humans of New York” that feature the real stories of people from all walks of life. Maine believes everyone has his own story to tell that can help teach other people some valuable lessons and provide inspiration in life.

She has so far featured the stories of her “Eat Bulaga” co-hosts Jose Manalo, Wally Bayola and Paolo Ballesteros. One touching episode showed her greeting a 94-year-old grandma, Lola Maria, when she celebrated her birthday. Being an Aldub fan, the Lola was so happy to see Maine greeting her in person.

Cesar Montano to entice Hollywood actors to work in local movies

There is a huge possibility that Hollywood and local showbiz will be more connected in the coming years. That is, if actor and Tourism



Promotions Board chief executive office Cesar Montano becomes successful in his mission to bring in an A-list Hollywood superstar to

join him in a period movie, which of course promotes the country as a gem of a destination.

He already surprised the press with a snippet of Sultan Kudarat: “The Unconquered Hero” at the launch of Cine Turismo Awards, his comeback in the directorial chair and which has started shooting as well. Cesar naturally made sure to showcase breathtaking sights of the Philippine islands.

“We just started filming and we still have a very long way to go, but what I showed was the direction of the movie and hopefully suportahan talaga ito so that we’ll have enough budget to finish it. The goal is to produce these kinds of movie every year and with a foreign actor,” said the Tourism official and movie director. “If we want to showcase the Philippines, we want to show the how world how the islands look like in this manner.”

Of course, casting a foreign actor means requiring a foreign budget as well, and Cesar says he is hard at work on it. He also said that if schedule permits, he has asked Bea Alonzo to star in the movie.

“Maganda si Bea at Pilipinang Pilipina.”

Moreover, since he is finally in good terms with Diego Loyza-

ga—his son by actress Teresa Loyzaga—he may just invite him be part of the movie too so they can squeeze in some father and son bonding.

Diego Loyzaga tells netizens to quit linking him to Sofia Andres: “She has a boyfriend.”

ibinunyag ni Diego Loyzaga na may ibang karelasyon ang dating ka-love team at rumored girlfriend niyang si Sofia Andres.

Ito ay matapos umani ng pambabaitikos mula sa ilang netizens ang litrato ni Diego kasama ang non-showbiz friend niyang nagngangalang Chelsea.

Ibinahagi ni Diego ang larawan nila ni Chelsea sa kanyang Instagram account kahapon, April 30.

Sa comments section ng kanyang post, isa-isang sinagot ni Diego ang pagpuna ng netizens kung bakit siya nagpakuha ng larawan sa ibang babae gayong pinaniniwalaang magkarelasyon sila ni Sofia.

Ngunit nilinaw ni Diego na wala silang anumang ugnayan ni Sofia.

Sabi ng binata, “Sofia has a boyfriend. Want me to tag him?”

Pinabulaanan din ni Diego na mayroon siyang hinanakit kay Sofia.

Ito ay matapos kuwestiyunin ng ilang netizens ang intensiyon ni Diego sa pagbuking sa diumano’y pakikipagrelasyon ng aktres sa isang di pinangalanang lalaki.

Ayon kay Diego, “nope. Im happy for her. And no. We’re not a loveteam.”

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Juday, Ryan iniwan ang mga anak para magsarili sa Italy

SHOWBIZ couple Judy Ann Santos and Ryan Agoncillo spent their 9th wedding anniversary in Italy recently minus their three kids, Yohan, Lucho at Luna na naiwan sa pangangalaga ng kanilang maternal grandma na si Mommy Carol Santos.

Sina Juday at Ryan ay ikinasal nung April 28, 2009. Although masaya na sila sa tatlo nilang anak, they would welcome kung bibiyayaan pa sila ng panibagong baby.

Samantala, kinumpirma ng misis ni Ryan na babalik siya sa paggawa ng teleserye pagkatapos ng mahigit limang taon. In 2015 dapat ay may gagawin siyang teleserye, ang “Someone To Watch Over Me” na pagsasamahan sana nila nina Richard Yap at Diether Ocampo pero ito’y hindi natuloy dahil sa kanyang hindi inaasahang pagbubuntis sa bunso nilang anak na si Luna. Pero ngayong 2018 ay matutuloy na umano ang kanyang pagbabalik sa paggawa ng teleserye although wala pang detalye kung sinu-sino ang makakasama niya sa nasabing proyekto maging ang mga director na nakakatrabaho niya.

Ang bagong teleserye ni Juday ay mula sa Dreamscape Entertainment TV na pinamumunuan ni Roldeo Endrinal.

OCCUPATIONAL BURNOUT ANG NANGYARI KAY SARAH

MAITUTURING na occupational burnout ang recent breakdown ng Pop Princess na si Sarah Geronimo sa kanyang ika-4 na concert in Las Vegas, Nevada last April 29 na may kinalaman sa kanyang ongoing “This 15 Me” 6-City US Tour na nagsimula sa Los Angeles, California last April 21 na sinundan ng Pala, California on April 22 at Pittsburgh, California on April 29. She had her 5th concert in

Chicago, May 4 at last stop niya ang New York on May 6.

Sa pagbabalik ni Sarah from her US concert tour ay kailangan muna niyang magpahinga at mag-relax para maibalik ang kanyang energy and enthusiasm sa trabaho.

Sa pagkakaalam namin ay hindi pa tapos ang filming ng first movie nila ni James Reid, ang local movie adaptation ng Korean movie na “Granny” na pinamamahalaan ni Joyce Bernal under Viva Films.

Samantala, bumuhos naman ang suporta kay Sarah hindi lamang ng kanyang nobyong si Matteo Guidicelli, mga kasamahan niya sa industriya at maging ng kanyang mga fans matapos na ito’y mag-breakdown.

Hindi man tinapos ni Sarah ang pagkanta ng kanyang signature hit na “Forever’s Not Enough” at sandali siyang pumunta ng back-stage to compose herself, agad itong bumalik ng stage para tapusin ang kanyang concert at binigyan pa umano ito ng standing ovation.

Special guest performers ni Sarah sa kanyang “This 15 Me” 6-City US concert tour sina Mark Bautista at Sam Concepcion.

JANELLA MAS GUSTO NA HIWALAY MUNA KAY ELMO

JANELLA Salvador admits that she’s happy na nabibigyan siya ng pagkakataon to work with different leading men bukod sa kanyang ka-loveteam at perennial screen partner na si Elmo Magalona. Sa upcoming Regal Films release, ang youth-oriented film na “So Connected” na pinamahalaan ni Direk Jason Paul Laxamana, inamin ni Janella na maganda rin na nagkakaroon siya ng ibang partner para hindi pagsawaan ng team-up nila ni Elmo.

“Magandang katrabaho si Jameson. He’s just quiet pero magaling umarte,” pahayag ni Janelle sa presscon ng “So Connected” na tinatampukan din nina Paulo Angeles, VJ Mendoza, Chai Fonacier, Cherise Castro, Krystal Brimmer, Ruby Rodriquez at iba pa.

Nakikiusap din si Janella na sana’y ihinto na ang bashing just because hindi sila ni Elmo ang magkapareha sa “So Connected” kundi ang #Hashtags member na si Jameson.

Samantala, naniniwala si Jameson na malaki ang naitutulong ng isang loveteam but in his case, wala umano siyang permanent na kapareha at natutuwa siya na iba’t ibang young stars ang kanyang nakakatrabaho.

MANAGER NI MAINE AYAW NANG MAGSALITA TUNGKOL KAY ALDEN

GALING kami ng ating kaibigan at colleague na si Tito Ronald Constantino sa presscon ng pelikulang “So Connected” na pinagtat-ambalan for the very first time nina Janella Salvador at Jameson Blake mula sa direksiyon ni Jason Paul Laxamana which will hit

the theaters on May 23 nang magkayayaan kaming dumaan ng Annabel’s in Tomas Morato, Quezon City para mag-dinner (for me) and coffee for Tito Ronald.

We were enjoying our favorite grilled pompano fish when Tito Ronald waved at someone sa aking likuran. It turned out na may dinner meeting ang talent manager na si Rams David with the parents of Maine Mendoza na sina Ted at Mary Ann Mendoza. Si Rams ang tumatayong manager ni Maine (na absent last Thursday (May 3) sa “Eat Bulaga” dahil na-food poison umano ito sa kanyang kinain a night before). Magkakasunod na tumayo si Rams maging ang parents ni Maine to approach our table.

When Tito Ronald asked for our bill, the supervisor Jay-R informed us that Rams and Maine’s parents took care of it. How nice of them.

Bago kami umalis ni Tito Ronald ng Annabel’s ay nagpasalamat kami kina Rams, Ted and Mary Ann for treating us our dinner and coffee.

Sandali rin naming tinanong si Rams kung may project pang pagsasamahan ang alaga niyang si Maine at ka-loveteam nitong si Alden Richards pero hesitant siyang magkomento dahil nai-misinter-pret umano ng iba ang kanyang mga pahayag.

Alden for his part ay nakatakadang nagsimula ng isang major TV series na may pamagat na “Mitho” kung saan mapapasama ang bagong Kapuso na si John Estrada. Pero wala pang ibang detalye ang nasabing proyekto at kung sino ang magiging kapareha ni Alden. Isa na ring Kapuso ang nakababatang kapatid ni Anne Curtis na si Jasmine Curtis-Smith kaya lumulutang ang kanyang pangalan na malamang daw na maging kapareha ni Alden sa bago nitong simulang serye. Pero kahit wala pang kumpirmasyon sa pagsasama nina Alden at Jasmine sa isang serye ay naba-bash na ang huli.

Samantala, bago sumabak si Jasmine sa first TV project niya with GMA ay sandali itong nagbakasyon sa Maldives kasama ang non-showbiz boyfriend na si Jeff Ortega.

TROY, AUBREY NAG-VIRAL ANG NUDE PICTURES

A FEW days ago ay ay nag-viral ang nude photos by the beach ng mag-asawang Troy Montero at Aubrey Miles na kuha sa Coron Island in Palawan. Nakadapa sa buhangin si Troy habang nakaupo at nakaharap naman sa dagat si Aubrey.

From Colon Island pabalik ng Coron Town ay same boat ang sinakyan nina Troy at Aubrey kasama ang Tokyo-based daughter kong si Aila Marie Reyes together with her two Japanese girlfriends.

Aila still remembers Troy (na single pa noon) nang dalhin namin siya sa Tokyo, Japan along with Piolo Pascual, Pops Fernandez and Side A Band for a promotional show sponsored ng Tokyo-based company, IPS, Inc.

Jennylyn Mercado’s new TV show helped her overcome her fear of loud noises

Jennylyn Mercado says her new Kapuso teleser-ye, The Cure, helped her overcome her fear of loud noises: “Dinadaan ko na lang sa pagbuhos ng emotions sa mga eksena namin para mawala ang takot ko. I try to overcome my fear sa pag-focus sa mga eksena namin.”

Almost seven months din na hindi muna gumawa ng teleserye ang Ultimate Star na si Jennylyn Mercado.

Ang huling pinagbidahan na teleserye ni Jen ay ang My Love From The Star na nagtapos noong August 2017 pa.

Hindi naman daw sa naging choosy si Jen dahil gusto niyang magpahinga muna sa TV para gawin ang ibang trabaho.

“Hindi naman po ako ganun ka-choosy basta importante lang po maganda yung kwento, ‘di ba?

“Alam natin na magan-da yung magiging takbo ng buong soap. Ganun lang naman yun.

“Tsaka after My Love From The Star, marami ring trabaho na dumat-ing, like yung movie namin ni Derek Ramsay na All Of You na pinalabas noong MMFF [Metro Manila Film Festival] 2017.

“Marami din akong guestings pero nag-ing priority ko rin ang mag-spend ng time kasama ang anak at ang daddy ko.

“Kapag may teleserye kasi ako, marami

akong nami-miss sa mga ginagawa ni Jazz.

“Kaya noong matapos po ang show, talagang tutok ako kay Jazz.

“Nabakasyon kami, bonding with my dad.

Mga gano’n muna bago tayo ulit mag-work nang tuluy-tuloy.

“Kaya yung naging show namin na Sikat Ka, Kapuso, huling paglabas muna ng bansa iyon for me kasi nag-start na kami sa The Cure,” pahayag pa ni Jennylyn.

BACK TO JIU-JITSU. Sadya raw na nagpapayat si Jen dahil hindi raw biro ang mga eksena nila ng leading man niyang si Tom Rodriguez sa The Cure.

Marami raw silang takbuhan, talunan at fight scenes kaya hinanda ni Jen ang katawan niya para rito.

“Bumalik na po ako sa [Brazilian] jiu-jitsu ulit. Tapos yung reaction training ko yung Balintawak [Filipino martial art], tuluy-tuloy lang siya.

JEN’S FEAR OF NOISES.

Inamin ni Jen na may takot siya sa maiingay at malalakas na putukan.

Ang tawag sa phobia na ito ay Pho-nophobia, the fear of loud noises.

Pero nagawa raw niyang ma-overcome ang takot niyang ito habang ginagawa ang mga malalak-ing eksena sa The Cure.

“Bata pa lang ako, natatakot ako kapag nakakarinig ako ng malakas na putukan.

Feeling ko, may nagbabarilan.

Lovi Poe on Dennis Trillo as co-star: “Tahimik, but very giving.”

Lovi Poe is happy that viewers accepted her tandem with Dennis Trillo in The One That Got Away.

Masaya si Lovi Poe na tang-gap ng mga fans ang tandem nila ni Dennis Trillo sa The One That Got Away.

Sa pelikula ay nagkasama na sila ni Dennis sa My Neighbor’s Wife pitong taon na ang nakalilipas.

At ngayon sa telebisyon, “I’m very happy kasi first time nam-ing magkapareha ni Dennis sa TV... everything’s fresh and brand new.” Ayon pa kay Lovi tungkol sa GMA-7 actor, “Tahimik, but very giving. Pag kaeksena mo, wow!

“Kasi he’s so quiet, di ba? Pero kapag kaeksena mo, nagsi-shift, ang galing! “He’s so nice, he’s so giving as a co-actor.”

Magtatapos na ang teleserye sa kalagitnaan ng Mayo, ano ang mami-miss ni Lovi sa The One That Got Away?

“Everyone’s craziness sa set! Lahat crazy, e, which is a good thing. Pati raw ang “craziness” ng director nilang si Mark Sicat dela Cruz ay

mami-miss ni Lovi.

“Everyone, like, makukulit, lahat talaga,” at tumawa si Lovi.

Bida rin sina Rhian Ramos at Max Collins sa The One That Got Away. Major din ang roles dito nina Jason Abalos, Migo Adecer, Ivan Dorschner, at si Snooky Serna.

Isa namang closet gay ang role ni Renz Fernan-dez dito na naugnay sa karakter ni Lovi.

Sa tunay na buhay ay never pa raw naligawan si Lovi ng isang bading o isang nagpapanggap na lalaki.

“Parang wala naman. Nag-isip talaga,” ang tumatawang sabi ni Lovi, “Baka hindi ko lang alam?

“Joke, no wala naman, so far lahat naman sila ay very...”

Happy si Lovi na sa The One That Got Away ay napagkasabay niya ang magpatataw at magpai-yak ng viewers.

“Ang sarap ng feeling! Kasi nagpapatawa ako pero umiiyak at the same time.” Ngayong taong ito ay malamang na walang summer escapade si Lovi.

“Kasi taping, e... hindi pa until further notice,” at tumawa ang Kapuso actress. Saan naman gus-tong magbakasyon ni Lovi kung sakali? “Hmm, depends, baka Europe ulit; every year ako nasa Europe, maybe, if given the chance.”

May dalawang pelikulang gagawin si Lovi. Ang isa ay para sa Regal Entertainment kaya ihah-anap pa raw niya ng bakanteng oras ang pagba-bakasyon.

Drew Arellano sets limits on ex-posing son Primo in social media

Being a parent, Drew Arellano can’t help show off in social media the cute antics of his son Primo—up to a point. “There will always be limitations... we choose din naman what not to post. There’s no rule book, we’re gonna play it by ear na lang. What matters the most is that whatever we believe in, that’s what we believe in. It’s our kid, and we know better,” he says.

Hindi raw inakala ni Drew Arellano na magiging popular sa social media ang panganay na anak nila ni Iya Villana na si Primo.

Aniya, “It’s funny because we never really expected naman, you know, the popularity of Primo to be this big.”

Tulad lang daw sila ng maraming parents na ikinatutuwa ang pagpu-post ng pictures at video ng kanilang anak.

Kuwento nga ni Drew tungkol kay Primo, “Yung demeanor niya kasi, e, parang he’s such a happy kid.

“So it’s easy for me to capture that moment whenever he’s eating nutripops or when he’s taking a bath and he’s having fun or when he’s with the mom and playing sa mat.

“It’s just easy for me to take shots and post everything sa social media.

“Parang it’s gonna be such a shame or parang it’s gonna be a sin not to share it.”

Pero naiisip din daw niya, “Si-yempre, kaming parents, hindi namin alam... ‘Teka, nakyu-cute-an ako sa anak natin dahil ako yung tatay at ikaw ang nanay niyan.’

“I guess, yung mga few friends natin sinasabi nila, but we’re not very sure kung cute talaga.

“But then, the reactions of people nga that we don’t know, ‘Ah, ang cute-cute.’

“I guess cute nga yung bata.”



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Katrina Halili swears she has been single for six years: "Totoo! Mamatay!"

Katrina Halili is single and loving it. The 32-year-old Kapuso actress, who has been loveless for six years now, plans to stay that way until she's 35.

Anim na toon na raw single at walang karelasyon ang Kapuso actress na si Katrina Halili.

Sa kabila nito, masaya naman daw siya sa kanyang career at sa piling ng kanyang five-year-old daughter na si Katy.

Si Katy ay anak ni Katrina sa dati niyang boyfriend na si Kris Lawrence. "Happy ako sa life ko. May Katy naman kasi, trabaho, friends, family," pahayag niya.

Kahit pilitin ng press si Katrina kung totoong wala siyang naging

karelasyon for six years, consistent ang sagot nito.

"Totoo! Mamatay!" sabi pa niya. "O, may patay na usapan, so totoo!"



Siguro raw ay mananatili siyang single at walang karelasyon hanggang 35 years old siya. Sa ngayon ay 32 na ang single mom. "O, may bilang!" natawang sabi niya.

Paliwanag ni Katrina, "Nag-e-enjoy kasi ako nang single.

"Ang aga ko kasing nag-boyfriend.

"Kaya yung six years ko ngayon na single ako, ang saya pala. Wala kang pinapaalaman."

NO REGRETS. Wala raw "regret" si Katrina na naghiwalay sila ni

Kris Lawrence at lalo na hindi sila nagpakasal.

Katuwiran niya, "Oo naman, buti nga kasi maghihiwalay rin pala.

"Mahihirapan pa akong magpa-annul. Magbabayad pa ako."

Kapag nagkaroon ulit siya ng boyfriend, ito na kaya ang pakakasalan niya? "Siguro naman, ang tagal kong naghintay, 'tapos mag-dyowa lang ako, laro-laro, ano yun?"

Wala bang nag-a-attempt na manligaw sa kanya?

"Seryoso, wala talaga. Kasi hindi rin naman ako palalabas. Sa bahay lang ako."

Hindi naman daw nalulungkot si Katrina na mag-isa.

"Hindi, hindi ko nga alam kung ano ang nangyari. Ako pa ba 'to?

Hindi ko na alam!" natatawang sabi niya.

Pero dugtong niya, "Kung merong dumating, why not? Kung may dumating.

"Pero kung thirty-five wala pa, teka. Siyempre, ayoko namang maging tumandang dalaga.

"Gusto ko pang mag-baby."

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Yeng Constantino’s tips to aspiring singer-songwriters

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

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



advice to young aspiring singer-songwriters.

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

Victoria Invitation

The 12th Victoria Invitational Cup Basketball was held last May 18-20 at the Hoopdome. The Cup, named after Filipino community philanthropist Dr. Victoria Santiago was a success. Dr. Santiago has always been the prime mover and supporter of the Victoria Cup.

FCT’s very reliable host Philip Beloso kept the program going at a brisk pace.

The annual Victoria Invitational Basketball Tournament concluded the 3-day weekend games at the Hoopdome in Downsview Park with some heart pounding championship games that went down to the last seconds of the game clock to determine the winners.

There was the annual opening game between the Toronto



kasi iba-iba ‘yung environment,”

Aiko gets a bum rap for nixing tempting offer



My heart goes out to my “sis,” Aiko Melendez. Some quarters have gone overboard in lambasting her. They insist that she is an ingrata just because she

declined GMA 7’s offer to do a soap, but Aiko opted to work for ABS-CBN again, by way of “Bagani,” after the success of the “Wildflower” series.

I heard from a studio insider that the offer of GMA 7 was too tempting to resist. But for a multiawarded actress like Aiko, it’s not about the money but her fulfillment as an artist.

After portraying a kontrabida in “Wildflower,” she wants to veer away from antagonist roles (which was the Kapuso network’s offer) for now and try something else (which is what her role in “Bagani” provides).

Aiko is not the type who burns bridges. The management of GMA 7 respects her decision, so it’s preposterous of others

hearing them, sometimes along with the words.”

Julie Anne San Jose, happy not with a love team

Nagkita na ang stars ng bagong musical romcom series ng Kapuso Network na ‘My Guitar Princess’. Sa Instagram post, present sa meet and greet nang cast sina Julie Anne San Jose, Kiko Estrada at Gil Cuerva bilang mga lead stars ng soap. Bibida din

ang singer/actress na si Sheryl Cruz, Isabelle de Leon, Jazz Ocampo, One Up heartthrob Ralf King at comedienne na si Maey Bautista. Sa exclusive interview ni Julie Anne sa GMANetwork.com, nagkuwento ang dalaga na excited siya na may mga bago siyang leading men na sina



Kiko at Gil. Maganda daw ang experience na marami siyang nakakatrabaho at hindi natatali sa iisang partner. Paliwanag ng Kapuso singer, “It’s nice noh that I get to work with a lot of people. Kumbaga, hindi ko rin nalilimit ‘yung sarili ko kasi I get to work with everyone talaga. And it’s really nice lang

al Basketball 2018

Police and a team representing the Filipino community. This year, they were called the MCBN team. The MCBN team won. Filipino Centre Toronto President Mary Ann San Juan gave the opening address. It felt different, having heard former president Linda javier always give the opening address. In a way, it felt like a passing of one generation to the other. Efren de Villa opened with the Invocation. Special guests were Mayor John Tory, Acting Police Superintendent Cris Kirkpatrick and NBA player Xavier R Mayes. Entertainment was provided by P.A.Dayz duo of Arielle Fina Abrazaldo and Peyton Garcia. MOST PHOTO BY NOLI GUMAPAC



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question the actress’ move. Even Aiko’s relationship with Subic Mayor Jay Khonghun is being bombarded with intrigues. I have been privy to her love life ever since. That’s why I find it appalling for people not to use to Aiko to say that she is squandering the money of her friend’s municipality.

She’s working like a horse and has a new TV commercial, so Aiko has more than enough to live comfortably. Besides, an independent woman like Aiko doesn’t need a man to support her. She raised two kids single-handedly. That’s how much of a survivor she is. It is foul of gossipmongers to say that Aiko is the cause

of Jay’s separation from his wife. They have long been estranged, even before Aiko came into the picture. The actress has been to hell and back in the name of love. Now that she’s in a heavenly state with Jay, why can’t the meddlers just let Aiko savor the happiness that her overworked heart deserves?

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SWS: 10.9 million jobless, job optimism down

There are now 10.9 million jobless Filipinos in the country, a recent Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey showed.

The survey result, released on Labor Day, showed that from 7.2 million in December 2017, the number of jobless adults rose to an estimated 10.9 million in March 2018. This 23.9 percent joblessness rate is an 8.2 percent increase from last year’s 15.7 percent.

The SWS noted that this was the second-highest mark under the current administration since the 25.1 percent recorded in December 2016.

Although the joblessness rate in the National Capital Region (NCR) went down by 0.5 percent, the nationwide figures rose because of a 12.1 percent spike in Balance Luzon, 6.3 percent in Visayas, and 7.6 percent in Mindanao

According to the survey conducted from March 23 to 27, unemployment in all areas rose from 17.2 percent to 22.8 percent in urban areas, and from 14.6 percent to 24.8 percent in rural areas.

Joblessness among all age brackets. It

Gabbi Garcia used to be insecure about her morena skin

Kapuso star and “Millennial IT Girl” Gabbi Garcia seems to have it all: beauty, brains, fame—all the wonderful things that kids her age dream about.

But not many know that Gabbi, like many of us, has had bouts of insecurities in the past.

In an interview with GMANetwork.com, Gabbi admits that she used to be insecure about her morena complexion when she was growing up.

“I’ve had issues about it before when I was a kid. Siyempre we all go through that,” she says. “Whenever I would do VTRs for commercials I would be shortlisted but I would always end up not getting the project.”

The 19-year-old Kapuso actress adds that the ones that would get the project were the fair-skinned applicants.

“They would get all the mestizas because that was the mentality before. Only the mesitzas would do the commercials. I was really doubting my skin color that time. But now I really love it.”

It was during her high school years when Gabbi gradually began to appreciate her skin color and the other things that she thought were “flaws” or “imperfections.”

“Siyempre because of pure family support. And my support system was really strong, from my sister, from my friends.”

The former Sherlock Jr. star also credits social media for giving her a means to see other morena girls proudly advocating “self-love” and “self-acceptance.” Through their stories, Gabbi realized that her dusky complexion was not something that she should be ashamed of.

“Social media now kasi, you have to learn to choose which ones are relevant, which ones are irrelevant. And you’d see posts that are inspiring, to read, to look at, and be inspired by other morena girls.”

Gabbi made showbiz headlines when her March 26 Instagram post went viral. Gabbi’s powerful message resonated well with other girls battling self-image issues: “Yes, I have no boobs, I’m flat chested + I have my own fair share of stretch marks. And I don’t see anything wrong with it.”

Gabbi, who wrote her meaningful message in seconds, says of that viral Instagram post: “I didn’t expect it at all to go viral. I was just trying to speak my mind and share my thoughts. I didn’t really post it for the sake of it being viral. I just felt that it was time for me to share my thoughts.”

Gabbi Garcia is currently in London to join a group of beauty personalities and social media influencers from all over the world for an event organized by international makeup brand Maybelline.

“It’s for an endorsement,” Gabbi says of her European trip. “It’s an event that showcases certain beauty personalities from Europe, from USA, and we’re two from Asia. I’ll be representing the Philippines. And I am super excited to be showing the Filipina beauty out there.”

Juancho Trivino denies courting Maine Mendoza: “Hindi ko kinu-consider ‘yan sa ngayon.”

Malapit na magkaibigan lang daw sina Juancho Mendoza at Maine Mendoza. Hindi rin daw nililigawan ni Juancho si Maine dahil kagagaling lang niya sa isang relasyon.

Iginiit ni Juancho Trivino na “special friends” lang sila ni Maine Mendoza.

Sabi ng 25-year-old Kapuso actor, “Close kami, close kami.

“Well, lahat naman ng friends ko po, special.”

Pero bakit hindi mamatay-matay ang isyung higit pa sa pagkakaibigan ang namamagitan sa kanila ng Eat Bulaga! mainstay?

increased by 8.1 points for 18 to 24 year olds, 2.7 points for 25 to 34 year olds, 6.7 points for 35-44 year olds, and 8.9 points for 45 years old and above.

SWS said that the data on jobless adults consist of those who left their old jobs (12.6 percent); those who were retrenched (7.7 percent); and first-time job seekers (3.5 percent)

The survey was conducted from March 23 to 27 among 1,200 respondents nationwide. It had sampling error margins of ±3% for national percentages, and ±6% each for Metro Manila, Balance Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

More jobless women?

The survey results showed that joblessness tend to affect women more than men, with 33.9 percent of female Filipinos jobless, compared to only 16.1 percent of males. The number of jobless females increased by 7.2 percent, while jobless males rose by 8.5 percent.

Net optimism regarding job availability also decreased among Filipinos from +41 in December 2017 to +37 in March 2018. Forty-nine percent of the respondents anticipate more jobs, 25 percent do not expect changes, 12 percent perceive fewer jobs and 14 percent have no idea.

Tugon ni Juancho, “Hindi ko po alam. Hindi ko po alam kung bakit hindi mamatay.

“Pero ako mismo nga, nahiihiya na po sa kanila, kasi siyempre nadadamay ang pangalan nila everywhere I go.

“Yung mga post ko sa Instagram [bina-bash] so... yun lang po.”

Hindi ba naapektuhan ang pagkakaibigan nila ni Maine dahil sa isyu sa kanila ni Alden Richards, kung saan nag-dirty finger daw si Juancho sa ka-love team ng dalaga?

Ayon kay Juancho, “Hindi naman po, hindi naman...

“In fact, I would ask her sometimes din kung... magku-consult ako sa kanya, kasi siyempre sila naman yun, e [magka-love team].

“And parang sasabihin, ‘Hindi, okay lang ‘yan, wala ‘yan, huwag mong intindihin ‘yan.’

“And siyempre, lahat naman ng pananaw, nirerespeto ko naman po—yung pananaw ng fans, yung pananaw ng mga boss namin sa GMA.

“I fully respect everyone.”

Marami ang naghinala tungkol sa kanila ni Maine dahil madalas silang magkasama sa mga lakaran.

Ano ang paliwanag niya tungkol dito?

Saad ni Juancho, “Hindi naman naghinala, barkada kasi kami, kami ni Maine, ni Sheena [Halili], at saka yung boyfriend ni Sheena, si Jeron [Manzanero].

“So, magkakaroon talaga ng mga times na we hang out.” Nililigawan ba niya si Maine?

“Hindi po,” mabilis na sagot ng binata.

Wala rin namang masama kung sakali dahil pareho naman silang single.

Pero ayon kay Juancho, “Siyempre, hindi ko naman kinu-consider ‘yan sa ngayon.

“Kasi, personally kasi, I just came out of a relationship siguro mga last year.

“Gusto ko naman ngayon mag-focus sa career ko.”

Nakausap si Juancho sa grand media launch ng bagong teleserye ng GMA-7 na kinabibilangan niya, ang Inday Will Always Love You.

Sanya Lopez happy for Rocco Nacino and his girlfriend Melissa Gohing

Masaya si Sanya Lopez dahil natagpuan na ng love team partner niyang si Rocco Nacino ang babaeng mamahalin nito sa katuhan ng volleyball player na si Melissa Gohing.

Dating na-link sina Sanya at Rocco, at nagkasama sila sa mga programang Encantadia at Haplos.

Ayon sa Kapuso actress, “I’m very happy kasi natagpuan na niya ang kanyang forever.

“Actually, alam ko na siya before pa, siyempre happy ako at kaming mga kaibigan niya sa kanila.

“Nakita namin si Rocco noon at ngayon na sobrang saya niya, at least ngayon nakita na niya ang forever niya.

“Nakita ko naman sila na sobrang saya nila sa isa’t isa.”

SINGLE BUT HAPPY. Kumusta naman ang puso ni Sanya?

“Okay naman! Masaya kahit single, single pa rin since birth!” natatawag sagot ng 21-year-old actress. Kaya naman lahat ng atensiyon ko, ibinigay ko sa work.”

Ano ba ang qualifications ng lalaki ang gusto ni Sanya?

Aniya, “Mas more ako sa attitude, personality, kung papa’no siya pupunta sa bahay. Gusto ko kasi manligaw siya, hindi sa akin kung hindi sa pamilya ko muna.

“Gusto ko, gusto din siya ng pamilya ko. Gusto ko yung marespeto at loyal, at mahal na mahal ka.”

Gusto rin daw niyang maranasang maharana.

“Oo naman, ang lakas maka-girl pag hinarana. Pero gusto ko, ang kakantahin niya, ‘Perfect’ [ni Ed Sheeran], para kasing ang ganda-ganda ko dun!” masayang sabi ni Sanya.

Hindi pa raw masabi ni Sanya kung kailan siya mai-in love. “Hindi ko rin kasi alam.Hindi natin masasabi if kailan, kusa na lang kasing dumarating at nararamdaman ‘yan Saka depende kay Kuya Frank [Mallari, ang kanyang manager]! Hahaha!”Pag napatayuan ko na daw ng bahay yung





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SOFIA: Better to sound weird than be like someone else

ENTER Sofia Gonzales Romualdez. If her name sounds familiar, anak siya ng former actress-singer and now mayor ng Tacloban City na si Cristina Gonzalez at ex-mayor Alfred Romualdez.

At 18, she is a stunning beauty just like her mom. She enjoys composing and singing . “I want to be me and not a copycat. Yeah, I admire some artists and their works inspire me in creating my own music,” she says.

“Being yourself is the key. It is better to sound weird than sound like every other artist in the market

we should not be afraid to express ourselves. That’s the point of being an artist after all.”

Sofia captured the hearts of the entertainment press nang awitin niya ang self-composed “Thinkin’ of U,” a mix of R&B and jazz.

The title does not refer to anyone in particular since having a boyfriend is not on her priority list

Many believers that Sofia will go places not only in the singing field but also in the field of acting. As the press people say “artistahin talaga ang dating.”

But no thanks. Singing and composing are her passion. She might as well be the local counterpart of Taylor Swift or Miley Cyrus.



lupa namin sa Tagaytay.”

Patuloy ni Sanya, “Iba kasi yung may makikita ka na naipundar sa pagtatrabaho mo.

“At least, wala ka mang boyfriend, pero may maganda kang tinitirhan.”

NOT JOINING PAGEANTS FOR NOW. Busy raw si Sanya ngayon sa paghahanda para sa kanyang next project.

Dahil pahinga sa trabaho, isinasabay na ba ni Sanya ang pagri-ready sa pagsali sa beauty pageant?

“Hindi pa naman, gusto ko yung naka-set na talaga yung utak ko na ready na ako mag-join.

Dugtong pa niya, “Kaya siguro, if hindi man ngayon, alam kong darating din yung time na sasali ako sa mga beauty pageants at kailangang paghandaan ko yun.”

Nadine Lustre to fake fans: “We don’t need your bs here.”

Nadine Lustre on “fake fans” having no room in her and James Reid’s social media accounts: “To all the confused/ Hot and Cold/fake fans, here’s the door. We don’t need your bs here.”

Nadine Lustre, 24, gave a short but fiery statement against naysayers of her partnership with reel- and real-life sweetheart James Reid, 24.

In her Instagram story today, May 10, she wrote that “fake fans” have no room in her and James’s social media accounts.

“To all the confused/Hot and Cold/fake fans, here’s the door.

“We don’t need your bs here.”

However, Nadine also made a shoutout to solid fans who have been there for her and James through thick and thin.

“To all of our real supporters, we appreciate you all.

“Thank you for showing nothing but love and positivity not only to this fandom, but the others as well.”

James and Nadine started as a love team in the 2014 movie Diary Ng Panget.

They officially became a couple on February 11, 2016 during their stint in the top-rating Kapamilya prime time series On The Wings of Love.

Duffers Swing Clubs for Charity: Mars Cebrero Cup 2018 by Marisa Roque

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada - The gorgeous summer weather is just crying out for people to go out and enjoy the outdoors!

And what better way to do this-and help a worthy cause at the same time-than to come and support CHSNAF Canada’s charity golf tournament. Dubbed the “Mars Cebrero Cup 2018,” the event honours Mars Cebrero, the husband of Patty Cebrero, an officer and member of CHSNAF Canada. Mars is a golf enthusiast who is well known, loved, and respected as a community organizer.

Mars passed away in September 2017 and the tournament, to be



Arielle Fina Abrazal-doa nd peytonmg garcia of PA Dayz pose with Kapuso star Lovi Poe.

held on July 8, 2018 at the Royal Ontario Golf Club (6378 Trafalgar Rd., Hornby, ON L0P 1E0), seeks to raise funds in his memory. A portion of the funds raised will be donated to Kids Help Phone and Eva’s Initiative. Both organizations are dedicated to helping troubled, at-risk, and homeless children and youth.

CHSNAF Canada stands for College of the Holy Spirit North America Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit charitable organization established in early 2004. The organization is made up of CHS alumnae based in North America.

Sponsorship packages for the tournament are available for individuals and organizations who wish to participate.

* Platinum (only one at \$3000) gets complimentary golf foursome and four (4) dinner tickets. The sponsor’s logo will be included in all advertisements, the sponsor’s standee ad can be put up during the event, the corporate logo will be displayed on the sponsored hole, and the sponsor will have the entire back page of the souvenir program devoted to their advertisement.

* Gold (3 at \$2500 each) will receive a complimentary golf foursome and two (2) dinner tickets, their logo will be included in all advertisements, their corporate logo will be displayed on the sponsored hole, and their full page advertisement will be displayed on the inner front cover of the souvenir program.

* Silver (8 at \$1800 each), receive a complimentary golf foursome, will have their logos displayed in all advertisements, will have their corporate logos displayed at the sponsored hole, and will have their full page advertisement included in the souvenir program.

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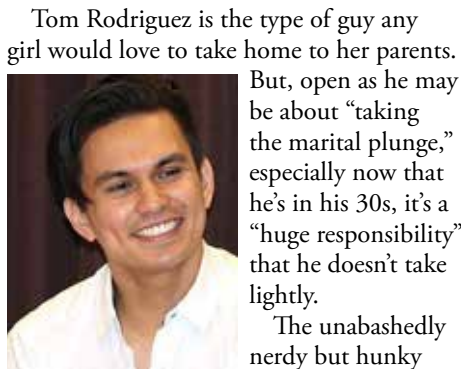
* Hole sponsorships at \$200 each are available and the sponsors’ corporate logos will be displayed at the sponsored hole.

Those who wish to place ads in the event’s souvenir program will get their ads featured at \$200 for a full page and \$100 for a half page ad.

Individual golfers are entitled to a round of golf, free dinner, free golf cart, free putting, and free use of the driving range two hours before the tournament. The cost for each player for this package is \$140 per golfer. For guests who only want dinner, the cost is \$45.

Those who are interested in sponsoring and/or attending the Mars Cebrero Cup 2018 are asked to contact event chairpersons Melissa Unidad (647-886-0878) and Vica Mangalindan (647-899-6896).

What scares Tom about ‘getting hitched,’ taking risks



Tom Rodriguez is the type of guy any girl would love to take home to her parents. But, open as he may be about “taking the marital plunge,” especially now that he’s in his 30s, it’s a “huge responsibility” that he doesn’t take lightly. The unabashedly nerdy but hunky actor, who will share the screen with Jennylyn Mercado in GMA 7’s coming drama series “The Cure,” loves spending time with girlfriend Carla Abellana—and that is why he’s now open to the idea of “getting hitched” in the not-so-distant future.

He says, “I envision marriage as something similar to what Carla and I have right now, but much better. The only scary thing about it for me is the possibility of not being able to provide for [and give enough financial security to] my family. Ano’ng mangyayari sa mga anak mo if you realize later on that your preparation hasn’t been sufficient?”

But, Tom is more “game” and fearless where the other aspects of his show biz career are concerned—like his much-discussed Bench appearance last year. That “daring” runway walk generated a lot of buzz on Facebook and Instagram.

“Social media engagement is where I’m weakest at,” Tom said, laughing, when asked what his reaction in hindsight was

to the “ruckus” that he created onstage. “I want to be as ‘aware’ of what’s being said in cyberspace, but that’s truly one of my problems (laughs). Parang I’m just forcing myself to be more social media-savvy even when I am really resisting it.

“When I commit to those things kasi, I prepare hard for them ... and I prepare heavily. At the time, I just did the TV series, ‘I Heart Davao’ [where we were always served great food]. So, it took me four months to cut down on all the fats. My rigorous workout regimen included weightlifting and 12 rounds of boxing every day.”

But, Tom didn’t do the runway show with the kind of reaction that he generated in mind. “It’s just that when I agree to do something, I jump into it and give a hundred percent of my commitment,” he quips. “That has always been my philosophy when it comes to work in general, especially if it’s something scary and challenging in a good way.

“It’s like bungee jumping. It’s terrifying at kakabahan ka talaga, but you know that it’s safe, kasi may harness ka. It’s not jumping at midair without a parachute. Taking risks is part of what makes any job fulfilling.”

Jennylyn denies rumored engagement with Dennis

JENNYLYN Mercado vehemently denies she’s now officially engaged to BF Dennis Trillo after some folks saw Dennis’ photo on social media with a female hand wearing a ring and quickly concluded they’ve become officially engaged

after their last vacation abroad. “Wala pong engagement ring or promise ring,” she says at the presscon of her new show “The Cure”. “Wala pa sa plano naming magpakasal at all. May ring ako, heto,” she shows off the ring on her finger, “pero hindi naman ito pang-engagement ring at ako ang bumili nito. Marami pa akong ibang gustong gawin sa buhay at landas na gustong tahakin, so wala munang kasal.”

How is it being paired with Tom Rodriguez for the first time in “The Cure”? “Actually, may nagawa na kaming Lenten special but this is our first teleserye. Di ba mas una niyang naka-loveteam si Dennis in ‘My Husband’s Lover’? Okay siyang katrabaho kasi he’s always full of energy, very professional and very professional, so nakakahawa siya.”

Also in “The Cure” is her first ka-loveteam, Mark Herras. “Yes, huli kaming nagkasama was in ‘Rhodora X’ four years ago. We’ve remained friends naman ni Mark.”

They’re now both happy with their new partners. She with Dennis and he, with Winwyn. “Yes, ‘yun ang importante, di ba? Happy kami. At masayang-masaya ako para sa kanya.”

Has she seen Mark’s alleged controversial sex video? “Hindi. Padala nyo nga sa’kin sa Viber dahil di ko pa napapanood. Ha ha ha!”

She’s positive viewers will like “The Cure”. “First time sa local TV na may ganitong konsepto. ‘Yung paglaganap ng virus causing an epidemic that makes people very violent and attacking other people. Viruserye nga ang tawag dito. Maraming suspenseful action scenes, lalo na ‘yung mga eksena ng habulan na nakaka-tension talaga dahil, kami ng anak ko, gusto kagatin ng mga infected people who are running after us. First time ko ring nag-action dito. Very challenging kasi hindi ako sanay sa ganyang mga eksena. Akala ko mahihirapan ako, but thank God, nagawa ko naman nang maayos at hindi masyadong maraming takes so I’m really proud of my work in ‘The Cure’. Feeling action star na ako at mas nag-aaral ako doing action stunts and fight routines ngayon.”



Gabby enjoys the sun in Bangkok’s elegant and luxurious Okura Prestige.

Why Gabbi is your new favorite girl

Gabbi Garcia is living her best life right now. Following her self-produced single “All I Need” and starring alongside Ruru Madrid in the primetime series Sherlock Jr., she is also the only Kapuso star nominated this year at the Nickelodeon Kids’ Choice Awards as Favorite Pinoy Newbie.

Gabbi recently flew to Japan for a Maybelline campaign and met with supermodel Gigi Hadid. And earlier this month, it was finally announced that Gabbi is the newest Filipina ambassador for the brand.

With her pretty face, people say she can get away with anything but the 19-year-old actress claims otherwise. She dreams to have it all, and she wakes up to work hard for it and achieve it one by one.

“I can still remember my promise to myself when I turned eighteen. This is just the beginning for me, and right now I’m enjoying the thrill of challenging myself into different things,” she says.

Gabbi has been juggling different schedules – from studying in Meridian International College as a Music Business Management major, to several shoots here and abroad. Now, she can’t wait to share all the things that she has lined up for this year. She knows she’s in control, and she wants to inspire young girls to aspire for the same.

“I have a lot of goals that I plan to put in reality. I want to concentrate more on my music, and I also want to do films this year. They say to take it easy, and I know I need to chill but I’m really feeling this pull to strive harder,” the Kapuso star asserts.

For millennials, it is believed that they feel the most pressure to leave a mark and find their rightful place in the world. So how does she handle the work?

“I find the right balance with my family. They are really the ones that keep me grounded, and I have my sister to keep me in check,” she states.

Gabbi recently flew to Thailand for another photo shoot, and she also took this opportunity to pause and unwind.

“I had the opportunity to experience the majesty of Okura Prestige, one of the best skyscrapers in the world. It has the protruding infinity pool, and I loved it,” she shares adding that she also plans to return to Hawaii for a quick beach getaway with her family after her participation in a music festival this month.

With her grit to succeed, Gabbi can surely tick off each item in her bucket list. And through her online show with GMA ONE Online Exclusives #GOALS, she is able to share with her followers some tips on how to achieve what is essential in one’s life.

Juancho Trivino admits, “Yeah, Maine is special.” + other news

Juancho Trivino on his closeness with Maine Mendoza: “Bahala na kung ano ang isipin ng mga tao, but... we would like to keep our friendship very private.”

Kahit medyo atubili ang Kapuso actor na si Juancho Trivino na pag-usapan ang tungkol kay Maine Mendoza, hindi pa rin nito naiwasang sagutin ang ilang katanungan tungkol sa estado ng kanilang pagkakaibigan.

Kumusta ang pagkakaibigan nila ni Maine ngayon?

Maikling sagot niya, “Okay naman.”

Ito ba yung klaseng friendship na puwedeng pang-forever?

Matipid pa ring sagot ni Juancho, “Something like that.”

Sa parte niya, kumusta si Maine bilang babae at bilang tao?

Aniya, “Ah, masayang kasama.

“Normal lang naman, normal lang naman na friendship.

“Wala namang... wala namang...”

Hindi matapus-tapos ang usap-usapang more than friendship na ang namamagitan sa kanila ng ka-love team ni Alden Richards.

Diretsahang sagot naman ng Kapuso actor, “Bahala na kung ano ang isipin ng mga tao, but me naman and Maine, we would like to keep our friendship very private talaga.

“Siyempre, hindi maiiwasan na gumagawa ng tsismis yung ibang tao, we’re just letting it be.”

Sa puntong ito ay inalam namin sa kanya kung si Maine ba ay isang potential girlfriend.

Sagot naman niya, “I would not know, hindi ko alam.”

Ngunit dugtong niya, “Yeah, Maine is special.”

Nakaasap si Juancho sa Kapuso Night ng



GMA Regional–Dagupan, kung saan naroon ang buong cast ng upcoming show na Inday Will Always Love You para sa ongoing Bangus Festival sa nasabing bayan sa Pangasinan.

Kasama ni Juancho ang iba pang miyembro ng cast tulad nina Barbie Fortaleza, Derrick

Monasterio, at Kim Rodriguez.

PROUD OF NEW SHOW. Samantala, ipinagmamalaki ni Juancho ang seryeng Inday Will Always Love you, na kinunan pa sa Cebu at Bantayan Island.

Sineseryoso raw ni Juancho ang kanyang trabaho kahit pa isa itong rom-com.

Aniya, “Kung petiks kasi ang gawa mo, petiks din ang kalalabasan.

“Kumbaga, dapat ay mag-effort din talaga.

“At saka, mahirap din talagang mag-stay sa romcom sa isang teleserye, pero mahirap ding magpatawa.

“At saka dito, nung mag-taping kami sa Cebu, yung other [members] of the cast also, yung mga role ay mga Cebuano rin talaga.

“Sa kanila kami nagtatanong kung paano sabihin [yung line in Cebuano dialect].

“Okey naman, masaya naman. Actually nami-miss na nga namin yung mga pinuntahan naming lugar.”

Selling of Pinay maids revealed

AN overseas Filipino worker has decried the multiple selling of household service workers to different employers, which is rampant in Saudi Arabia.

Hydee Caro, who was victimized by the malpractice, stressed that selling an HSW to different employers, often several times

during the duration of one contract, places the worker in danger.

“The rampant sale of HSWs in Saudi Arabia before the 100-day probation period ends is turning to be fatal and highly disadvantageous to Filipina maids.

They are transferred to various employers by the sponsor or a national who manages to get control of her working permit (iqama) and the worker has no control where she is sold or transferred by her sponsors,” she noted.

Caro said the transfer to another employer should be with the consent of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) so that the POLO officer can monitor her whereabouts, adding that it is also the responsibility of the Foreign Recruitment Agency who deployed the HSW to the original sponsor.

OFW advocates have also pointed out that the transfer of an HSW to a different employer without the approval of the POLO officer is considered a violation of the Philippine-Saudi Special labor agreement and also a violation of POEA Rules

Caro arrived in the country on April 18, 2017 from Buraydah, KSA. She was forced into purchasing her own ticket before she finished a year of her contract because in the 11 months that she stayed there, she was sold to different households thrice and was nearly gang-raped in one of the households she was sold to.

The OFW already filed a complaint before the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) against her local recruitment agency First Personnel Services, Inc. for failing to monitor her situation and take steps to ensure her safety at her jobsite in Buraydah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

She called on the POEA to work on her case.

Ai Ai now a talent manager



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

COMEDIENNE Ai Ai de las Alas is also now a talent manager.

She has signed up her first ward, the rap group Ex-Battalion, a Youtube sensation who now has close to 40 million viewers.

Ai Ai was accidentally introduced to the group by a staff of her GMA Sunday show with Vic Sotto, Bossing and Ai. “Gusto ko kasing mag-record ng kanta,” Ai Ai relates. “She (the staff) suggested na makipag-colaborate daw ako sa grupo kung gusto kong mag-hit ang kanta ko. Eh ‘yun naman talaga ang gusto ko, mag-hit. So, hinanap ko sila sa Youtube.”

Her search led to calling James Brando, one of the members who acted as the group’s manager then. “Ayaw pa nga niyang maniwala na ako ang tumatawag sa kanya,” Ai Ai says. “Talaga bang si Ai Ai ito? The Ai Ai de las Alas? Tanong ni James. Ako talaga ito, sabi ko. Nagkita kami at ayun, naniwalang ako talaga ‘yun.”

The collaboration with the group has formed a friendship, and Ai Ai eventually learned of the group’s struggles and hurdles as artists.

They’ve been on the scene for years before being Ex-Battalion, with each member coming from different rap groups. “Kaya Ex-Battalion,” explains James Brando, who acts as the group’s spokesperson. “Galing kami sa iba’t ibang battalion. Rap battles. Kami-kami ‘yung nagkikita.

In the end, we decided to group ourselves.” Officially, they’re six in the group but when they perform, four other (unofficial) members give them support, whenever they can. “May iba silang trabaho,” says James. “Day jobs. Kami lang anim ‘yung talagang focused (with performing).”

Ex-Battalion has appeared in some GMA shows (where Ai Ai now belongs) like Bubble Gang and Sunday Pinasaya. In the drawing board are more appearances, TV commercials and a US tour. “Dadalhin ko sila sa Disneyland,” muses Ai Ai.

It sounds like one of the future perks of being Ai Ai’s first ‘alaga,’ but what they’re really excited about is going mainstream.

Ex-Battalion members are: Rhenn Mangabang (Emcee Rhenn), Mark Maglasang (Bossing), Jon Gutierrez (King Badger), Archie de la Cruz (Flow G) and James Samonte (James Brando).

Rachel: Age-obsessed show biz doesn’t put as much value to excellence built over time

Rachel Alejandro recently made a big splash as the cover girl of FHM (March issue). The 40-something stunner became a poster girl for sexiness at any age. She shrugs off her bashers’ comments.

“People are entitled to their opinions, and I do not take it personally if they feel that someone my age isn’t young enough to be considered attractive or sexy,” Rachel points out. “I prefer the way I look today than 20 years ago. I also feel mentally sharper and more capable as an artist now. It’s too bad that in Philippine show business, we’re age-obsessed and tend to give the best projects to the young. We don’t put as much value to excellence built over time.”

A truly versatile lady, Rachel can breathe life into any role, whether it’s a mousy spinster like Paula in her award-winning film “Ang Larawan” (currently touring in schools nationwide), or a “diva of divas” like the Lady of the Lake character in Upstart Productions’ “Monty Python’s Spamalot.”

Having fun keeps Rachel happy and fit. Her fountain of youth? Proper nutrition, regular exercise, adequate sleep and ... a zest for life.

“Our mindset can also play a factor in staying young,” says Rachel. “One of my mottos is, ‘No day but today.’ I work hard, but I play hard, too. We should never delay having fun. Have fun now—whatever that means to you, and every day as much as you can, while you still can.” Attagirl!

Isay on Aicelle, ‘Miss Saigon’

Isay Alvarez is more than proud of her “theater goddaughter” Aicelle Santos, who has been tapped to portray Gigi in the UK tour of “Miss Saigon.” It’s the same role that Isay originated many curtain calls ago.

Her advice to Aicelle: “Enjoy the experience and the culture. Take dance classes, like I did, to develop more confidence to dance with her British costars, who come from different performing arts schools.”

As for her memorable “Miss Saigon” experience, Isay shares, “My husband, Robert (Seña), was still courting me back then. So, he would put flowers in the cart I pushed onstage during the Bangkok scene. That made me blush!” Those “Miss S” days eventually turned Isay into “Mrs S (Seña).”

5 pillars

The network formerly known as TV5 is now simply called 5. Its power lies in its five synergistic pillars: ESPN5 is the home of major sports events. News5, led by Luchi Cruz-Valdes, continues to live up to its promise of “Higit sa balita, aksyon.” On5 is the pioneer of localized international content. D5Studio’s stories about the Filipino youth is geared for millennial viewers. And Studio 5 levels up the content-creation game with its quality productions.

Investors may leave PH if incentives removed, Japan chamber warns

MANILA - Some Japanese companies may relocate their operations to other countries in Southeast Asia if fiscal incentives are removed in the second package of tax reforms in the Philippines, the head of the Japanese business lobby warned.

The Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) of the Philippines said that by removing the fiscal incentives, the government is changing the rules and deviating from its commitment.

The second package of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) aims to lower corporate income taxes to 25 percent from 30 percent, while “modernizing” fiscal incentives.

“All of manufacturing companies have medium or long term projections. Suddenly once TRAIN package implement next year [sic] suddenly there is no tax benefit,” said JCCI President Naoto Tago.

One of the incentives currently enjoyed by Japanese and other foreign companies registered with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) is paying a 5 percent tax on gross income earned.

The second package of TRAIN proposed to remove this incentive after 5 years and replace it with a preferential corporate income tax rate of 15 percent based on net income.

“The Japanese Chamber cannot make recommend [sic] a company to invest in the Philippines anymore. They may leave in case this is implemented as it is,” Tago said.

He said that while the Japanese chamber understands and supports government’s tax reform efforts, it is seeking a compromise on certain provisions in the second package of reforms.

The group wants the government to lengthen the transition period from 5 years to 10 years, and have clearer process or timeline for the VAT refund.

It said that while large companies involved in manufacturing will find it difficult to leave immediately, they may find other countries more attractive.

“Thailand, Indonesia, and in case of you know, thinking about labor cost, Vietnam is better or Myanmar,” Tago said.

Tago also called on the government to keep PEZA as it is. There are around 1,400 Japanese companies in the Philippines, with over 900 located in areas under PEZA.

European businessmen earlier also cautioned the government against the removal of fiscal incentives.

A tax reform advocate said lowering corporate income taxes should not be delayed by objections to the removal of fiscal incentives.

The Department of Finance (DOF) meanwhile stood pat on its position that fiscal incentives need to be “modernized.”

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Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) launches its 2018 Pageants with a Cause with formidable and touching start!

Last May 5th, 2018, eight adorable Little Miss Philippines Canada candidates took the stage and captivated the audience with their dance moves and talents! Kudos to our co-chairs: Fe Taturan, Beth Daliya, Nhitz Calvez and choreographer Chollo Lagdameo.

Later that evening on the same day, the 2018 Miss Teen Philippines Canada and Miss Philippines Canada candidates impressed the judges and audience with their beauty, brilliance and elegance! The bevy of beauties were not only scholars and multi-awarded dancers and athletes, but their talents truly raised the bar. Congratulations on a job well done to our co-chairs: Lita Leano, Noemi Milanes, Rosemarie Ramos and choreographer Kim Belen.

PCCF-IMG_0753Weeks earlier on April 28th, the Mrs. Philippines Canada 2018 candidates took centre stage during the Pre-pageants at the St. Clement of Ohrid Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral, Toronto. In packed hall, four gorgeous candidates showcased their talents and beauty. A job well done to co-chairs: Gloria Rafanan, Amelia Arcillo, Sena Flores, Ben Ferrer, Mila Lupango and choreographer Chollo Lagdameo.

PCCF EVP & Pageants Director, Rosemer A. Enverga, praised the tireless and dedicated Officers and Foundation Leaders who made the first 3 events of PCCF successful.

In each of the Pre-pageant, a moment of silence was held in honour of the late Senator Tobias Enverga,

founder of PCCF.

Coronation of the winners of Little Miss Philippines Canada 2018, Miss Teen Philippines Canada 2018 Miss Philippines Canada 2018 and 2018 Mrs. Philippines Canada will be held at the Pinoy Fiesta and Trade Show on June 16th at the Metro-Toronto Convention Centre Hall A.

The winner of each pageant will receive a FREE TRIP to the Philippines, appearances on a GMA Pinoy TV show, a unique opportunity to meet with the PCCF’s beneficiaries such as ANCOP and

provide donations directly to the other beneficiaries of PCCF. Locally, she will get to meet influential community leaders, appear and perform in multicultural events and more! Most importantly, she will serve as a PCCF’s Ambassador of Goodwill in various events and activities throughout Canada and the Philippines. It will be a chance for her to promote the Filipino culture and to help others, while having fun!

Do not miss the coronations on June 16th, 2018 at the Pinoy Fiesta and Tradeshow sa Toronto, Metro Toronto Convention Centre (Hall A) with the Kapuso Star SOLENN HEUSAFF and comedian BETONG SUMA-YA! Tara na!

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Kyline Alcantara flattered to have Pauline Luna-Sotto as an avid fan

Tagahanga ng Kapuso actress na si Kyline Alcantara ang aktres at misis ni Bossing Vic Sotto na si Pauleen Luna-Sotto.

Hindi raw nakaka-miss si Pauleen ng anumang episode ng GMA primetime teleserye na Kambal, Karibal dahil nahuhusayan siya sa pagganap ni Kyline bilang si Chesca.

Nag-post pa si Pauleen sa kanyang Instagram Stories ng selfie nila ni Kyline kung saan tinawag pa niyang Chesca si Kyline.

Nagkita sina Kyline at Pauleen kamakailan lang nang mag-guest si Kyline para sa isang episode para sa Lenten presentation ng Eat Bulaga.

WARM WELCOME. Nagkuwento naman si Kyline tungkol sa unang pagkakataon na magkaharap sila ni Pauline, kunsaan



naramdaman niya agad ang

mainit na pag-welcome sa kanya nito.

Hindi raw niya inakala na ang isang tulad ni Pauleen ay aminadong tagahanga niya.

“Pagkadating na pagkadating ko po sa set, sobrang na-overwhelm po ako sa pag-welcome nila sa akin lalo na po ni Ms. Pauleen Sotto.

“Nakahiga siya ‘tapos napatayo siya ‘tapos sabi niya, ‘I’m a fan!’

Kapuso actress and Kambal, Karibal kontrabida Kyline Alcantara couldn’t believe that Pauline Luna-Sotto is one of her avid fans: “Sobrang nagulat po ako sa mga reaksiyon nila, pinupuri po nila ako kung paano ako umarte.”

“Sabi ko, ‘Nanonood po pala ang isang Pauleen Sotto ng Kambal, Karibal,’” masayang kuwento ni Kyline sa GMA news program na 24 Oras.

Hindi lang si Pauleen ang super fan ni Kyline. Pati ang buong production staff ng taping nila ay mga avid viewers din ng Kambal, Karibal.

Inaabangan daw nila parati ang mga masamang gagawin ng character niyang si Chesca kay Crisan, na ginagampanan ni Bianca Umali.

“Sobrang nagulat po ako sa mga reaksiyon nila, pinupuri po nila ako kung paano ako umarte,” ngiti pa ni Kyline.

Bukod kay Pauleen, kasama rin ni Kyline sa naturang Lenten episode sina Ruby Rodriguez, Luane Dy, Sinon Loresca at Kenneth Medrano.

Ysabel Ortega to distant dad Lito Lapid: ‘I hope he’s proud of who I am’

Teen actress Ysabel Ortega only has one wish: to reconnect and make more happy memories with her dad Lito Lapid.

Ortega said that she and her father were very close when she was little, but all of that changed since they do not have direct communication with each other anymore.

“I don’t have direct contact with my father, so I contact his aide...” the young actress said as she tried to fight back tears. “Of course po, I always think of my dad.”

“So whenever it’s his birthday, you know I always make it a point to greet him,” Ortega went on. “And every holidays, lagi ko pa rin pong binabati (I still always greet him), and of course hoping that someday, I get to see him again.”

Despite Lapid not reciprocating her efforts, the 19-year-old declared she still loves him and respects him as her dad. “He’s one of the reasons why I joined showbiz because I look up to him,” she confessed. “He’s one of my role models and I’m very proud to have him as my father.”

Ortega gave this message to her “papa”: “I really miss you and nandito lang po ako (I’m just right here). No matter what happens, I will always be here and I will always be your daughter and I will always love you and I will always have time, always have respect for you.”

Ortega added, “I hope he’s proud of who I am, of hopefully what I will be.”

The young actress is the daughter of Lapid with former singer and current Department of Social Welfare and Development Assistant Secretary Michelle Ortega. Her mother got married in January to Directorate for Intelligence of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Gregorio Pimentel.

President Rodrigo Duterte was a principal sponsor in the wedding



Rhian talks about two Jasons in her life + other stories



RHIAN Ramos is currently on leave from taping “The One that Got Away” (TOTGA) as she is vacationing in Osaka, Japan with her racer boyfriend Jason Choachuy and his family. It’s part of Jason’s birthday celebration and Rhian is excited as it’s her first time in Japan.

But Rhian will have to be back home by April 23 to tape again for TOTGA in which she’s very happy with her appearance as her character, Zoe, is really being talked about even in social media, what with the sexy, daring outfits she gets to sport in the show in her role as a swimsuit designer.

“It’s really one of my most favorite characters among all that I played on screen,” she says. “I’m glad na natutuwa ang viewers sa kakikayan ni Zoe at sa mga lines niya na ‘yung iba, adlib ko lang. Nagpapasalamat nga ako sa direktor namin, si Mark Reyes, for giving me the liberty to make changes sa lines ko para mas maging comfortable ako at mas kwela ang delivery ko.”

She’s also glad that the audience approves of her loveteam with Jason Abalos as Gael. “Nakakatuwa kasi kapangalan pa niya ang real life boyfriend ko,” she beams. “Pareho rin ang term of endearment ko sa kanilang dalawa, which is Bu or Bubba.”

Doesn’t her own Jason get jealous when she has kissing with her on screen Jason? “No, he’s supportive naman sa career ko as an actress and he knows it’s part of my job. Hindi siya ‘yung tipong insecure. Ngayon pa lang, napi-feel ko nang when the series ends, mami-miss ko talaga playing the character of Zoe, ‘yung pagkamalandi niya. But noong una, nagre-react ang family and friends ko, lalo ang mommy ko. Sobra raw, pati revealing clothes na sinusuo ko. But nung mas ma-develop ‘yung character ni Zoe, na-realize nilang maharot siya, pero hindi naman siya masamang tao kundi endearing pa nga.”

Secrets of enduring marriage

Oftentimes, people think it is difficult to maintain a happy and lasting relationship in show business and politics because of the long work hours and the demands of their jobs. But Senator Vicente “Tito” Sotto is one living

proof that it is possible to have a successful career and family life.

Sotto and wife, seasoned actress Helen Gamboa, will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary in September. The Eat, Bulaga! host said that it does not feel like they’ve been together for almost five decades.

“We still laugh together, we enjoy doing things together and I think we are both aging pretty well. God gave me a special gift in Helen,” the senator said.

Sotto and Gamboa’s love story started in 1967. She was a beauty queen and a movie star while he was a recording artist and record producer.

Sotto said that for 49 years, the love and dedication he has for Gamboa never faltered. He said that his wife’s happiness is always above everything else.

But just like any relationship, theirs also had its ups and downs. He said it takes hard work to have a long-lasting marriage and that they never to go to sleep with unresolved issues between them.

The Senator said his marriage to Gamboa is comparable to her classic dish, Sinigang na Baka.

“Kumpleto! May gulay, may sabaw at may beef. Masarap at puwede pang maanghang. All the elements are there for a good food, just like my marriage,” he ended.

What Sharon really wants to do

STOP blaming modern technology. At least, it is keeping us busy. When one is bashed on social media, be sure there’s rebuttal and that makes a celebrity and bloggers hit back at each other. Megastar Sharon Cuneta we guess has stopped fighting back, but is still busy with her ‘hugot’ lines. She makes a litany of things she’d like to do that she hasn’t fulfilled yet.

But here’s an unsolicited advice: Maybe she has imperfections but she is not a superwoman to overcome worries and problems in a wink. Just tell the truth. Then stand your ground and then learn to say no. It’s really difficult to end toxic relationship. Is Sharon willing to sacrifice it for the sake of her children?

Bangs, tatlong beses ikinasal bago nagkaanak

ALAM ba ninyo na tatlong beses ikinasal ang actress-painter na si Bangs Garcia sa kanyang Fil-Brit husband na si Lloyd Birchmore? Una sa isang civil wedding in England, pangalawa sa kanyang isang church sa Pilipinas at pangatlo sa kanilang beach wedding in Boracay in January 2017 kung saan sila unang nagkakilala in January 2015 at doon din sila na-engaged in January 2016 on same spot kung saan sila nag-met.

Ang mag-asawa ay naka-base na ngayon sa

London at meron na silang anak, ang more than three months old na si Amelia na isinilang ni Bangs sa London nung December 5, 2017.

Parehong hands-on parents ang couple na sina Bangs at Lloyd.

Kapag nasa trabaho si Lloyd ay si Bangs ang kakatutok kay Baby Amelia.

While she misses showbiz, hindi ikinakaila ni Bangs na kakaibang joy ang kanyang nararamdaman ngayon ngayong may sarili na siyang pamilya.

Dina’s Life as Politician’s Wife

DINA Bonnevie was introduced in “Katorse” in 1980, exactly 38 years ago. Her life has always been an open book and after some tumultuous love affairs, she’s now happily married to Cong. DV (for Deogracias Victor) Savellano of the 1st district of Ilocos Sur. So how is it to be a politician’s wife?

“It’s a difficult task kasi ‘di ako puwede maging plastic,” she says. “Once, naka-night gown pa ako, may kumakatok na sa’ming bahay sa Ilocos para humingi ng tulong. Sabi ko, puwede ba, you wait, wala pang 7 a.m., e. Naku, sabi ng husband ko, hindi ganyan ang buhay pulitika. You can’t do to that to my constituents. Nasermunan ako pati ng mother-in-law ko. Tinuruan ako how to entertain the constituents.

Aba, maghapon na ako nagluluto for them. At bawal daw akong humarap sa kanila nang naka-sleeveless o naka-shorts kahit mainit. I have to be prim and proper. I then realized that being married to a politician is a calling. It humbled me kasi I’m very comfortable with my life and I saw how poor they are. So I helped sa kanilang livelihood.

Napabayaang nila ‘yung weaving ng Iloco cloth so I bought them thread and materials so they can weave again, we introduced backyard gardening, planting medicinal plants, binili ko sila ng pigs and goats. And I helped them market their products, pati bagnet and Vigan longganisa na iba-iba ang flavors. Seeing their lives improve give me a different kind of fulfillment than the awards I got from acting.”

Will she eventually join politics? “Naku, marami ngang natakot noong una. They thought I’d run. But I’ll never do that because it’s not for me. Wala akong interest and I’m happier working behind my husband.”

Besides, she’s still acting. She’s enjoying playing the role of Debbie Almeda, the mother of the triplets played by Erich Gonzales in ABS-CBN’s “The Blood Sisters.” “I enjoy working with the show’s whole cast. I’ve worked with most of them before and they’re all very professional. Parang family na kami and everyone gets the chance to shine. Erich and I have become close. We even go to church together, with my own kids.”

One of Dina’s proudest accomplishments

is raising her two kids, Danica and Oyo, well. They’re now both happily married, to cager Mark Pingris and actress Kristine Hermosa, respectively. Does she get along well with her in-laws?

“Oh yes. Mas magkakampi nga kami ni Mark kaysa ni Danica. Before, when I visit them, I noticed si Danica, konting kibot para sa baby, si Mark ang tinatawag. Mark nang Mark. Hands on kasi si Mark, pati sa pagpapalit ng diaper sa mga anak nila, just like Oyo. So sabi ko, tigil na ‘yang kama-Mark at ikaw mismo ang umasikaso sa anak mo. At si Danica, makalat. E, ako, I’m so particular when it comes to neatness. Kailangan, organized lahat. So inayos ko ang mga closet nila. One thing with both my kids, they love to cook. Pati si Mark, nagpapaturo rin sa’king magluto. Si Kristine, masinop sa gamit, parang ako, so magkasundo kami. We all see each other during weekends. Sina Mark, nakasama ko pa in traveling abroad when we met his French father in Spain.”

Francine nakabuo ng ibang pamilya

MASAYA ang singer-actress-entrepreneur na si Francine Prieto dahil nagtapos ang kanyang kinabilangang afternoon TV series na “Haplos” ng GMA na consistently rating mula sa pagsisimula nito nung July 10, 2017 hanggang sa pagtatapos nito nung nakaraang February 23, 2018.

Ayon kay Francine, nakabuo sila ng isang ‘pamilya’ sa bumubuo ng “Haplos” na tumagal sa ere ng mahigit pitong buwan. Mula sa direksiyon ni Gil Tejada, ang “Haplos” ay tinampuhan din nina Sanya Lopez, Thea Tolentino, Pancho Magno, Rocco Nacino kasama sina Patricia Javier, Emilio Garcia, Celia Rodriguez, Maria Isabel Lopez, Lotlot de Leon, Lito Legaspi, Kim Rodriguez at iba pa.

Since walang TV network contract si Francine, malaya siyang magtrabaho sa bakuran ng ABS-CBN at GMA.

YSABEL MAS CLOSE PA SA STEPDAK KAYSA TUNAY NA AMA

SA presscon ng bagong magsisimulang panghangong teleserye ng ABS-CBN, ang “Precious Hearts Romances Presents: Araw Gabi” na pinangungunahan ng comebacking singer-actor na si JM de Guzman at ex-PBB housemate na si Barbie Imperial, inamin na isa sa cast si Ysabel Ortega na mas malapit siya sa kanyang stepdad na si Police General Gregorio ‘Greg’ Pimentel kesa sa kanyang biological dad, ang actor at dating senador na si Lito Lapid na hindi niya halos nakikita.

PNP’s new subpoena power seen as as ‘green light’ for more EJKs



Chief Supt. John Bulalacao (Photo by Noy Morcoso/Inquirer.net)
The Philippine National Police said a newly signed law giving its chief the power to issue subpoenas would add more teeth in

fighting crime, but concerned lawmakers and a prominent human rights lawyer worried that more than criminals could suffer from its bite. PNP spokesperson Chief Supt. John Bulalacao said the police would closely guard against abuses of the subpoena power, which was also given to the chief of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) and his deputy.

The quasi-judicial authority was a welcome development as it “will add more teeth to our mandate to enforce the law and find solutions to criminal incidents,” Bulalacao said.

Republic Act No. 10973, signed by President Rodrigo Duterte on March 1, amended the Local Government Code to give the PNP chief and the CIDG director and his deputy “the power to administer oath, issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum in relation to its investigation.”

A subpoena orders a person to testify before the agency that issued it and a subpoena duces tecum directs the presentation of specific documents or items.

Anyone who does not comply is cited for indirect contempt.

“With all the safeguards and built-in measures to ensure transparency and accountability in the police service, we want to assure the public that any attempt to abuse or misuse this power will be promptly checked and offenders will be dealt with accordingly,” he said.

Human rights champion and former Sen. Rene Saguisag asked how the new law would affect Republic Act No. 7438, which defines the rights of persons arrested, detained or under custodial investigation as well as the duties of the arresting, investigating and custodial authorities.

China deploys missiles on 3 PH-claimed reefs

The United States on Thursday reiterated the importance of keeping a presence in the region amid China’s increasing militarization of the South China Sea, where Chinese forces recently installed antiship cruise missiles and surface-to-air missile systems (SAMS) on three Philippine-claimed reefs in the hotly contested waterway.

“We are concerned anytime a claimant, including China, takes an aggressive unilateral action toward militarization. It seems to suggest that they (China) are moving toward militarization,” US Ambassador to the Philippines Sung Kim said.

Kim spoke a day after the US network CNBC, citing sources with direct knowledge of US intelligence reports, said China had deployed antiship missiles and SAMS on Kagitingan, Zamora and Panganiban, three of seven Philippine-claimed reefs that China had seized and transformed into artificial islands. The three reefs are internationally known as Fiery Cross, Subi and Mischief reefs, respectively, and they are among the marine features in the Spratly archipelago that are disputed by China and the Philippines and three other Southeast Asian nations—Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Taiwan, like China, claims all of the Spratlys, an archipelago of about 100 islets, reefs and atolls in the middle of the South China Sea.

The installation of the missiles, if confirmed, would mark the first Chinese missile deployments in the Spratlys. At a regular press briefing, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying neither confirmed nor denied the deployment.

in the Spratly archipelago, including the deployment of necessary national defense facilities, is aimed at protecting China’s sovereignty and security,” Hua said.

“Those who don’t intend to violate [this sovereignty] have no reason to worry,” she said.

Malacañang said it had no information about the missile deployment.

“Let me verify that,” said presidential spokesperson Harry Roque.

Samantha Gavin Made It To The Grand Finals Of Long & McQuade by Li Eron



Adult Category Champion: APRIL-JOYCE BULANGCAO Juvenile Category Champion: SAMANTHA GAVIN
2ND PLACER: Adult Category: Precious Hernandez Juvenile Category: Sanskriti Akhoury and John Santos of Long and McQuade at the far right

The motif was mint green (Or something like that) at a wedding where I was asked to capture in 2004. During the reception and as the wedding event was waning, this very young girl took the floor with her songs, and yes, she was wearing the wedding motif gown that I thought was a little loose on her making her look so cute.

That was the first time I saw Samantha Gavin which I think she was only 9 y/o at that time. If I am not mistaken, her mother hails from Mindanao, Philippines. “Sammy” as she is fondly called, is noticeably an aspirant singer, if I am to look back at that wedding reception where she eventually closes that evening’s curtain with the mic on her hand.

As a community leader and blogger, my path crossed a couple of times and her mom eventually became a friend. Then I noticed Sammy became visible in the local music scene at our community. She belongs to a musical group and she trained at a local entertainment training Centre along the GTA. Occasionally, I borrowed her to perform at my events and her mom always gave me that privilege to have her daughter Sammy.

My perspective of our Filipino-Canadian youth is that, they honed their hobbies at an early age. Canada has offered so many opportunities to our youth. Each one of them pursuing their individual God- given talents. And because of easy access to tools and materials to enhance those gifts with a supportive family, Sammy Gavin has followed her passion through the years.

These are formative years, where even if we found these young singers brilliant, the road to acquire that dream is very, very far and elusive. It is very rare for Asians, much more to a Filipino to climb the top. Something that I am profoundly asking and admitting that, our young talents are short in meeting the standards of the main stream where singers are taken seriously by musical moguls.

So what does it take to make it at the top? Honed that vocals and learn the art of professionalism. Sammy Gavin is only 13 y/o a month from now. She has many years to develop her singing talent. Being a performer is not just about the ‘voice’...It is also about personality and performance. Sammy Gavin is one to reckon with among many. A couple of years to prepare her to a more serious pursuit of her singing career is necessary.

No rush, although getting into music competitions is a necessity to expose her to her craft, Sammy Gavin will eventually become a talent we cannot overlook. Like this video from her most recent music competition at Long & McQuade in Toronto where she passed through the needle and make it at the grand finals this coming April 21, 2018 at Pearson Convention Centre where this blogger is sure to attend to lend support and to help mold this young talent. Watch the video below captured by her family and do not forget to admire that powerful vocals and stage presence of a 12 y/o nurturing her singing talent.

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Sharon Cuneta, Gabby Concepcion unfollow each other on Instagram + other stories

Sharon Cuneta hints at feeling “humiliated and hurt” over foiled friendship with ex-husband Gabby Concepcion.

Usap-usapan sa social media na in-unfollow nina Sharon Cuneta at Gabby Concepcion ang isa’t isa sa Instagram.

Noon lamang February 7, 2018 ay kinakiligang ng kanilang mga tag-asuporta ang pag-follow nila sa isa’t isa sa Instagram.

Maging ang anak nila na si KC Concepcion ay ikinatuwa ang uni-unting panunumbalik ng magandang samahan sa pagitan ng kanyang mga magulang.

Ng April 2, kung titingnan ang Instagram followers ni Sharon ay wala na roon si Gabby.

Wala na rin si Sharon sa listahan ng Instagram followers ni Gabby.

Bahagi ng pahayag ng Megastar, “You will never know how much pain losing what I thought would be a lasting friendship this time has caused me.

“How can only all good intentions go wrong?

“I guess that’s life. And because I trust God, I know that I will understand in time.”

Hindi man tuwirang binanggit ni Sharon ang pangalan ni Gabby, base sa mga sumunod niyang pahayag ay sinabi ng Megastar na umasa siyang magiging magkaibigan sila para sa kabutihan ng kanilang anak.

Sabi ni Sharon, “I never wanted to hurt anyone. I also certainly didn’t expect to be humiliated and hurt.

RENEWED FRIENDSHIP NO MORE? Noon lamang Pebrero ay nagkasama sina Sharon at Gabby sa isang TV commercial, na naging daan upang magkaroon ng closure ang masalimuot nilang paghihiwalay bilang dating mag-asawa.

Matapos umere ang TVC noong February 10 ay nagpalitan pa ng positibong mensahe sina Sharon at Gabby sa isa’t isa.



Bicol Canada Community Association Holds Spring Gala & Officers Induction

By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

Like the majestic Mayon Volcano, the Oragons and the Magayons of Bikolandia conducted their meaningful gathering and induction of officers and directors for the 2018- 2019 term. The memorable event of Bicol Canada Community Association -BCCA , with its theme “Tanganing Kita Gabos Magkasararo” (Aspiring for Greater Solidarity) ,was held on May 4, 2018 at the popular Scarborough Convention Centre, Toronto, Ontario.

The Honourable Philippine Consul General Rosalita Prospero sworn into office the new set of BCCA officers. Inducted were Executive Officers : Earl Francis Dacara, president; Nestor Canton, v-p,gov’t relations; Joseph Redoblado, v-p, membership & pr; Manolito Aquino, v-p, sports & youth development; Jennifer Amaranto, secretary; Merle Canlas, asst. secretary; Jose Gutierrez, treasurer; Floro Dabu, Jr., asst. treasurer; Gidget dela Torre, auditor; Edison Bantayan, asst. auditor; Isabel Gregorio, Naina Chhatrani, Luis Calayca & Rafael Nebres, special projects & event coordinators; and Leticia Toral, press relations officer. The members of the Board of Directors sworn in include: Arlene Volpentesta, Michele Serrano, Ronnie de la Gana, Susan San Juan- Llanera, Nanete Nardo and Carl Sol Froa. Present was Ms. Cecile Santos, Cutral Officer of the Philippine Consulate in Toronto.

Superbly hosted jointly by Nestor Von Canton and Leticia Toral, the evening’s program opened with the singing of the Philippine National Anthem led by Kristianne Pascual, followed by a welcome address by Josie “Totie” Gutierrez, an invocation by Jennifer Amaranto, and introduction of guest speaker by Floro Dabu, Jr. The Philippine Consul General Rosalita Prospero congratulated all the new officers and cited the “many current economic & physical developments” in the Bicol Region. Outgoing president Rafael “Paeng” Nebres,in his message, praised his former & incoming officers for “a job well done” and reiterated his call “for greater solidarity and active participation” in achieving the goals of the organization . Likewise, the newly-installed el presidente, Earl Francis O. Dacara in his inaugural speech stressed the “ importance of meeting continuing challenges before the membership and for every Bikolano to work together productively”.

Official congratulatory messages were received from: Philippine Vice President Leni Robredo, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Albay Governor Al Francis C. Bichara, Camarines Norte Governor Jonah G. Pimentel, Camarines Sur Governor Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte,Sorsogon Governor Bobet Lee Rodriguezque, and Philippine Consul General Rosalita Prospero.

The newly elected executive officers & board directors entertained their guests and families with a lively rendition of Bikolandia’s popular ditty “Sarong Banggi” with Manolito Aquino as conductor. Two beautiful songs was performed by “Global Pinoy” singing champion Shaira Garrido. A number of guests were delighted after winning raffle prizes and cash draws. The reigning Miss York Region, a candidate for Miss World- Canada, was on hand charmingly greeting the event guests.

BCCA, formed in 1997, is composed of the popular “laing and labuyo laced regional cuisine- known six provinces of Albay, Camaines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate and Sorsogon. The Association aptly bestowed special recognition with plaques and certificates to PIDC leaders Rafael Nebres, Jose Gutierrez, Manolito Aquino, and businessman Alex Kushel.

Among the special guests and community leaders who attended were from he World Financial Group, Philippine Independence Day Council, GTA Hoops, Pinoy Radio , Talakayan Radyo Filipino, FCAV, PCCT, FFCCO, led by Agnes Miranda, Karen Pascual- Binaday, Vilma Tahsin, Jess & May Cabrias, Erlinda Insigne, Michele Serrano, Monina Serrano, and business & community leaders Manolo Arnaldo, Ben & Paulina Corpuz, Maricris San Juan, Roger Tarca, Bob San Juan, and other community, sports and media personalities.

The spring event , many guests agreed, was indeed an enjoyable evening of fun-filled bailehan (dancing), karakanan (dining), enviable kairabahan (fellowship),and kodakan (photo ops) attended by former officers, family members, friends and kababayans & kabanowaanscompatriots and town mates.(Tony A. San Juan)

Toronto Kapuso Lions Club sent Delegation to the 17th District A711 Lions Club Convention by Dindo Orbeso

The Toronto Kapuso Lions Club sent delegations to attend the 17th Annual District A711 Lions Convention April 20-21, 2018 at the Holiday Inn located at Toronto International Airport, 970 Dixon Road, Rexdale Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Emmanuel (Manny) Yanga, president of the Toronto Kapuso Lions Club cited the enrichment of his members who attend the Lions annual confab by exchanging ideas and issues with other Lion delegates.

Topics taken up during the convention include service to the community, diabetes assessment, stress the epidemic of the millennium, and among others.

The Lion convention was graced by Lion Surinder Sharma, the district governor.

TheToronto Kapuso Lions Club delegates composed of President Emmanuel (Manny) Yanga, president; Rose Tijam, first vice president; Mario Alpuerto, second vice president; Joaquin (Jojo) T. Taduran, Jr., memberships director; Michael Roland Cruz, secretary; Joe Nolasco, twister; and Dario Agustin, tamer. (St. Jamestown News Service)

JED UMAMING NAKARANAS NG DEPRESSION

HINDI ikinakaila ng 40-year-old Ilonggo singer and recording artist na si Jed Madela na nakaranas din siya ng depression dahil ang pakiramdam niya ay lipas na siya at hindi na siya kailangan ng entertainment music industry lalupa’t aware siya na marami ang mas bata at magagaling na singers ang nagsusulputan. And there even came a point na gusto na niyang mag-quit. Pero kapag naiisip niya na mas marami pang mas nauna sa kanya sa music and recording industry ay nariyan pa rin at patuloy sa kanilang respective singing career, doon lamang niya na-realize na may kani-kanyang panahon ang bawat artist pero hindi ito nangangahulugan na wala na silang silbi sa mundong kanilang ginagalawan.

Sa halip na mag-entertain ng mga negative thoughts ay naging positibo ang naging pananaw ni Jed bagay na nakatulong nang malaki sa kanya sa pagtanggap sa maraming reyalidad ng buhay at sa takbo ng kanyang karera bilang isang mang-aawit at recording artist.

Although hindi na regular na napapanood si Jed sa “ASAP” tuwing Linggo unlike before, in-demand pa rin siya sa mga shows hindi lamang sa Pilipinas kundi maging sa ibang bansa.

‘DI RAW PACKAGE DEAL

PINABULAANAN ng young actor na si Arjo Atayde na `package deal` sila ng kanyang mom na si Sylvia Sanchez sa maraming projects tulad ng pagsasama nilang dalawa sa katatapos pa lamang na hit afternoon TV series na “Hanggang Saan” at maging ang pagiging celebrity endorsers ng Beatederm owned by young successful businesswoman, Rhea Tan.

Rhea came to Arjo’s rescue. “In fairness to Arjo, ako mismo ang nag-desisyon ng kunin

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siya (Arjo) as our first male celebrity endorser sa unang line ng men’s perfume ng Beatederm, ang Alpha, Radix at Dawn not only because anak siya ni Ate Sylvia kundi dahil dahil sa kanyang personality at pagiging isang mahusay na actor,” pahayag ni Rhea.

“Ni hindi nga nag-effort si Ate Sylvia na kunin din namin si Arjo,” patuloy ni Rhea.

Aminado si Rhea na malaking factor umano si Sylvia sa lalong paglago ng Beatederm dahil lalong lumakas ang produkto nang ito’y kunin nilang celebrity endorser.

“I have to admit na I am a big fan of Ate Sylvia dahil sa husay niyang umarte. Pero bukod sa pagiging artista, she and her family have become our family friends as well. Hindi na iba ang kanyang pamilya sa pamilya namin.”

Arjo deny courting Sue

SA presscon na ipinatawag ng Beatederm owner na si Rhea Tan for Arjo Atayde, inamin ng young actor na isa umanong malaking karangalan ang pagkatiwalaan siya ng Beatederm owner na maging celebrity endorser ng bago nilang perfume line for men.

“Tita Rhea and her family is already like a family to us,” pahayag ni Arjo.

Pinabulaanan naman ni Arjo na niligawan niya ang kanyang co-star sa nagtapos na panghaponng serye ng ABS-CBN, ang “Walang Hanggan” na si Sue Ramirez.

“No, hindi ko po siya niligawan. But I do admire her being a good actress. Bukod kay Sue, ang isa pang (young) actress na hinihahangaan ko at gusto ko ring makatrabaho in the future ay si Julia Montes,” pag-amin pa niya.

Hindi rin ikinakaila ng young actor na ang Girltrends member na si Sammie Rimando ang kanyang first showbiz girlfriend. Although pareho silang nasa showbiz, gusto pa rin ng binata na maging pribado ang kanilang relasyon bilang magkasintahan.

Jiggy to enter politics

MARAMI ang ginulat ng 43-year-old

GMA news personality na si Jiggy Manicad (Rodrigo Defeo Manicad, Jr. in real life) nang ito’y mag-resign sa GMA News last April 20 para pumasok sa pulitika. Si Jiggy ay kasama sa line-up ng mga tatakbo sa pagka- senador sa mid-term election next year under PDP-Laban.

Bago ang pagre-resign ni Jiggy ay anchor siya ng “24 Oras Week-End” news maging ang “News TV Quick Response Team”. Isa rin siya sa mga hard-working at respetadong news reporter-producer-anchor ng GMA.

Nalungkot man ang mga kasamahan ni Jiggy sa News and Public Affairs ng GMA, hangad nila ang tagumpay ng dati nilang kasamahan sa bagong journey na pinasok nito sa larangan ng pulitika.

No hiding for James, Nadine

SADYANG naiiba ang love team nina James Reid at Nadine Lustre. For one wala silang tinatago. They don’t follow any set of rules.

Says Nadine: “When it comes to love, you should have your own choice. Ang hirap ng nagsisinugaling kang palagi sa tao. Wala, di naman kami talaga pero kayo naman pala. Di mukha kang tanga. Ikaw na ‘yong mukhang sinugaling in the end, di ba?”

One question Jadine would prefer not to entertain ay tungkol sa issue on living in together. Are they or are they not? And the closest answer you can get from Nadine is “come on guys, it’s 2018” And from James, “we’re together everyday”.

Reunion for Kuya Germs

‘THAT’S’ REUNION ON TWACIT’S reunion time with some of talents ni German ‘Kuya Germs’ Moreno ng That’s Entertainment sa evening show ni Arnold Clavio (Tonight with Arnold Clavio on GMA News TV) last week. Among those who paid tribute to the late Master Showman are Isko Moreno, Jojo Alejar (who still sports the same hairstyle since the day he was discovered), an overweight Keempee de Leon at Chuckie Dreyfuss. Among the gals are Ara Mina who really takes good care of her body, Sharmaine Arnaiz, Donita Rose and Nadia Montenegro, another overweight. And did we hear right na walo ang anak ni Nadia?

All of them shared little anecdotes on how they will always remember the late Kuya Germs.

The best advice they got from Kuya Germs? Be professional at hindi baleng kayo ang maghintay kaysa kayo ang hinihintay sa set.

James Reid becomes an acting idol + other stories

James Reid definitely has the looks of a star, boosted by his singing and dancing skills; but despite several hit teleseryes and blockbuster movies, there have long remained doubts about his acting capabilities—that is, until “Never Not Love You” hit cinemas these last few weeks to box office success.

Noted as Reid and perennial co-star and real-life girlfriend Nadine Lustre’s most mature movie to date, the Viva Entertainment release cemented the latter’s acting prowess while proving critics that her man can hold his own in portraying a very challenging character as reckless lovers Joanne and Gio respectively.

Under the direction of Antoinette Jadaone, Reid and Lustre both received glowing reviews, proven by the fact that the movie is still showing in several cinemas three weeks since opening day.

The 24-year-old actor shines bright in his latest movie ‘Never Not Love You’ With positive reviews, one can only expect Reid to be floored.

“I was overwhelmed most especially because at first I was so nervous about my performance,” Reid shared at the sidelines of his launch as the new endorser of soft drink brand Mountain Dew.

And if those who have seen the movie are commending Reid for his natural acting, the actor further revealed that all he had to do was to dig deep into his own emotions.



“Actually, to be honest, the character you see there is very close to me in real life; I was really trying to be as natural as possible,” he said with a smile.

Raking in box office sales of P92 million as of April 15—closing in on their movie “Diary ng Pangeret’s” estimated P120 million, and their highest grossing title to date—Never Not Love You is shaping up to be another milestone for the love team.

According to Reid, however, fans will have to wait a while longer before they shoot another movie again, as he and Lustre will only work on musical collaborations for a time.

“We have a bunch of solo projects after Never Not Love You. Maybe our next would be a song that I am producing for the both of us,” he shared.

The actor is currently busy shooting for the Filipino film adaptation of the Korean movie “Miss Granny” opposite Sarah Geronimo who will be playing the titular role. Reid is also in the middle of shooting the film adaptation of the quintessential Filipino comic hero Pedro Penduko.

Best of all, his relationship with Lustre is going strong, which is why they are both inspired to pursue their careers even in separate projects.

“I just feel happy, blessed and lucky,” ended showbiz’ latest acting idol.

Donita Nose talks about Wowowin in Firing

A teary-eyed Donita Nose finally spoke out about being let go of Willie Revillame’s “Wowowin” game show, simply saying, “He knows what’s best for the show.”

Despite his nice words for the comedian-host, Donita confessed

he was shocked when he received the termination notice, something which he swore he least expected.

“But I never asked why, neither did I personally ask Kuya Willie why he was easing me out of the program. Ganun naman talaga siya, eh. Once he makes a decision, that’s it. It’s final, and no one dares to ask the reason behind it,” Donita explained.

All he was told was that Wowowin needed to reformat.

A not-so-regular viewer of the said pre-programming of GMA’s “24 Oras,” we hardly find the slightest change in the program proper (except for that one exhausting segment which eats up the news program’s first few minutes).

While the fact remains it’s Willie’s show and his alone, Donita, in Vignettes’ opinion, would still be an asset given a new program look.

“Dahilan na lang yung reformat, ang sabihin mo, Willie simply has this audience-friendly image. But when it comes to his co-workers, hindi siya ganun,” an elderly neighbor opined.

Tom Rodriguez says no marriage yet

SA tingin ni Tom Rodriguez, si Carla Abella na ang babaing “perfect” sa kanya. Almost five years na rin ang kanilang relasyon, kaya nasabi ito ni Tom kamakailan sa isang intimate interview para sa bagong evening primetime soap nila ni Jennylyn Mercado, ang The Cure na nagsimula sa April 30 sa evening primetime ng GMA7.

Pero kahit natagpuan na ni Tom si Carla bilang perpektong babae na matalagal niyang hinahanap, wala pa rin silang planong pakasal. Mas nakatuon silang dalawa sa kani-kanilang acting career. Bukod sa television, gumagawa pa rin sila ng pelikula.

Palagay ni Tom, kaya sila bagay ay dahil pareho nilang nauunawaan ang isa’t isa. Nagtutulungan sila sa lahat ng bagay. Faithful sa kanilang pagmamahalan.

Duterte admits his executive order on ‘endo’ has no bite

MULANAY, Quezon — President Duterte admitted that the executive order that he signed on Labor Day prohibiting certain labor contracting schemes had “no teeth.”

“So my executive order was just veering toward ending it (‘endo,’ or end of contract). I am prohibiting it but I did not put penal sanctions,” Mr. Duterte said here during the distribution of certificates of land ownership award to agrarian reform beneficiaries.

Endo refers to a contractualization scheme that offers short-term and unprotected temporary work arrangements. The scheme doesn’t give workers security of tenure.

While prohibiting endo, Executive Order No. 51 allows seasonal or project-based jobs such as those for janitors and maintenance workers.

President Duterte said penalizing violators of the order could put him in trouble. “You know, you’re asking me to violate the law. What if I get impeached? Who would give me work?” he said.

He said he could do only so much. “Beyond that I am inutile,” he said.

‘Taken for a ride’

Labor groups were unhappy with President Duterte’s EO, saying they were “taken for a ride.” They said the order did little to limit labor contracting.

They also said that the EO merely reiterated the current regulatory policy that failed to prevent the spread of contractualization.

In his speech in Cebu City on Labor Day, the President called on Congress to amend the Labor Code for more substantive changes.

In Mulanay, the President said he did not have the power vested in Congress to impose penal sanctions on those violating the EO.

President Duterte said if there was one thing that he was prohibited from doing, it was giving the order the force of law. “I can only implement what Congress passes as laws,” he said.

Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque on Thursday scored labor groups critical of EO 51, stressing that the prohibition on contractualization may only be expanded through legislation.

If the directive signed by the President lacks teeth, critics should say so to Congress, he said.

Direct employer

Roque said on Wednesday that under EO 51, the direct employer would be considered the employer of workers.

Roque was referring to Section 3 of EO 51 in which “the principal engaged in any arrangement in violation of the order shall be considered the direct employer of the contractor’s or subcontractor’s workers for all purposes.”

The order applies to all parties, including cooperatives engaged in any contracting or subcontracting arrangement.

“Contracting or subcontracting, when undertaken to circumvent the worker’s right to security of tenure, self-organization and collective bargaining, and peaceful concerted activities pursuant to the 1987 Constitution, is hereby strictly prohibited,” the order said.

According to EO 51, it is the labor secretary, “by appropriate issuances and in consultation with labor and management, who will identify activities that may be contracted out.

Maine Mendoza launches “Humans of Barangay” + other stories

Kapuso star Maine Mendoza seems to be following the footsteps of photographer Brandon Stanton as she recently started her own project titled “Humans of Barangay”.

Stanton is renowned for his Facebook page “Humans of New York” which mostly depict real people from all walks of life, with different heart-breaking stories.

Mendoza can be usually seen on streets as she is one of the hosts of the Eat Bulaga’s noontime show’s daily segment “Juan for All Sugod Bahay”.

The actress-host said that her exposure to different kinds of people is what urged her to start her “Humans of Barangay” project. Her project serves as her way of telling their stories and inspiring others.

Mendoza wrote on Twitter: “Every person has their own story to tell. That includes times of adversity that are filled with lessons, motivation and inspiration.”

“Considering myself fortunate for being in Eat Bulaga’s Juan For All segment and having the opportunity to visit different barangays around the country, I would like to take this chance to collect stories from people I come across on every single day,” she added.

Mendoza launched her project’s Facebook page sharing the stories of the three people closest to her featuring her co-stars Jose Manalo, Wally Bayola, and Paolo Ballesteros.

Meanwhile, the fourth post featured her

Every person has their own story to tell. That includes times of adversity that is filled with lessons, motivation and inspiration. Considering myself fortunate for being in Eat Bulaga’s Juan For All segment and having the opportunity to visit different barangays around the country, I would like to take this chance to collect stories from people I come across to every single day. Since I get to meet people in different walks of life, I was deeply inspired by how they manage to survive and be thankful even with the smallest things that they have.

Inspired by Brandon Stanton’s Humans of New York, I am thrilled to announce that I am starting this ‘Humans of Barangay’ project. My goal is to inspire more people through stories of others. Hoping that this project will inspire us to be a better person in one way or the other. I am taking the chance that the universe gave me to help others and spread awareness of what the real world is. One photo, one story at a time. 😊 (Pero since launch today, apat siya. Hehe!)

two friends sharing experiences on about their sexuality as well as on how they overcome discrimination.

The “Humans of Barangay” Facebook page has attracted over 17,000 likes since its conception.

Barbie Forteza renews contract with mother network

Young actress Barbie Forteza remains a loyal Kapuso as she renewed an exclusive contract with GMA Network on April 17.

During the contract signing, Barbie, who is now on her eighth year in the business, looked back on her humble beginnings and expressed her gratitude for the support that GMA Network has given her.

“GMA has helped me discover the things that I can do as an actor, and I’m glad to say that sila lang ang nakapagbigay sa akin ng ganoong opportunities. Ever since naman hindi nila ako pinabayaan at lagi nila akong tsina-challenge as an artist, that’s why I’m always motivated to do my best,” Barbie said.

Present during the contract signing were Senior Vice President for Entertainment Content Group Lilybeth G. Rasonable, Senior Assistant Vice President for Alternative Productions Gigi Santiago-Lara, GMA Artist Center Assistant Vice President and Head for Talent Imaging and Marketing Unit Simoun S. Ferrer, and GMA Artist Center Senior Talent Manager Joy Marcelo.

GMA Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Felipe L. Gozon, who was also present during the contact signing, acknowledged Barbie’s dedication to her craft.

I’m very proud to have Barbie as our homegrown artist at ngayon ay napakagaling



Barbie with the cast of the upcoming series, ‘Inday Will Always Love You.’

nang aktres na siguradong malayo pa talaga ang mararating. Nagpapasalamat tayo sa kanya because she keeps on improving,” Gozon remarked.

Meanwhile, Rasonable shared that she is looking forward to doing more projects with Barbie, “Masarap bigyan at isipan ng roles si Barbie dahil she’s a versatile actress, and we are very proud to have her in the Network.”

Following the huge success of Meant To Be, Barbie will be back on primetime with Derrick Monasterio and Juancho Trivino in the upcoming series Inday Will Always Love You, which will premiere this May on GMA.

Bianca Gonzalez to all single ladies: ‘Reach all your goals before getting married’

Bianca Gonzalez lived her life to the fullest as a single career woman in her 20s before she began her new life as a wife and mom in her 30s.

Bianca Gonzalez was 31 years old when she married basketball star JC Intal back in 2014.

During our grandparents’ time, marrying in your 30s is already quite late. Hence, we’d often hear our lolo and lola say, “Wala na ang edad mo sa kalendaryo.”

But the norm had changed in the recent years.

“I think trend has been that way because more people now are career-oriented,” Bianca said.

In her case, Bianca spent most of her 20s building a steady foundation for her career as a host.

“I’m all for exhausting that work-work-work in your system, and reaching all the goals you want to reach before getting married,” the 35-year-old mom continued.

“For me ha, now that I’m a wife and a mom, meron akong feeling na, ‘Buti na lang nagawa ko na iyong mga gusto kong gawin sa career ko,’ before I got married and had a child.

“Not because my life stops when you have a husband and a child, but, of course, yung priority mo, sila na.

“So you will have that guilty feeling if puro ka work-work-work [as a wife and a mom].”

Bianca said she’s lucky because she had a full life as a single career woman before settling down, and she advised all single ladies to do the same.

“Meeting different personalities, weeding out the boys na hindi pala para sa akin, getting to make mistakes pa in my career and having the time to correct them...

“Figuring out what I really wanted to do... “Kumbaga na-enjoy ko talaga yung single career woman life ko.

“So when I finally settled down, wala ako yung ‘What if.’

“What if nag-yes ako sa work na ito? What if nagkatuluyan kami ng isang guy?”

“Walang gano’n because parang nagawa ko na lahat.

“I am all for enjoying your single life first before getting married. Definitely.”

New stars to watch out

New Kapuso stars Kyline Alcantara, Patricia Tumulak, Donita Nose, Shaira Diaz, Kelley Day, Joaquin Manansala, and boy group JBK share what goals they have as they officially become part of the GMA Artist Center family.

All of them are eager to take their career to the next level, and they are not only hopeful for a spot in the industry, but they are determined to excel in what they do.

First up is Kambal, Karibal star Kylene, who feels humbled despite praises she earned for her exceptional performance in the primetime show.

(Left) Joaquin Manansala and (right) Kylene Alcantara

“I totally did not expect that the viewers would appreciate me and my character. I’m thankful to Artist Center because they opened this door for me. I’m happy to have their support and guidance,” she says.

Former beauty queen Patricia declares her penchant for physical roles, “I really enjoyed my being Black Super Ma’am, so I want more of that. But of course I’m willing to try anything and I’m up for challenges.”

For The Stepdaughters cast member Donita Nose,

she reveals the things she aspires to accomplish, “It’s my dream to have my own shows, apart from drama or teleserye I also want to do game shows. Gusto kong ma-try lahat.”

Meanwhile, Shaira is ready to do more challenging roles, especially in the action and fantasy genre.



(Left to right) Shaira Diaz, Donita Nose, and Kelley Day

“I am excited to explore more of what I can do as an actress. I want to do action, that’s my dream role or someone who is physically challenged, yung parang kailangan ng prosthetics,” shares the former Tropics star. She adds that she also looks forward to starring as a fire fighter with David Licaucio in Regal Films’ Because I Love You.

The One That Got Away cast member Kelley wants to stay outside the box. Her transfer to the network is more for her self-growth than anything else.

“I was working with a group for more than a year and I enjoyed it. But I realized I wanted to be known as Kelley Day. This is a risk I took because I know that if I’m content, I’m not pushing myself enough,” the Fil-British actress explains.



(Left) Patricia Tumulak and (right) boy group JBK

For Joaquin, he is thankful for the opportunity to show a different side of him, “I am thankful for the trust na binigay saakin ng GMA. I’m excited to work with the prime stars of the network.”

Joshua Bulot, Bryan del Rosario, and Kim Ordonio, collectively known as JBK, are best known for their stint in X Factor UK.

“We are overwhelmed that someone has seen potential in us and trusted us to be part of their family. Now we have a network we can call home,” they collectively say.

Greater heights await these new Kapuso stars as they show grit and confidence in showcasing what they have to offer in the industry.

Did Angeline Quinto, Morissette Amon laugh at Sarah Geronimo’s breakdown?

Pop princess Sarah Geronimo’s recent breakdown during her Las Vegas, Nevada concert last April 29 had stars in the showbiz industry staunchly rallying behind her for support. While her coming unhinged was an object of worry by many, boyfriend Matteo Guidicelli, on the other hand, had assured people last May 1 that girlfriend Geronimo was fine and was just tired from her #ThisIsMe United States tour.

However, a new issue blew up in the realm of Twitter today, May 3, when Popsters – what Geronimo’s fans call themselves – accused singers Angeline Quinto and Morissette Amon of mocking and laughing at Geronimo’s breakdown.

It seems the root of the ruckus came from an alleged personal assistant who took to Facebook recently to reveal that Quinto and Amon (Amon was Geronimo’s mentee in “The Voice of the Philippines” back in 2013) were laughing at the video of Geronimo’s breakdown.

The post was written by a certain Arven Page Japos. It has since been deleted from his Facebook profile, although netizens were quick to take screenshots of his post and share them on social media.

“Morissette Amon & Angeline Quinto, pinagtagawan nyo talaga ang nangyari kay Sarah G? Talagang hindi nyo mararamaman ang pagod na nadama ni SG eh kasi puro lang kayo sigawan, wala kayong kaliwa’t kanang endorsement, movies, at sandamakmak na corporate guestings!” wrote Japos.

“Kailan man hindi nyo mararating mga achievements ni Sarah,” added Japos. (You will never ever reach the achievements of Sarah.)

Quinto, on the other hand, was quick to take to her Twitter account to give her side on the issue. She tweeted several times today, May 3, to defend herself, writing, “Popsters, napaka laki ng respeto ko kay Sarah Geronimo, napakalaki ng respeto ko sa mga supporters niya, nakikiusap ako, ilabas niyo ang video, iharap niyo sa akin ang taong sinasabi niyo na staff ng abs-cbn nakikiusap ako sainyo Popsters. Ngayon lang ako makikiusap sainyo.”

Quinto further explained that she was not initially aware of the issue about Geronimo’s breakdown, even during her appearance in “ASAP” on Sunday. She said she was only informed about it last Monday by a friend, which should mean it would have been impossible for an ABS-CBN staff to hear any reaction from her. She also beseeched Geronimo’s fans to show her the video of an ABS-CBN staff that recorded her and Amon laughing at Geronimo’s video and calling her pabebe.

But despite Quinto’s pleas to Geronimo’s fans to show her the alleged video, none surfaced.

A few hours after her tweets, Quinto took to her Twitter once more, this time in a different tone. It appears that some of Geronimo’s fans who accused her had come forward to apologize to her. While she thanked them for the gesture, she stressed that what’s important is for everyone to think about Geronimo’s welfare.

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Mike Navarro

Mike is currently taking up a business course. he wants to go in the field of logistics. He plays table tennis. His favourite dish is anything barbecue. he also workouts to stay fit with his brother Mitchell.

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KEN INSISTS: ‘I’m not gay’

KEN Chan is honored to be part of the first big budgeted drama-suspense thriller on GMA-7, “The Cure”, now showing right after “24 Oras”. He’s happy with his role as a young doctor

who falls in love with Arra San Agustin, but Arra’s older brother, Mark Herras, is against him and is constantly bullying him. And all this is happening while they’re battling victims of an epidemic that has turned ordinary people into flesh-eating monsters. “Kakaiba ‘yung show,” says Ken. “Nakakanerbiyos panoorin as all the major characters are put into danger. Ako rin, may action scenes ako rito, along with Jennylyn Mercado and Tom Rodriguez who play the leads.”

How did he feel when some quarters wrote that they’re waiting for him to come out of the closet like what Mark Bautista did? “Yes, I read sa social media about that,” he laughs. “Ang daming nakalistang mga aktor na hinihintay raw nilang mag-out at kasama ang name ko, but sorry po, wala akong gagawing coming out kasi wala naman akong itinata-go. Since I played the role of a transsexual in ‘Destiny Rose’, palaging may aspersions about my gender pero I just laughed about it kasi kilala ko naman ang sarili ko. Hindi po ako gay, hindi po ako bisexual, lalaki po ako.”

Maybe they’re accusing him of being gay as he has no girlfriend now. “I’m thinking na maghanap na nga ako ng gilfriend para matigil na sila, but I don’t want to do that just to satisfy my bashers. My last girlfriend was a non-showbiz girl at nag-break kami when I got so busy doing ‘Destiny Rose’ and later, ‘Meant to Be’. Napabayaan ko kasi siya. Wala akong time. Puro work lang. So ayokong maulit ‘yun kasi right after ‘The Cure’, GMA said may isa pa akong assignment, so sa career na lang muna ang full attention ko.”

Glydel praises first-time co-workers

GLYDEL Mercado is a mainstay in GMA-7’s “The Stepdaughters” where she plays the mother of Megan Young and they’re both oppressed by Katrina Halili, the daughter of Glydel’s second husband, Gary Estrada. “Abangan nyo dahil lumalaban na kami ni Megan kay Katrina,” she says. “Hindi na kami basta magpapaapi sa kanya. But although on screen, nag-aaway kami, sa set ng taping namin, magkakaibigan kaming lahat at enjoy kami working with each other.”She’s now glad to be part of the coming Cine Filipino Film Festival.

“Bago ‘yung director namin, si Ron Supangan Bernaid,” Glydel tells us at the presscon of Cine Filipino in Gateway. “Writer siya sa Viva and first directorial job niya ito. Although he’s new, he knows what he’s doing and I’m sure those who love horror drama will enjoy watching the movie and get a good scare.”

How is it working with Shy Carlos? “First time namin to work together and okay siya. Nagkasundo kami agad and maganda ang rapport namin, which is important kasi mag-ina ang role namin dito sa movie. ‘Yung poon dito, si San Vargas, is actually gawa-gawa lang ng writer-director namin. Nang mapunta sa akin ‘yung poon, I believed agad na it’s miraculous. Nagagalit ako kapag may kumontra sa akin.’Yung character ni Shy ang nagpapa-realize sa akin kung ‘yung nakakatakot na mga pangyayari sa buhay namin ay totoo o imagined lamang. Kasama namin dito si Yayo Aguila, Mon Confiado and Chanel Latorre.”

Solenn gets first taste of motherhood in film

‘I’m very lukaret kasi so dapat ‘yung anak ko hind maging kagaya ko.’ She’s been married for sometime now but it’s in the movies that Solenn Heussaff gets to know first what it’s like to be a parent. In Regal Film’s “My 2 Mom-mies,” the actress plays Monique, a woman from Manu’s (Paolo Ballesteros) past who shows up and admits to him they have a seven-year-old son. So, how was Solenn prepared for the role? Well, she has cats, you know. “I have cats and I treat them as my own child so parang nakapag-praktis na talaga ako sa bahay,” she told Bulletin Entertainment. “Pero siyempre, iba pa rin ‘yung level (ng pagiging mommy) ko dito sa film.”

“My 2 Mommies” puts the spotlight on an affair that leads to a story of not-your-typical family set up. That is, Solenn and Paolo’s play “mother” to the same kid. She thinks the theme is relatable to many people these days. She noted how people’s views on sexual orientation have changed in the last couple of years. “This is what it’s all about naman ‘di ba? Ang mga tao ngayon, modern na din ang thinking nila. Ang maganda pa dito, people have become more socially accepting na din. The LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community is strong na din at madaming bansa na ang nag-agree sa gay marriage. So little by little, naging open na tayo sa ganitong mga bagay,” the Filipina-French beauty shared. Above everything else, Solenn said her latest opus aims to show that gender aside, being a mother is also about a parent’s unconditional love for a child. “I think kahit sino pwedeng maging nanay basta kaya mo siyang gampanan ng maayos,” she said.

On Paolo, Direk Erik “My 2 Mommies” marks the first time Solenn and Paolo work together in a film. “Paolo is gorgeous!” she trilled without battling an eyelash. The 32-year-old actress described him as “very talkative” but “fun to be with.” “The good thing about him is kapag hindi kami on take as in super madaldal siya. Pero kapag nasa standby area na siya, quiet naman siya so we see how serious he is with the craft,” she noted. “Tapos we get along really well din kasi artist din siya and may pusa din.” As expected, another thing they talk a great deal about is makeup. Paolo is known for his makeup

transformation while Solenn is a makeup artist herself. She looks forward to the actor makeup transformation of himself as Solenn. “Ini-stalk ko ‘yung IG niya and nakita ko na ang dami niyang transformation so chinallenge namin ang isa’t-isa. Tinary ko na mag-transform ako into him kaya lang hindi ko alam kung anong nangyari!” she said, laughing. “Excited ako na makita ‘yung transformation niya ng mukha ko kaya talag-ang kinukulit ko na siya.” “My 2 Mommies” is directed by Eric Quizon. Solenn said he is collaborative. “Wala siyang sinabi sa akin directly to my face (na masama or maganda) but I think happy naman siya. Kasi kapag he’s not happy, example with our scenes, sasabihin niya na ‘Solenn, try mo ‘yung ganito, ‘yung ganyan.’ Pero hindi niya sinabi na ‘O, bad ka dito’ kasi he knows naman na we have our own different interpretations with the scenes,” she said. “My 2 Mommies” also stars Maricel Soriano, Joem Bascon, Dianne Medina, Marcus Cabais, Debraliz, Mich Liggayu, Billy Ray Gallion.

Soon What if you discover that Niko Bolzico, your husband, already has a child prior to your marriage, one reporter asked Solenn. “Sa akin naman, it’s okay if he is already a father. But siyempre tatanungin ko siya kung bakit niya tinago sa akin,” she explained. “Kung after one year (ng relationship namin, hindi pa niya sinasabi sa akin) okay lang ‘yun kasi baka takot pa siya pero kung seven years later parang ‘Huy, anong nangyari’ ‘di ba?” “Pero siyempre at the end of the day, susuportahan ko pa din siya. We will go through a rough patch because of the secret not because of the child,” she added. On a different note, the actress revealed she is now ready to be a mom. She and Nico, her husband of two years, will start trying for a baby by next year. “Ready naman na ako pero ayoko pa sana this year,” she noted. “Confident naman na ako na I can raise a human being it’s just that hindi pa timing ngayon but we will eventually get there. So tignan natin next year.” If and when that happens, Solenn quipped she will keep the good news to themselves at first. “Hindi ako magtu-tweet, mag-a-IG post, malalaman na lang ng mga tao kapag six months na!” she said, laughing. How does she see herself as a mother? “Strict,” Solenn shot back. “I’m very lukaret kasi so dapat ‘yung anak ko hind maging kagaya ko. Tapos si Nico, baliw din kaya feeling ko dalawa ‘yung magiging anak ko so

I have to be a strict parent. But with regards dun sa mga bawal-bawal, I believe you have to teach your kids paunti-unti, it’s like, at the end of the day, you have to let them experience life.” See Solenn Heussaff at Pinoy Fiesta on June 16 at Metro TO Convention Centre

Carla Abellana struts her stuff Carla Abellana proved that she can hold her own among professional models when she took to the ramp for the Kashieca fashion show last weekend. She wore a simple palazzo as she strutted on the catwalk and was met with lots of applause. After the show, Carla told Showbuzz, “I was so nervous! Hindi naman kasi ako sanay sa pagrampa. Hindi naman ito katulad ng acting where I can be more relaxed. But I’m happy na kahit papano, I was able to do it.” Asked for her Holy Week plans, Carla said she’ll be spending time with her family in their rest house in Tagaytay, while her boyfriend Tom Rodriguez will spend time with his family in Arizona. After the break, she said she will start taping for her new series for GMA, and all she can say about it is, “It has a very good concept. Nae-excite talaga ako. Hindi ko pa pwedeng sabihin who my co-stars will be but I assure you, it will be a very enjoyable series for the viewers.”

IAN WINS BEST ACTOR SA PORTUGAL MULA sa kanyang two successful projects sa bakuran ng ABS-CBN, ang hit movie na “Acky Breaky Hearts” na tinampukan nina Ian Veneracion, Jodi Sta. Maria at Richard Yap in 2016 at ang hit primetime TV series na “A Love to Last” na pinagtambalan nila ni Bea Alonzo nung isang taon, napakagandang regalo sa taong 2018 ang dumating sa 43-year-old actor, sportsman, painter, pilot, celebrity endorser at family man na si Ian Veneracion, ang kanyang kauna-unahang acting award. Ang maganda pa, international Best Actor award ang nakuha ni Ian dahil sa kanyang mahusay na pagkakaganap sa indie movie na “Ilawod” na dinirek ni Dan Villegas. Ito’y nagmula sa ika-38th year ng Oporto International Film Festival sa Portugal kung saan tatlong Filipino films ang kalahok at kasama na rito ang “Bhoy Intsik” na dinirek ni Joel Lamangan at siya namang pinarangalan ng Special Jury Award. Ang isa pang Filipino entry ay ang “Ang Manananggal sa Unit 2B” na dinirek ni Prime Cruz. Thirty-seven years ang ipinaghintay ni Ian bago siya nakatanggap ng kauna-unahang Best Actor award. Sayang nga lamang at hindi niya ito personal na natanggap but was accepted for him ng director ng pelikula na si Dan Villegas last March 4.

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he said. Assistant Secretary Jonas Soriano of the Office of the Cabinet Secretary said rice importation would be conducted via open tender scheme with the private sector. Meanwhile, the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) distributed certificates of land ownership award (CLOAs) covering 4,266 hectares to 1,680 beneficiaries in Sultan Kudarat. DAR Secretary John Castricones said of the 1,680 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs), 1,396 are Maguindanaons, 227 are from the Manobo tribe, and 57 are Ilocanos and Ilonggos. He said the department will not stop after land distribution. “We will put into action a convergence strategy to provide support services to our farmers.” A Manobo farmer, Tosida Ibal, turned emotional after receiving his CLOA. “Growing up, there were days when there was no food for us to eat until the DAR told us to apply for land. The DAR’s assistance is a blessing from the Almighty. Now the land I till is mine,” Ibal said. A 75-year-old Maguindanaon woman farmer Linang Lagasi was also teary-eyed when she received her CLOA. “I now have something to leave my children with when I die. I hope the government will also provide us with support services to cope with farming our land,” she said.



John Estrada reveals reason for signing with GMA Network

Pumirma ng kontrata ang hunk actor na si John Estrada sa GMA Network ngayong araw, May 2. Aniya, “I feel so welcomed. Maganda ang pag-welcome sa akin so I’m excited.” Present sa contract signing sina GMA SVP for Entertainment Lilybeth Rasonable, VP for Drama Redgie Magno, AVP for Drama Cheryl Ching-Sy, at Program Manager Nini Matilac. Ibinahagi ng 44-year-old actor ang tunay na dahilan ng kanyang paglipat ng istasyon. Saad niya, “It’s a fact naman



na men love challenges. As you mature, siyempre madami kang gustong patunayan sa sarili mo. At sa GMA, medyo maganda talaga [and] interesting ‘yung content. At of course, bagay sa’kin ‘yung versatility na ino-offer nila.” Inamin ni John na gusto niyang makatrabaho ang Kapuso royal couple na sina Dingdong Dantes at Marian Rivera, at maging ang ilang Kapuso artists. “I’m a good friend of Dingdong and Marian. It’s dream for me to work [with them] and marami pang Kapuso talents na napapanood ko, maraming magagaling na artista dito.”

Candid SPOOF

(Pop-ups are not supposed to be taken seriously - EDITOR)



Mel Galeon of FV Foods takes a selfie with Kapuso star Alden Richards as Alan Ocampo looks on.



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ABOVE, Dr. Solon Guzman poses during a sala sala for his birthday at the office.

1. FV Foods' Mel Galeon pose with Kapuso star Lovi Poe.
2. FV Foods' Alan Ocampo and Mel Galeon pose with Kapuso stars Lovio Poe, Dingdong Dantes and Jenlynn Mercado.
3. FV Foods' Mel Galeon and Alan Ocampo pose with kapuso star Alden Richards.



Matteo insists no proposal in Palawan: Just vacation

SARAH Geronimo attended the wedding of her good friend Rachelle Anne Go in Boracay and some folks said she somewhat hinted that she wants to follow soon. Her fans are intrigued and thrilled and wanted to know if her BF Matteo Guidicelli has officially proposed to her when they had a recent vacation in Palawan and they even did a duet together. At the presscon of Matteo's new movie, "Single Single, Love is Not Enough", which opens in theaters today, he was asked about this and he quickly denied that a formal proposal to Sarah was ever made.

"Walang gan'on," he says. "Bakasyon lang talaga 'yun. We went to the farm of my cousin in Palawan where they cultured pearls at natuwa kami ni Sarah to see how these precious gems, the golden pearls, are made. It's really so amazing. It was a happy vacation but 'yun lang talaga' yun. Basta as of now, we're happy and satisfied with our relationship. Four years na rin kami. Kung may problems na dumarating, we work it out and things are good."

So he's not envious that there have been so many weddings in showbiz lately, like that of Billy Crawford and Coleen Garcia? "I have other friends, non-showbiz, na ikinasal na rin and I'm really happy for them. But kami, we're not in a hurry. Basta we support each other, we're happy in our respective careers and we celebrate each other's successes. Even if we don't work together, we take time out to date, we have fun time together, we even get to travel together. We're still happy being single single kasi pareho kaming marami pang pangarap sa buhay. Darating din naman ang settling down at the right time, in God's own time."

Doing a movie like "Single Single" is something he really enjoyed. "This will be an eye-opener for single millennials. It started as a TV series on Cinema One and was very successful, sa ngayon, movie na siya. It shows situations that young people get into, especially those about relationships. Dito, magkasama kami ni Shaina Magdayao sa isang condo unit. We become lovers, then it turns out she is pregnant, but I'm not the father. What happens next is something you should really watch kasi it will show what the title says, 'Love is Not Enough'. There are really other important factors you should consider when you get into a relationship."

Vice Ganda admits battling depression: "Ang dami kong pera, ba't hindi ako masaya?"

Vice Ganda on cause of his depression: "Pinaglaruan lang talaga ako ng devil para hindi ko makita yung happiness sa puso ko."

Ayon kay Vice Ganda, nakaka-relate siya kay Sarah Geronimo, na umaming nakakaramdam ng pagod at emptiness sa kabila ng katanyagan. Sa kanyang This Is Me concert sa Las Vegas, Nevada, noong April 29 (US time), nag-open up si Sarah at inaming nakakaramdam siya ng pagiging "empty."

Pahayag ni Vice sa interview sa kanya ng ABS-CBN entertainment reporter na si MJ Felipe, "I actually experienced the same thing recently. "Na-depressed ako. I underwent depression."

Dugtong ng It's Showtime host, kumonsulta siya sa doktor at humingi ng professional help.

"Hindi ako nakakatulog, nagkakaroon ako ng anxiety attack, may mga atake sa akin na nahihirapan akong magtrabaho."

Naisip din daw ni Vice na magpahinga muna sa showbiz. "Nagpaalam nga ako sa management."

"Tinanong ko kung puwede bang hindi na ako mag-filmfest, puwede bang magbawas ako ng show."

"Naging ganun ako."

CAUSE OF DEPRESSION. Nakapag-isip-isip daw si Vice pagkatapos niyang makausap ang showbiz couple na sina Regine Velasquez at Ogie Alcasid.

Kuwento ng box-office star, "Nag-usap kami, nag-share ako sa kanila... as in ang dami kong narinig sa kanila."

"Ang pinakamagandang natutunan ko, yung sinabing, 'The mind is the playground of the devil.'"

Bilang artista, malaki raw ang blessings na naibibigay sa kanila, pero may kaakibat daw itong malaking obligasyon. Saad ni Vice, "Kasi lahat tayo may purpose, e."

"E, yung devil, pinaglaruan yung utak namin para hindi namin ma-serve yung purpose namin."

"Feeling ko, ang devil, pinaglaruan yung utak ko para malungkot ako at hindi ako makapagpatawa."

"Para isipin kong pagod na ako at umayaw na ako, para isipin kong hindi ako blessed at hindi ako masaya, para malungkot ako."

"When, in fact, I felt I am so blessed."

"I am so happy pala. Hindi ko lang 'to napansin..."

"The devil's playing around with our mind para hindi natin ma-serve yung purpose natin, e, ang ganda-ganda ng purpose."

Ita raw ang nagbunsod kay Vice na ayusin ang kanyang mindset.

"Every day, naka-mindset ako, I have to be happy."

"I embrace my happiness and my blessings, and I have to serve my purpose every day."

REST IS IMPORTANT. Binanggit din ni Vice na importante ang pahinga.

"Hindi puwedeng masaya ko lang. Kailangan nakapagpahinga ka rin."

"Pero mahalaga yung mindset na pilin mo yung masaya."

"Kailangan labanan mo talaga yung kalungkutan."

"Isipin mo kung ano yung nagpapasaya sa 'ya."



Photo shows the Toronto Kapuso Lions Club members of the delegation to the 17th Annual District A711 Lions convention which include Emmanuel (Manny) Yango, Joaquin (Jojo) T. Taturan, Rose Tijam, Mario Alpuerto, Joe Nolasco, Michael Roland Cruz, and Dario Agustin. (St. Jamestown News Service Photo)

"Kasi iniisip ko yun, e. I thought I felt I was empty."

Sabi pa raw ni Vice sa sarili, "Ba't ganun, andami kong pera, blockbuster mga pelikula ko, hit ang mga shows ko... ba't hindi ako masaya?"

"Nandyan naman ang pamilya ko. Ba't hindi ako masaya?"

Pero napagtanto raw niyang, "Masaya naman pala ako."

"Pinaglaruan lang talaga ako ng devil para hindi ko makita yung happiness sa puso ko at makita ko lang yung inaakala kong lungkot na meron ako."



Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation Little Miss candidates pose with PCCF officers and judges at the pre-pageant.



Bicol Canada Community Association pose at their Induction dinner with ConGen Rosalinda Prospero at the Scarborough Convention Centre.

