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NATHALIE HART

A SURRENDER TO CHINA

‘Co-ownership of West Philippine Sea a surrender to China’

MANILA, Philippines — President Duterte’s equating joint exploration in the West Philippine Sea with “co-ownership” of resources is a sellout to China, leftist party-list group Bayan

Muna said.
“It can be interpreted not only as

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'Kilig!' Sparks fly in Sharon-Gabby onscreen reunion

Sharon Cuneta and Gabby Concepcion sent their online fans abuzz anew when a clip of their onscreen reunion was finally released.

The two appeared in a McDonald's commercial, which saw them catching up after not seeing each other for several years. The short clip starts with Cuneta eating alone when Concepcion arrives and asks if he could share the table with his ex-wife. Although surprised, Cuneta answers: "Ikaw naman, parang wala tayong pinagsamahan."

Nonoy Zuniga's "Kamusta Ka" then begins playing in the background as Cuneta and Concepcion steal a glimpse of each other while dining.

Twenty minutes since the ad was uploaded, it has already been shared 1,500 times and has been viewed more than 13,000 times.

The commercial marks Cuneta and Concepcion's first time to work together since 1992's "Tayong Dalawa."

It was reported in December 2016 that the pair will be reuniting onscreen, but due to a variety of reasons it was postponed.

Cuneta has said she is still open to a movie with her former husband.

Concepcion and Cuneta are the parents of actress KC Concepcion.

With Train, planting rice is never fun, farmers say



PRECIOUS GRAIN Harvesting palay is a community effort in the village of Pogombo in Aguilar town, Pangasinan province. With the tax reform law raising production costs, consumers are expected to bear the increase in the prices of rice in the market.

CALASIAO, Pangasinan — The tax reform law may have proven the adage that "planting rice is never fun."

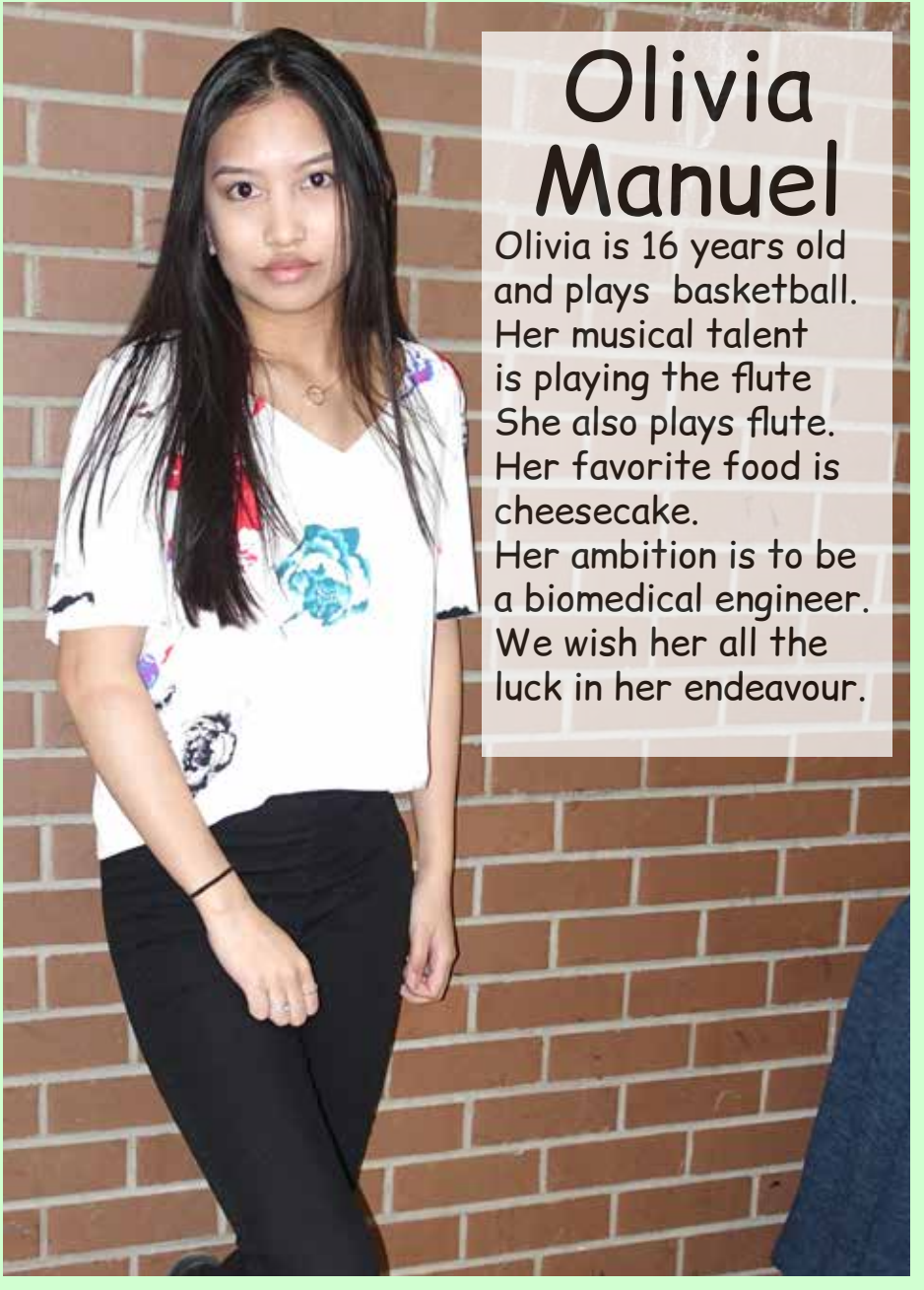
Farmers will spend an additional P1 to produce a kilogram of palay due to the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) law (Republic Act No. 10963), according to Samahang Industriya ng Agrikultura (Sinag).

At present, farmers spend P12 to produce a kg of rice but increases in the cost of farm products due to TRAIN will raise that expense to P13 to P13.50, the group said.

While the government has exempted farmers from paying irrigation water to bring down production costs, those not reached by irrigation systems have to pay for higher cost of diesel to run irrigation machines, also due to the fuel excise tax imposed by TRAIN.

PLANTING RICE
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Honey Shot



Olivia Manuel

Olivia is 16 years old and plays basketball. Her musical talent is playing the flute. She also plays flute. Her favorite food is cheesecake. Her ambition is to be a biomedical engineer. We wish her all the luck in her endeavour.



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Lovi's BF open-minded:

Hot bed scenes not an issue



LOVIPoe is justifiably grinning from ear to ear since everyone who has seen her new movie, “The Significant Other”, says she’s the most effective and persuasive player among the leads. “Hindi naman ako lang,” she demurs, remaining humble. “It’s a group effort. All of us collaborated and gave our best to make sure we’ll come up with a good film and we’re thankful na lahat ng nanood ng movie namin, nagustuhan ito and it’s now doing very well at the box office.” Her Fil-French boyfriend, Chris Johnson, came to the premiere night but he was not with Lovi. He was with his own friends while Lovi joined the rest of her co-stars. But Lovi approached him and gave him a kiss before joining her co-stars. Everyone is wondering what’s Chris reaction when he saw **“It’s a group effort. All of us collaborated and gave our best to make sure we’ll come up with a good film and we’re thankful na lahat ng nanood ng movie namin, nagustuhan ito and it’s now doing very well at the box office.”**

Sam Milby refuses to comment on Mark Bautista’s coming out

Sam Milby doesn’t feel the need to comment on rumors about his friends Piolo Pascual and Mark Bautista. When asked, Sam said, “I’m not part of it so I should not give a comment.” Hangga’t maaari ay ayaw magkomento ni Sam Milby kaugnay ng paglabas ng libro ng kaibigan niyang si Mark Bautista, kung saan inamin ng huli na isa siyang bisexual. Maliban dito, pilit ding inuugnay sa naging rebelasyon ni Mark ang isa pa nilang kaibigan na si Piolo Pascual. Sina Sam, Mark, Piolo—kasama rin sina Christian Bautista at Erik Santos—ay naging bahagi ng Pop Icons, ang all-male group na nagpe-perform noon sa ABS-CBN musical variety show na ASAP. “I feel na, I don’t know... giving a comment would only make the issue bigger. Dagdag pa ni Sam, hindi porke’t kilala niya ang mga taong sangkot sa isang isyu ay kailangan na niyang magbigay ng komento o magtanggol sa kanila. Ayon pa kay Sam, “Ako, when it comes to issue, there’s always an issue that would come up in showbiz. “If you don’t have a proof, it’s hard to really say. So, when it comes to close friends and they have this issue na walang katotohanan talaga, parang nakakaawa na

Lovi’s sizzling hot bed scenes with her leading man, Tom Rodriguez, in the movie. “It’s not at all an issue for him,” says Lovi. “He’s liberal minded and he knows that being an actress, doing such scenes is part of what my job requires. Alam din niyang Tom is a good friend kasi we also played husband and wife on TV in the soap ‘Someone to Watch Over Me’, kaya we’re so comfortable na” Lovi is really doing well on both the big and small screens these days. On TV, her portrayal of Alex in “The One That Got Away” or TOTGA is also a hit. She plays a jolly TV host who’s a “babaeng bakla” (female faggot) in the way she behaves. Satisfied audiences now express in social media how much they’re really enjoying her rollicking performance in various scenes. A new addition in TOTGA is Renz Fernandez, the son of the late Rudy Fernandez. He does very well in his scenes with Lovi, who happens to be the daughter of Da King, Fernando Poe Jr. It’s amusing the children of two action icons of local films now interacting with each other. We’re sure that their respective dads are very proud of them as they are both to play their roles well and they do have great chemistry on screen.

AS FOR HER HOT BED SCENES
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nakakainis din. “Ang daming isyu na walang katotohanan pero ang daming naniniwala. “It’s just funny that so many people believe with what they hear, even if there’s no truth at all. “Siguro you have to understand that it’s part of showbiz also, not pertaining to that issue.” Ang tinutukoy marahil ni Sam ay ang dati niyang isyu kung saan kinukuwestiyon ang kanyang pagkalalaki. “We don’t really talk that much,” pakli ni Sam. “The times that we see each other, nung ASAP dati, pero hindi na ako nag-a-ASAP. “And then, mga times na nagkikita kami, because we’re the same handlers, sa Star Magic, we’re both artists of Tita Lulu [Romero], our handler.” Magkasama rin sa isang Bible group sina Sam at Mark. Nagulat ba siya sa pag-amin ni Mark? “Yeah, we’re part of the Bible study, but I’d rather not comment about the issue,” pag-iwas na ni Sam.

Marian Rivera wants to go indie



Marian Rivera renewed her exclusive contract with GMA Network, Inc. “I’m thinking of doing a film this year. I also want to do an indie movie, ‘yung pang Cinemalaya. I want to try something that I haven’t done before,” she said. But asked if she could work with other stars in the rival network, the candid Marian remarked in vernacular, “If they want to work with me, then they should be the one to come over here.” Marian, who has been a Kapuso for more than a decade, feels happy and fulfilled with her renewal of contract with GMA 7. In 2007, she became a household name when she bagged the title role of the top-rating Philippine adaptation of Marimar opposite Dingdong. Apart from her iconic roles in numerous television series, Marian also displayed her versatility when she hosted her own dance show and at the same time, headlined a roster of talk and variety shows in her home network. The popular Kapuso actress is also one of the country’s trusted endorsers and in demand cover girls. She continues to be an inspiration to her fans and supporters

with her charity works and advocacy that is why GMA top guns were delighted when the actress renewed her contract. “Si Marian ay isa sa pinakamaganda at pinakamagaling na artista sa Pilipinas ngayon. Kaya nagalak kami na kasama na naman natin siya at sa tingin ko, malayo pa ang mararating ni Marian at talagang tutulungan natin siyang marating yung sukdulan ng kanyang career,” GMA Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Atty. Felipe L. Gozon said during Marian’s contract renewal signing. Meanwhile, All Access To Artists President Rams David, who was also in attendance during Marian’s contract signing, said he is very excited about this new milestone in Marian’s career as a Kapuso, “Masayang-masaya kami. Ang GMA 7 ang siyang nag-alaga sa kanya from the very start hanggang ngayon na mayroon na siyang pamilya at anak and she is still doing her best na maging worthy na maging Kapuso star and GMA’s Primetime Queen.” Upon hearing all the good words from the big bosses, Marian retorted, “Malaki ang pasasalamat ko sa GMA dahil sobra sobra yung tiwala nila sa akin. Nagpakasal, nagkaanak ako, binibigyan pa rin ako ng magagandang proyekto. Of course, looking forward ako sa mga gagawin pa namin this year.”

Why Yassi can’t fall in love with Sam

YASSI Pressman is launched to solo stardom in Viva’s “Ang Pambansang Third Wheel” that opens in theaters on March 7. At its presscon, we ask her: What exactly does Third Wheel mean? Is it being the other woman or kabit? “No, kabit is being the third party,” says Yassi. “Third Wheel is the extra person na may mahalagang tungkulin sa couples bilang tagakuha ng picture, tagapamagitan at tagadesisyon kunsaan sila kakain. Parang dakilang sobit. That’s the character I play as Trina, an unlucky girl who always falls for the wrong guy. Three men have already broken her heart. Sumasama lang siya sa friends niya pag lumalabas with their boyfriends at naiinggit siya kasi sila, may love life. Siya, wala. Finally, she thinks she hits the jackpot when she meets Sam Milby as Neo, but then her world crumbles when she learned that he already has a son, Alonzo Muhlach, with Sam Pinto as the mother, so third wheel pa

rin siya sa mag-ama. E, gusto sana niya, siya lang ‘yung only one, tapos may kahati pa rin pala siya.” Based on the trailer, it looks like she has ample “kilig” chemistry with Sam Milby. At the presscon, Sam confessed he has a crush on her. Is the feeling mutual? “As of now, sobrang focused talaga ako sa work kasi ang daming blessings na dumarating sa buhay ko ngayon,” she says. “E, matagal ko ring hinintay ito. Kaya the opportunities that came my way now, ayoko pong sayangin. Ayoko ring mahati ang attention ko. Kasi mahirap din ‘yung one half lang ang maibibigay ko sa love life, tapos the other half sa career ko. I’m really a giver kind of person at kapag nagbigay ako, gusto ko, buong-buo. So as of now, sa career na lang muna ako. Maski si Sam naman, he just came from a breakup and we’re both in a place that we’re not entertaining muna ‘yung being in a relationship.”

BAD GUY ROLE BIG CHALLENGE FOR MARTIN

MARTIN Del Rosario plays a villain role in the new GMA afternoon soap, “Hindi Ko Kayang Iwan Ka”, that will replace “Haplos” starting February 26. He plays Lawrence, the college friend of Yasmien Kurdi as Thea who has a secret admiration for her. He drugs her then rapes her, without knowing that he is afflicted with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) and he unknowingly transfers the disease to her. When Yasmien confronts him about this later, he is in denial and won’t admit he’s the culprit in giving her the deadly virus. “Usually, mabait ang roles ko so very challenging for me to play this kind of bad guy role,” says Martin. “Later, the disease will affect me physically and, unlike Thea na nilalabanan ‘yung sakit,

ako, I will deteriorate physically so nagpapapayat talaga ako parang maging credible sa role ko.” Martin is really so busy these days as he’s doing two other regular shows. For Signal TV, he is doing the role of Barbs in “Born Beautiful”, for which he has to shave all the hair on his body to be credible in his role as a transgender. He’s also in the environmental series produced by a Japanese company, “Unbroken Hearts”, with Janine Gutierrez, shot on the beaches of Zambales.





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Janine Gutierrez sees Rayver Cruz as a supportive partner



Janine Gutierrez appreciates that Rayver Cruz gives her encouragement: "Tina-try ko rin na gayahin yung mentality niya na parang tiwala lang."

It's been several months since it came out that Rayver Cruz and Janine Gutierrez have been dating. But the two celebrities have yet to open up about the status of their relationship.

Janine said, "Ganun pa rin, dating. We're taking it easy lang."

"Happy ako, pero both of us are prioritizing work lang talaga."

The 28-year-old actress met with the press at the launch of Earth Hour 2018.

ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTIVE. When asked what Janine liked most about Rayver, the Kapuso star described him as "sobrang encouraging tsaka supportive."

She elaborated, "Ako kasi, medyo mahiyain ako."

"Ang problema ko minsan, palagi ko sine-second guess sarili ko."

"Parang hindi ako masyadong kampante or ganun. So, lately, siya yung palaging nagpapaalala sa akin na, 'Uy, ano ka ba, kaya mo 'yan!'"

"So, siguro, tina-try ko rin na gayahin yung mentality niya na parang tiwala lang."

Rayver confirmed he was courting Janine after they were spotted watching a movie together in June 2017.

Kuwait blasts Duterte's call to evacuate workers

KUWAIT - A top Kuwaiti official condemned on Tuesday a call by Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte to evacuate his country's workers from Kuwait, suggesting Duterte could damage ties between the two countries.

Duterte said last week that his government would ask private airlines to evacuate Filipino nationals from Kuwait within 72 hours, after the discovery of the dead body of a Filipino migrant worker in a freezer.

Two planes full of workers arrived in Manila from Kuwait on Monday on flights provided for free by commercial airlines at the president's request.

The Philippine labor secretary said more than 2,200 Filipinos were ready to take up Duterte's offer.

"We are surprised and we condemn statements from the Philippine president,

especially as we are in contact with the Philippines on a high level to explain the workers' conditions in Kuwait," said Kuwait's Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid al-Sabah.

He was speaking at a joint news conference with U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson during a meeting in Kuwait of the global coalition against Islamic State.

"Escalation does not serve the ties between Kuwait and the Philippines," Sheikh Sabah said, adding that 170,000 Filipinos "live a decent life in Kuwait ... but separate accidents unfortunately happen, and we are providing our Filipino counterparts with the results of the investigations."

The Philippines suspended sending workers to Kuwait in January after reports that abuse by employers had driven several to suicide.

Camille Prats on going up against Jodi Sta. Maria's show:

"It's a healthy competition."

Camille Prats on ignoring network war: "Ang goal lang naman natin ay magtrabaho nang masaya at makapagbigay saya sa mga viewers natin, yun lang."

Sa tuwing magkakaroon ng bagong show ang isang TV network, kadalasan ay agad itong ikinukumpara ng avid fans sa katapat na programa.

Katulad ngayong magsisimula na ang bagong daytime series ng GMA Network na Ang Forever Ko'y Ikaw, hindi maiiwasan

ng mga manonood na ikumpara ito sa ipinalabas nang teleserye ng ABS-CBN, ang Sana Dalawa ang Puso Ko.

Ang Ang Forever Ko'y Ikaw ay pagbibidahan nina Camille Prats at Neil Ryan Sese.

Tampok naman sa Sana Dalawa Ang Puso Ko sina Jodi Sta. Maria, Richard Yap, at Robin Padilla.

Pero para kay Camille, hindi ito dapat maging dahilan ng network war.

Saad ng actress-TV host, "Para sa akin, hindi ko nararamdaman na mayroon pang network war."



CAMILLE PRATS
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INVITATION

To all Bicolanos and Bicolanas (Devotees to the Virgin of Penafrancia)
The 3rd. month Novena Devotions to the Virgin of Penafrancia will be on March 18, 2018, Sunday . (3rd. Sunday of March 2018)

NOTE : Feast Day Celebrations will be on the 3rd Saturday of September, (September 15, 2018.) With Fluvial Parade at the Bluffers Lake.

This month's Novena Devotions:

Date: March 18, 2018, 3rd Sunday of February

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Elisse Joson reacts on being a replacement for Andrea Brillantes in ASAP’s BFF5

Fans of Andrea Brillantes can’t help but wonder if she’s still a member of BFF5.

Elisse Joson reacts on being a replacement for Andrea Brillantes in ASAP’s BFF5

Elisse Joson has spoken up on Hotspot with DJ Jhai Ho about being part of BFF5, the girl group in ASAP initially composed of Maris Racal, Loisa Andalio, Ylona Garcia, Kira Balinger and Andrea Brillantes.

Fans were left confused when Elisse, who was announced as a new member, performed with the group instead of Andrea.

“Lagi naman sigurong may changes na mangyayari kasi sa ASAP kasi laging may changes, laging may fresh na ginagawa ganun,” Elisse said of the changes that happened.

She said that she has performed with the girl group before but no one initially said anything that she was indeed already a member.

“Recently lang nasabi sa akin, yung handler ko na every Sunday na akong mag-a-ASAP and then part na daw po ako ng BFF5,” Elisse added.

When asked if she is indeed a replacement for Andrea or if Andrea will return and make it a six-girl team, Elisse has this to say: “Actually wala akong alam sa part na yun eh.”

Vin Abrenica and Sophie Albert back together?

Based on their sweet vacation photos in Bali, Indonesia, it looks like ex-couple Vin Abrenica and Sophie Albert are back in each other’s arms.

From the way Vin Abrenica and Sophie Albert are cozying up in Bali, Indonesia, the ex-couple looked like they never parted ways, if at all.

It was Sophie who first posted on Instagram a photo of her leaning close to Vin’s chest, while the Kapamilya actor has his left arm around the Kapuso actress’ waist.

Below was Sophie’s Instagram post yesterday, February 13:

Note that it was on September 9, 2016 when Sophie confirmed that she and Vin have broken up so they can focus on their respective showbiz careers.

In a separate interview the following day, September 10, Vin echoed Sophie’s sentiments saying

that their breakup was a mutual decision.

At the time, Vin has just transferred to ABS-CBN and Sophie has just left TV5.

Both stars started their showbiz career via the now-defunct TV5 reality show Artista Academy in 2012.

But after a year and a half of being apart, the two seemed to have found love with each other again.

In his own Instagram story, Vin showed a picture where he and Sophie were all smiles while staring at each other.

The 26-year-old actor captioned it with a cute but very telling heart emoji.

If their earlier photos are still not enough proof of their rekindled romance, Sophie’s got another photo where she and Vin are enjoying a fantastic view of Bali sunset.

The 27-year-old The One That Got Away actress’ short but sweet caption was, “Happy hearts”



Why Ricky wasn’t invited to son’s wedding

Ricky Davao’s eldest child and only son, Kenneth, got married last Thursday. We saw the pictures posted on social media and the first thing we noticed is that Ricky was not in any of the photos at all.

We inquired why he wasn’t there and a mutual friend told us: “Simple, he was not at all invited. He was so surprised when he learned from someone na ikakasal na ‘yung anak niya and he wasn’t even informed.”

How sad, isn’t it? We heard Ricky and his son had a conflict because Kenneth didn’t like it when his dad gives him advice about his life. They haven’t been on speaking terms for a while and we’re told it’s his mom, Jackielou Blanco, who spent for his wedding.

But Ricky is in very good terms with his two daughters, Rikkie Mae, and the youngest one, Arabella, who’s now studying in Lisle, France. He even accompanied Arabella when she moved to France last month.

Sayang. The wedding could have been a good opportunity for the father and son to forgive each other, forget their ‘samaan ng loob’ and reconcile. Jackie should have insisted for Kenneth to invite his dad so his marriage can have a good start. It would have been nice if his marriage had the blessing of both his parents.

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“Of course, the competition will always be there, but it’s a healthy competition.

“Sa co-artists, sa mga katrabaho ko, wala akong nararamdaman na personal na atake.

“Ang goal lang naman natin ay magtrabaho nang masaya at makapagbigay saya sa mga viewers natin, yun lang.”

Makakatapat ni Camille bilang lead actress ang matagal na rin niyang kilala sa industriya na si Jodi.

Ssa pagitan ng mga artista, wala naman daw personal na competition ang isa’t isa.

“I’m a big fan of her and I like how... she’s also a Christian,” sabi ng Kapuso actress tungkol sa Kapamilya actress.

“Yung mga messages niya ay very uplifting.

“Sabi ko nga, it’s what I like in a person, yung beliefs niya, yun mga bagay na I admire about her.

“Wala, lahat ng ito ay trabaho lang at makapagbigay ng saya.”

DIFFERENT STORY. Pagdating naman sa istorya ng kani-kanilang mga teleserye, malayo raw ang Ang Forever Ko’y

Ikaw sa makakatapat nitong programa.

“Going against their show, napapanood ko rin naman yung show nila, malayo ang kuwento nila sa isa’t isa.

“Mas natural din ang atake namin sa things, hindi parang mabigat na parang alam mong sa pelikula lang mangyayari.

“Sa amin, mas reality yung home base namin.

“Yun ang gusto naming i-touch sa mga tao.

“Sana mahalín nila ito because of its rawness, how they can really relate in the story.”

Dagdag pa ni Camille, “Actually, halos lahat naman ngayon is moving towards the love angle.

“Although meron namang iba na mabigat pa rin. Siyempre, nandiyan pa rin yung mga nawalan ng anak, gustong maghiganti, revenge type.

“But I think the Philippines needs more love and comedy more than anything else.

“Gusto natin ng mas magaan at mas nakakatawang buhay araw-araw.

“Morning show ito, ibig sabihin, gusto nating simulan ang araw nang masaya lang.”

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Japan Aircon Maker Leaves Philippines

‘Changing’ Government Policies Every President is Bad for Business

MANILA - One of the country’s leading firms in the airconditioning industry could not convince its Japanese parent company to put up a production hub in the Philippines, partly because investors feel they are “not protected” under the constantly changing investment climate.

Top officials of Daikin Airconditioning Philippines Inc. complained about the lack of long term continuity in the country’s policies, noting that investors want to see the rules that are sustained beyond one administration.

Partly because of this, they said their parent company, Daikin Industries, Ltd., had decided to open a production hub in Vietnam in order to help meet the growing global demand for its products, instead of putting it up here in the Philippines.

Daikin’s operations in Vietnam sell a million units annually, around ten times larger than its sales here in the Philippines, wherein only less than a hundred thousand units are sold in a year.

However, in spite of the sales difference, the country could have hosted the production facility if there were “attractive” tax packages and a sense of continuity in its policies, according to Bart Roa, deputy division manager under the company’s sales operations.

“Even though our unit sales are not big, if our [tax] packages are very attractive for investors, of course, they would choose

the Philippines as their production hub. But that’s not the case. Here, they’re scared because they’re not protected,” he said in Filipino.

The complaint did not necessarily center around the Duterte administration, as officials noted that the policy changes from one president to another. Previous administrations were also guilty of this.

However, this comes as the Duterte administration is introducing a series of tax packages, including one which would rationalize the tax incentives that companies like Daikin could have benefited from.

If the company set up in an economic zone, it would eventually only pay five percent gross income earned (GIE) tax in lieu of all taxes, a perk which essentially has no expiration date. This is under the currently available tax incentives.

However, according to the proposed second tax package from the Department of Finance, the perk would be replaced with a reduced corporate income tax rate of 15 percent based on net taxable income. This 15 percent tax rate could be continued for another five years on a per-project basis.

Still bullish years forward

Daikin is currently the world’s bestselling airconditioning company, but its local branch is not as popular here in the

Philippines, especially since majority of households still patronize window-type aircon units. Daikin only sells split-type aircon units.

This comes as Daikin Philippines expects to sell P3.3 billion worth of aircon units once the current fiscal year ends this March, according to Jed Caburian, division manager under the company’s sales operations. He attributed it partly to brand awareness.

The company’s airconditioning units are not present in major appliance centers, relying instead on its vast dealership to reach to consumers. Caburian said that its network grew from 43 dealers in 2011 to more than 300 currently.

“We’re gaining back the brand awareness of Daikin. We have invested a lot in the past 2 years in brand awareness,” he said.

Should the target be reached, this means that the company’s sales would have grown 32 percent from the previous fiscal year, which is consistent to its annual sales growth of at least 30 percent since 2010.

Moving forward, he said the company would grow 40 to 50 percent in terms of worth of sales in the next fiscal year. Currently the third largest market player in both the household and commercial segment, Daikin officials said they could challenge the number one spot within three years.

Yassi Pressman on why she doesn’t focus on hugot:

“Mas masarap ‘yung nakangiti ka kaysa nakasimangot.”

For Yassi, it’s best to celebrate the joys of love—whatever your relationship status.

Yassi Pressman is single right now, but she is not bitter. She believes there’s joy in focusing on the people who

bring sweetness into her life, like her father. “Wala siyang kasing sweet. Sa lahat ng bagay, hinuhuli niya ang sarili niya, so laging lahat ng mga tao before him,” she says. “Lagi niyang iniisip kung ano ‘yung mga magpapasaya sa amin, ano ‘yung magpapa-smile sa amin.”



ANTI-HUGOT. During this interview, Yassi revealed that she chooses to celebrate life and she does not focus on hugot.

“Masasabi ko rin naman na may mga phases ang lahat ng tao sa pagiging bitter, lalo na ‘pag galing sa pain or breakup,” she says. “Pero masaya maging masaya, masarap ‘yung sweet, [at mas] masarap yung nakangiti ka kaysa nakasimangot.”

She acknowledges that choosing to be happy after a breakup is not easy for everyone: “Puwedeng hindi pa sila nakaka-move on, puwedeng hindi pa sila nakakahanap ng ibang bagay na magpapasaya sa kanila, or kulang pa sila ng panibagong sweetness.”

KEEP SMILING. Yassi shares what keeps her smiling, regardless of her relationship status: “Nag-e-enjoy ako kapag sama-sama kami ng friends ko, or sama-sama ng family.

“Usually dinner ‘yan, or minsan movie. Kung hindi man sa bahay, sa labas.”

Yassi isn’t one for bold gestures, though. “Kahit simple, yummy food, okay na.”

To level up the fun at these gatherings with friends, she suggests, “If you want na simulan ang fun ng barkada, why don’t you just open a bottle of San Miguel Flavored Beer?

“It is also nice to relax sometimes, especially when you drink moderately.”

FUN WITH FRIENDS. Yassi also believes that outdoor activities make for sweet moments with friends and family: “I like adventure and sports. I think sports is still an adventure to me every day.”

Yassi is into mountain climbing, biking, swimming, and going to the beach. If she can do all of these while traveling, that would be her sweet spot.

THE SWEETEST THING. What is the sweetest thing someone has done for Yassi?

“Last year, pagkauwi ko sa bahay, when I was nominated pa lang for an award—nominated pa lang, ha—I came home to flowers and a teddy bear.”

Who was it from? “Hindi naman special someone [at] romantic.”

DADDY’S GIRL. Yassi follows her dad’s example when it comes being sweet towards others.

“Mapapansin ng kahit sino—tanungin mo sa friends ko, even on the set—I am really sweet to a lot of people.

“To ‘yung mga kasama ko sa tent sa taping and to my friends, I am really, I think, a sweet person, so I guess—especially to the ones I love—extra [sweet ako].

“I think sacrifice is one of the sweetest things. Siguro ‘yung sweetest way ko of showing love [for someone] is that I will accept a lot of things—even if they hurt me—as long as it makes you happy.”

ENVIRONMENTAL CRACKDOWN

DOT prepares for less tourists in Boracay

PHILIPPINES - The Department of Tourism (DOT) is preparing for an expected drop in tourist arrivals in Boracay amid the government’s crackdown on business establishments violating environmental laws in the island resort.

“We are ready for that. We know that people love to go to Boracay. What we want to make is an appeal that, for the meantime, as we make the island recover and bring back its paradise feel, we can direct them to other destinations,” Tourism Undersecretary Frederick Alegre said.

“Yan ang advantage natin. There are

many other destinations they can go to,” Alegre said.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu has tasked the Department of Environment and Natural Resources regional office to issue notices of violations and closure orders on some 300 business establishments in Boracay for supposedly violating environmental laws.

Duterte threatened to shut down the island resort if environmental issues are not addressed in six months. The President tasked Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu to lead a task force that will address

problems within the prescribed period. Alegre said Boracay brings in so much income in terms of tourism receipts, “but we have to do this if we want to maintain it.” In January to October 2017, Boracay island was visited by 1.669 million tourists and generated P46.526 billion in tourism receipts, data from the Aklan Provincial Tourism Office showed.

Foreigners and Filipinos who live abroad accounted for P31.769 billion of the tourism-related revenue, while domestic tourists spent P14.757 billion.

74 ‘rude’ foreigners barred from entering PH in 2017

Arriving passengers wait for their turn at the Immigration counter at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1

MANILA - At least 74 foreigners were not allowed to enter the Philippines in 2017 for disrespecting Immigration officers, the Bureau of Immigration said.

“The entry and stay of foreigners in the country

is not a right but a mere privilege. Thus, they (foreigners) ought to show respect and courtesy to immigration officers upon their arrival in our ports of entry,” Immigration Commissioner Jaime Morente said in a statement.

Some foreigners were blacklisted after they left the country for being rude to “subport officers,” he added.

Under a memorandum order issued in 2001, foreigners may be denied entry to the country should

they “show disrespect or make offensive utterances to symbols of Philippine authority.”

Rude foreigners will also be blacklisted by the Philippines, but they can appeal his or her inclusion in the list by “apologizing for his conduct” or by “citing meritorious reasons,” Morente said.

“This is done to teach these arrogant and discourteous foreigners the lesson that ours is a sovereign country whose authority they should respect,” he said.

Martha Joy in Concert



FIRST, Don Laurel sings some tunes with Elaine Virola at Rembrandt (PHOTO BY RAYMOND SANTOS). SECOND, Elaine Virola gets Zena Zagala to join her (PHOTO BY RAYMOND SANTOS). THIRD, Philip Beloso poses with Martha Joy. FOURTH, Lady Elvis Zena Zagala (2ND FROM LEFT) poses with friends after the show. FIFTH, Singer Martha Joy entertains the crowd on Valentines at Rembrandt (PHOTO BY RAYMOND SANTOS).

YAM SURE ABOUT BF’S GENDER

WE ask Yam Conception if she had second thoughts doing kissing scenes with Paolo Ballesteros in “Amnesia Love” knowing he’s gay? “No, pareho lang naman, kahit lalaki o gay. And we’re both professionals. Also, Paolo is such a joy to work with kasi laging nakakatawa ang mga hirit niya kaya we’re just having fun on the set. We shot the film in an island



na kulang sa facilities and he’s very caring, maalaga talaga.” How would she feel if she’d find out that her boyfriend has had a relationship with a gay? “I’m sure I’d feel hurt. Sana naman, walang mangyaring ganyan sa’kin. I have a boyfriend now, but he’s working in the States. Long distance relationship kami, but I’m sure totoo siyang lalaki.

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toning exercises including the “Elvis Pelvis” to help readers and their partners think sexy. To do this move, stand naked facing your partner and press your pelvises together for balance. Raise your arms to the ceiling and lean back while maintaining pelvic contact. Hold for three seconds, repeat five times.

No doubt about it, “sex is good exercise,” says Laura Berman, PhD, LCSW, a clinical assistant professor of obstetrics-gynecology and psychiatry at the Feinberg School of Medicine of Northwestern University in Chicago, and director of the Berman Center. “It gets your heart rate up even if you are not having extremely acrobatic sex,” she tells WebMD.

Mix It Up
“Sex is a form of exercise especially if you incorporate different positions,” she says. “If you move around a little bit and flex your muscles, it can be a very good exercise,” she says.
Recent research shows that exercise in short bursts over the course of the day can be as effective as 30 to 40 minutes in a row. “You could use sex as 15 to 20 minutes of your exercise routine and then do something else at a different point of the day.”
Another perk: “Sex is the kind of exercise that most people don’t find boring,”

Berman says.
“Getting to the point where you are highly aroused and reaching orgasm can be good cardiovascular activity,” she says. “That’s why we tell people in poor cardiovascular health to avoid sex,” she says.

Healthy Sex Cuts Frustration, Stress

Howard Shapiro, MD, a New York City weight-loss specialist and author of books including the forthcoming Picture Perfect Prescription, puts it this way: “If someone has a healthy sex life, they will be less frustrated and people eat less when they are not frustrated,” he says.

People also eat more when they are lonely, and often people involved in loving sexual relationships are not lonely, he tells WebMD. “A healthy sex life decreases stress and some people turn to food when they under stress.”

Shapiro routinely tells his clients that falling in love and out of love are the two best diets out there. “There is much more than sex involved in weight loss,” he says – namely eating a healthy low-calorie diet.
“If someone is involved in a relationship and has a healthy sex life, that’s great,” he cautions. “But if someone is out there having a lot of sex with a lot of people, it may create stress,” he says. This type of promiscuity can also increase risk of sexually transmitted disease.

Jackie waits for someone who truly deserves her

JACKIE Rice was last seen in the fantasy rom-com, “My Love from the Star”. Now, she’s back in a serious drama, “Hindi Ko Kayang Iwan Ka”, playing one of the contravidas to Yasmien Kurdi. This starts airing this coming Monday, February 26, to replace the current hit, “Haplos”.
“I play Ava Imperial, isang mayamang socialite na dating kasintahan ni Mike Tan as Marco,” she says. “Yung character ko ang tiyak na gugustuhing sampalin ng viewers ng show dahil for sure na maininis sila sa akin.”
So, is she ready for bashers who will pounce on her in social media? “Naku, sorry na lang, wala akong pakialam sa bashers. Hinahayaan ko lang silang magalit dahil hindi ako pumapatol sa kanila. Kahit kung minsan, nasasaktan ako, lalo pag personal ang mga birada nila, dinededma ko na lang. Iniisip ko na lang na kung nagagalit man sila sa akin, it only means na nabibigyan ko ng justice ang role ko at very convincing ang acting ko.”
She’s played lead roles before. Doesn’t she mind playing contravida roles now? “Okay lang naman. Magandang career path ang pagiging character actress kasi you don’t have to worry na ikaw ang magdadala ng buong show. And I guess, alam naman ng GMA kunsaan ilalagay ang mga artista nila, so happy ako. Kasi, hindi ako nawawalan ng project nang matagal, e. May guestings din naman ako sa other drama shows na bida pa rin ako, mabait pa rin, pero mas



enjoy na akong nagtataray. It’s nice to be able to shift to various kinds of roles. Next, gusto ko rin ng bida-kontrabida roles, for a change.”
About her love life, she says she’s been loveless for sometime. “May mga nanliligaw, pero wala akong sinasagot, kasi mas masaya ang buhay ko ngayon. ‘Yung last date ko, non-showbiz, hindi kami magkaintindihan as we’re not on the same wave length. So hinihintay ko na lang kung sino ang ipapadala ni Lord sa akin. As of now, my attitude is aanhin ko naman ang love life kung lagi lang akong pinaiiyak? My past relationships, puro hindi nag-work, e. So I have to let go. I have yet to meet someone who I can feel na truly deserves me.”

VIVA SIGNS UP FIRST KOREAN TALENT

AGRESIBO ang Viva Group of Companies hindi lamang sa paggawa ng projects for cinema and television but also in signing up talents.
Viva Artists Agency has signed up Korean actor Jin Ju Hyung for a five-year contract. Siya ang kauna-unahang foreign talent to be managed by Viva.
Maraming followers ang Korean actor and has appeared in the movie, You and Me.
He had several visits to the country which he considers his second home. He has become fond of eating sinigang and promised to try balut next time.
Working with Filipinos is a dream come true for the Korean heartthrob.



REGAL BREAKS JANELLA-ELMO LOVETEAM
REGAL Entertainment has decided to break up the love team of Elmo Magalana and Janella Salvador. They will not be seen together for their next projects. And this is just as well after their movie, “My Fairy Tail Love Story”, didn’t do as well as expected at the tills. It didn’t even last for one week in some theaters and its run was not at all extended.
Their previous team ups with ABS-CBN, whether on TV in the teleserye “Born for You” or on the big screen in “Bloody Crayons”, also didn’t fare favorably with TV and movie audiences who are obviously not “kinikilig” with their love team. So now, Janella is paired with newcomer Jameson Blake of Hastags in “So Connected”, directed by Jason Paul Laxamana, while Elmo is doing a barkada movie with other young actors in “Walwal Boys”, directed by Jose Javier Reyes. Well, here’s hoping that these new projects of theirs will perform better at the box office this time.
Folks are asking us why we didn’t review “My Fairy Tail Love Story”. It’s because the director, Perci Intalan, is a good friend of ours. So we’re partial about it and we’d rather not write about our not-so-positive observations on the movie.
Suffice it to say that one reason why people avoided is because of Janella’s lamentable tiff with her own unstoppable mom that undoubtedly had very negative effects on her career. We hope it will not have the same dismal effect on her “So Connected” movie, since it’s obvious that she and her mom are not at all well connected at this point.



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PH joins global alliance to beat IS



Members of a U.S.-led coalition fighting against the Islamic State group pose for a group photograph in Kuwait City, Kuwait, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018. Members of the U.S.-led coalition group met Tuesday at Kuwait's Bayan Palace as American officials are pressing their partners to refocus efforts, overcome rivalries and concentrate on the eradication from Iraq and Syria of the extremist group.

The Philippines has joined a United States-led broad international coalition that seeks to crush terror organization Islamic State (IS), Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson announced.

"We were able to announce today it's now 75 members because we welcomed the Philippines," Tillerson said in a joint press briefing with the Kuwaiti foreign minister, which transcript was made avail-

able at state.gov.

The US-led Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS was formed in 2014.

Kuwait played host to the meeting of the anti-ISIS coalition and announced a donation of \$330 million to help fund Iraq's reconstruction.

"As ISIS has evolved, so has the coalition.

The guiding principles that were adopted by the coalition today lay out our vision for the future role of the coalition to continue this fight against ISIS," Tillerson said.

According to Tillerson, the coalition was committed to "destroying ISIS wherever it may be, denying its ability to recruit, move foreign terrorist fighters, transfer funds, and spread their false propaganda

across the internet and other social media vehicles."

The Philippine government has yet to announce its participation in the coalition.

In May 2017, the ISIS-inspired Maute group besieged Marawi City in the Southern Philippines. This prompted President Rodrigo Duterte to declare martial law across the Mindanao region.

The battle between the Maute group and government troops lasted for nearly five months, which resulted in the displacement of thousands of civilians and left Marawi City in ruins.

The militants were defeated and failed to establish an ISIS territory or wilayat in Mindanao.

During the so-called Marawi City siege, the US extended its support to the Philippines by providing counter-terror weapons to Philippine soldiers. The US also pledged aid in the rehabilitation of the war-torn city.

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a sellout but as total surrender of our national territory to the Chinese," Bayan Muna Rep. Carlos Zarate said.

"It sends a dangerously wrong message that the Duterte administration disregards our hard won victory at the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea," he said

Zarate recalled that on July 12, 2016, the tribunal, in a 501-page award, decided in favor of the Philippines and declared that China does not have historic rights to the South China Sea or West Philippine Sea, and that its "nine-dash line" claim had no legal basis. Beijing vowed not to comply with the ruling issued by Permanent Court of Arbitration based in The Hague.

Zarate said Duterte's co-ownership statement "is reversing our country's historic victory at the international tribunal and he is now giving the West Philippine Sea to China on a silver platter."

"Justifying the arrangement with China as co-ownership can even be construed as capitulation to China's militarization program in the area," he said.

He said the Chinese became aggressive in the disputed territories after they completed a joint marine seismic research during the Arroyo administration.

China saw the resources those areas hold and have since militarized them, he added.

In Marawi City, Duterte said China has offered joint exploration in some of the disputed islets and features in the West Philippine Sea.

It's like co-ownership and it's better than fighting the Chinese, he said.

Zarate said some of the contested sea features clearly belong to the Philippines, as they are within the country's 200-mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

"Recto Bank or Reed Bank, for instance, which is not far from Palawan and

which is reportedly rich in natural gas and oil, is within our EEZ. It should be ours. The President should not declare it as co-owned by China," he said.

In fact, Zarate said previous administrations had awarded contracts to Filipino companies to explore for natural gas in Recto Bank. He added the Duterte government should resume exploration in that area even if China opposes it.

Zarate pointed out the country was considering sourcing natural gas from Recto Bank as the nearby Malampaya gas is drying up.

For his part, Rep. Antonio Tinio of Alliance of Concerned Teachers said the President's co-ownership statement "indicates that Duterte is prepared to give away our national patrimony in the West Philippine Sea...and to throw the favorable international court ruling in the gutter."

"He has thoroughly exposed himself as the principal agent of Chinese economic, political, and military expansion in the Philippines," he said.

Former national security adviser and Parañaque representative Roilo Golez urged Malacañang to clarify Duterte's pronouncement of "co-ownership" with Beijing.

"This thing needs immediate Palace clarification. If not, it might affect our legal position. Those kind of statements can be used against our own legal position because it tends to show that we are acknowledging China's ownership of whatever percentage there is in our very West Philippine Sea. I am just hoping the President was simply misquoted," Golez said.

He said the international arbitral ruling is clear that not a single square inch in the West Philippine Sea is owned by China.

Golez pointed out the international tribunal ruling in favor of the Philippines has become part of an international law

that must be respected and adhered to.

An agreement

But Malacañang said a joint exploration is only an agreement like "between two corporate entities."

"We are not entering into a sovereign agreement for exploration. It will be an agreement, if we do, between two corporate entities," presidential spokesman Harry Roque said.

Roque cited as precedent the Joint Marine Seismic Undertaking (JMSU) entered into by the Philippines and China during the Arroyo administration.

Roque stressed that allowing a private firm to start joint exploration with a Chinese group anytime soon under the present administration would not be tantamount to surrendering the country's sovereign rights over areas clearly within Philippine territory.

The JMSU is a tripartite agreement between the Philippines, China and Vietnam to conduct seismic exploration in an area spanning 142,886 square meters west of Palawan.

Legal luminaries have argued the 1987 Constitution explicitly provides that the state shall have full control and supervision over the exploration, development and utilization of the country's natural resources, including marine wealth in its archipelagic waters, territorial seat and exclusive economic zone. The use and enjoyment of the resources are exclusive to Filipino citizens.

They also pointed out that the government could allow services or the contract of services of corporations wholly or 60 percent owned by Filipinos.

The Philippines suspended exploration in the Reed Bank in 2014 as it pursued international arbitration to challenge Beijing's massive territorial claim.



Kathryn reacts to Liza-Daniel 'tease'

KATHRYN Bernardo has mixed emotions about their hit action-fantasy, "La Luna Sangre", as it ends next Friday, to be replaced by "Bagani" by the LizQuen loveteam. "Ang dami kong ginawang firsts sa show na ito kaya it'll be very memorable for me," says Kathryn. "Remember that when the series started, I was playing two different characters, Miyo and Toni. At 'yung si Mio, lalake, so first time ko to play a man kaya binago ko hitsura ko pati moves ko. First time ko ring mag-action nang todo-todo and I'd really like to thank Daniel dahil inalalayan niya ako talaga sa fight scenes ko at sa stunts ko. Hindi biro 'yung role ko as Malia dahil nahirapan talaga ako. At dahil halos isang taon kaming nagte-taping almost everyday, may nabuo kaming pamilya sa set kaya nagse-separation anxiety rin ako now as the show is about to end."

What are the good qualities of Malia that she imbibed and would like to retain in herself even after the show is over?

"Una sa lahat, 'yung power of love. Ang pagmamahal, 'yan pa rin ang pinakamakapangyarihan sa lahat. Ang dami naming pinagdaanan dito ni Daniel as Tristan and Malia, but at the end of the day, we show na kahit gaano kasama ang isang tao, you can change him through love. Hindi madali ang naging journey namin but the important thing is hawak kamay pa rin kami para malampasan lahat ng mga pagsubok and I can apply that in real life."

Recently, TV host Robi Domingo was bashed by KathNiel fans for teasing Daniel and Liza Soberano at the ASAP backstage. What can she say this?

"For me, walang problema," she says. "Hindi issue at all. Tumawag si Robi, nag-sorry pa. Kilala ko siya, I'm sure wala siyang masamang intention. Na-misinterpret lang siya ng ibang tao. So tigilan na nila ang pamba-bash sa kanya kasi okay kaming dalawa."

So what's in store for the KathNiel loveteam now that "La Luna Sangre" is ending? "We have a show abroad, U.S. tour in March, then pagbalik namin sa April, we'll start shooting a new movie under Direk Cathy Molina. So abangan nyo 'yun. As of now, we just want to thank all the viewers who supported 'LaLuna Sangre' at huwag kayong bibitaw dahil marami pang pasabog sa last few episodes."

AMAZING MICHAEL V

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Ombudsman dismisses CW Gwen Garcia

House Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez refuses to follow order

MANILA, Philippines – Saying “there is nothing in the Constitution” that allows it, House Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez said on Monday, February 12, that he would “definitely not” implement the Ombudsman’s dismissal order against Cebu 3rd District Representative and Deputy Speaker Gwen Garcia (PHOTO).

“My appropriate action is not to implement the order. Why? Because there is nothing in the Constitution that allows me to do that. In fact, it is not within the power of the Ombudsman to discipline, much more to remove any member of the House of Representatives. If I dismiss [Garcia], I would be violating the Constitution,” said Alvarez in an interview with media.

Article XI of the Constitution, however, specifies under Accountability of Public Officers, that the Ombudsman may: “Direct the officer concerned to take appropriate action against a public official or employee at fault, and recommend his removal, suspension, demotion, fine, censure, or prosecution, and ensure compliance therewith.”

The Ombudsman announced its decision

to dismiss Garcia over the purchase of the nearly P100-million Balili property back in 2008. Half of the property, it turned out, was underwater and part of a mangrove area.

Members of Congress say only they can suspend, sanction, or dismiss congressional members.

Alvarez said he considered the Ombudsman’s order a dismissal order for Garcia as governor, and not as representative of Cebu’s 3rd District. Garcia was governor of the province when the purchase was made.

“The order was late. It should have come out when she was still governor,” added Alvarez.

Pressed on the legality of the Ombudsman’s order, Alvarez insisted: “Wala akong makita sa Constitution, kanina ko pa binabasa, walang provision na nagsasabi na puwedeng gawin ‘yun (I’ve been reading the Constitution and I cannot find a provision that says [the Ombudsman] can [sanction a sitting member of Congress]).”

Garcia had earlier criticized the “timing” of the Ombudsman’s order, linking it to



her participation in an ongoing House justice committee hearing to determine probable cause in an impeachment case against Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno.

Alvarez’s opinion differs from that of House Majority Leader Rodolfo Fariñas, who had earlier told reporters that they would “refer to plenary” the case of Garcia. Fariñas, who is also a lawyer, said they would determine too if the Ombudsman’s order was valid in the first place.

Similarly in 2016, the Ombudsman tried – but failed – to dismiss a sitting member of Congress. It ordered the dismissal of Senator Joel Villanueva in 2016 but the Senate voted not to enforce the order, adopting the opinion that only Congress can sanction its members.

Senate lawyer Maria Valentina Cruz argued then that under Republic Act 6770 or the Ombudsman Act of 1989 and the Ombudsman’s Rules of Procedure, the Ombudsman has no disciplinary and administrative authority, respectively, over members of Congress.



Director Antoinette “Tonet” Jadaone admits feeling frustrated about delays in shooting for her upcoming movie with James Reid and Nadine Lustre, titled Never Not Love You. “Sumama [ang loob] bilang isang storyteller, bilang isang creator, bilang isang director na mahal yung pelikula.” However, she says that she understands Nadine’s situation.

Director Tonet Jadaone speaks up about delayed shooting of Ja-Dine movie

Nagsalita na ang direktor na si Antoinette ‘Tonet’ Jadaone tungkol sa pagkaka-delay ng shooting ng pelikula nina Nadine Lustre at James Reid, ang Never Not Love You.

Sabi niya, “Huwag tayong maniwala sa sabi-sabi. Huwag tayo maniwala sa tsismis.”

Hindi na nagdetalye pa si Direk Tonet tungkol sa pagkakaantala ng shooting, subalit tiniyak niyang matutuloy ang pelikula.

“Tuloy po. Na-delay, pero tuloy yung movie.”

Subalit inamin din ng female director na sumama ang loob niya sa pagkaka-delay ng pelikula, “Sumama [ang loob] bilang isang storyteller, bilang isang creator, bilang isang director na mahal yung pelikula.”

Nang tanungin tungkol sa mga diumano’y parinigan na naganap sa social media, tumanggi nang magsalita si Direk Tonet.

“Hindi ko alam. Ayoko na magsalita!

“Feeling ko kasi, pinapalaki siya kapag naniniwala sa tsismis, sa mga sabi-sabi.”

Subalit naiintindihan daw niya ang naging kundisyon ni Nadine kaya na-pack up ang shooting nila.

Matatandaang sinabi ni Nadine na na-delay ang shooting dahil naging madalas ang kanyang pagkakasakit.

Nagap-alaman din ng aktres sa kanyang doktor na mayroon siyang inverted cervical curve.

DID NADINE UNFOLLOW TONET? “Hindi niya kasi talaga ako pina-follow, so imposibleng i-unfollow niya ako.

“Si James yung nagpa-follow sa akin. Nagkaroon yata ng technical something doon sa Instagram niya, parang auto.”

Magre-resume daw ang shooting ng Never Not Love You ngayong Pebrero, at nasa 60 percent na ang kanilang natatapos para sa pelikula.

DIREK TONET’S BLOG POST. Noong January 13, Sabado, nag-post si Direk Tonet tungkol sa biglaang pagkansela sa dapat sana’y shooting nila noong araw na iyon, sa hindi malamang dahilan.

Nasundan naman ito ng isang blog post noong January 15, kung saan inamin ng direktor na siya ay “worried” sa “erratic” shooting schedule ng kanyang pelikula na tinawag niyang “#foolish-movie.”

Direk Tonet did not anme the movie but netizens sensed it was the JaDine movie. The original title of the movie was Five Years Later, then became Here’s To The Fools, until it became Never Not Love You.

Then netizens speculated on the reasons for the delay January 13.

May ilang netizens na nagsabing ang “sobrang kalasingan” diumano ni James ang dahilan kung bakit hindi ito nakasipot sa shooting.

May nagsabi namang nagkasakit si Nadine kaya hindi ito nakarating sa shooting.

But Direk Tonet did not answer the speculations anymore.

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lead to health problems due to its high fat content.

However, in a study published by BBC recently, pork fat has been crowned the eighth most nutritious food on the planet!

“After analysing more than 1,000 raw foods, researchers ranked the ingredients that provide the best balance of your daily nutritional requirements – and they found a few surprises.”

Needless to say, pork fat is one of the pleasant surprises as it is more unsaturated and healthier than lamb or beef fat. Also, it is a good source of B vitamins and minerals, which are vital for our human body.

Meanwhile, here are the other items that made it to the list of top 10 most nutritious food: Almonds Cherimoya Ocean perch Flat fish Chia seeds Pumpkin seeds Swiss chard Pork fat Beet greens Snapper

Although many find this discovery hard to believe, a nutritionist from Singapore concurred with the result and said that pork fat is actually rich in oleic acid and contains 60 per cent monounsaturated fat.

“Monounsaturated fat and oleic acid are beneficial to our heart, arteries and skin. It can regulate our hormones as well.” “However, excessive consumption of fatty pork will lead to obesity, so it’s best to eat it with vegetables. Boiling or stir frying it is recommended,” she said.

She added that as long as the meat is not processed and doesn’t contain processed lard, the meat should be beneficial to our health with moderate consumption.

How Lovi becomes Erich’s idol after accidental ‘tiff’

Erich Gonzales is so fulfilled that after her hit movie in the recent Metro Filmfest, “Siargao”, she’s now in the cast of another potential hit, “The Significant Other”, a love triangle flick where she plays the controversial role of the other woman and which opens this Wednesday. So, how is it to be the “kabit”?

“Okay naman,” she says. “Very challenging. Na-explain namang mabuti why my character, Nicole, had an affair with Tom Rodriguez. Hindi ko kasi alam na married na siya kay Lovi Poe kasi they kept their marriage a secret para hindi mag-suffer ang career ni Lovi as the country’s top model. But in real life, of course, I will never settle to being just the number two.”

So is she and Lovi okay now after their much talked about tiff that resulted from shooting a violent slapping scene? “Yes, we’re okay. We’re super good friends. What happened naman was just an accident. Nawindang lang kami kasi sobrang intense. Pero hindi naman namin pareho ginusto ‘yung sumabit ang kamay ko sa hikaw niya at nagdugo. Hindi ako napikon like what others wrote. What we did is parte lang ng work namin at ibinigay lang namin ang hinihingi ng eksena at ni Direk Joel Lamangan. We just delivered what he ordered us to do.”

Is it true she calls Lovi now Lodi? “Yes, idol ko kasi siya sa kanyang diligent workouts. Perfect fitspiration ang kanyang figure. And I’m really happy to be given the chance to work with her kasi nga we’re connected with different networks. Sa mga eksena namin sa movie, magkaaway kami, laging galit sa isa’t isa, but off cam, masaya kami.” Her ex-BF Daniel Matsunaga is very open in posting his photos with his new girlfriend, a Polish model, on social media. She, in turn, is being linked to a handsome non-showbiz guy named Mateo Lorenzo, who reportedly comes from a well-to-do family. What’s the real score between them?

“I remain single po. Ang dami kong trabaho right now, so I don’t think I’m ready na pumasok sa isang bagong relationship. Trabaho talaga ang siyang only priority ko ngayon. Love can wait, but the opportunities coming my way cannot. They are great blessings, so sa career muna po ako. I believe naman that in God’s perfect time, mang-

yayari rin ‘yung magkaroon ako ng bagong lovelife, but I will make sure muna na kilalang-kilala na namin talaga ang isa’t isa before I commit again.”

She’s now more daring and showing more skin in her projects. Is this a deliberate career move? “Siyempre po, we’re not getting any younger naman, so graduate na tayo sa pabebe roles. Teenager pa ako when I first joined showbiz, but now, 27 na ako. Hindi na puwede ‘yung paulit-ulit na pa-cute at tweetums, dapat may variation din. At kung hindi ko gagawin ngayon, kailan pa? Kaya ready na talaga ako to play more mature and more demanding roles.”

Suspecta in Joanna Demafelis murder arrested

MANILA, Philippines – The principal suspect in the murder of Joanna Demafelis, the 29-year-old overseas Filipino worker (OFW) found with signs of torture, dead in a freezer in Kuwait, has been arrested. Demafelis’ body allegedly showed signs of torture.

The arrested suspect is Nader Essam Assaf, a Lebanese national. Philippine Foreign Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano said he has informed President Rodrigo Duterte about Assaf’s arrest.

“The President welcomes the news that Nader Essam Assaf is now in the hands of authorities in Lebanon,” Cayetano said.

“Assaf’s arrest is a critical first step in our quest for justice for Joanna and we are thankful to our friends in Kuwait and Lebanon for their assistance,” the Philippines’ top diplomat added. Assaf and his wife have been the subject of a manhunt by Interpol.

His Syrian wife Mona Hassoun remains in custody in Damascus, the official said.

Cayetano said he expects Kuwait to request Assaf’s extradition “so he could stand trial in Kuwait.”

Demafelis’ remains were brought back to the Philippines on February 16.

The murder of Joanna Demafelis sparked outrage in the Philippines and prompted President Rodrigo Duterte to impose a departure ban for Filipinos planning to go in Kuwait.



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Pork belly is considered the holy grail for most pork lovers; after all, who can resist its juicy fat content that oozes with so much flavour the moment we sink our teeth into it! Having said that, we do know that excessive consumption of this particular meat can

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ABOVE, Noli Gumapac, Gil Valencia, Nonoy Zuniga and Joey Albert and photographer. BELOW, Nonoy Zuniga, Joey Albert and Dr. Solon Guzman pose at Something Sweet. BELOW MIDDLE, Dr. Solon Guzman and friends pose with Joey Albert. BELOW FAR RIGHT, Drs. Solon and Josephine Guzman watch the Joey Albert-Nonoy Zuniga concert with their daughters Princess and Angeline.




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Aicelle Santos, lilipad na patungong UK ngayong Marso para sa ‘Miss Saigon’

Aalis na ng Pilipinas sa third week of March si Aicelle Santos at pupunta na sa United Kingdom para simulon ang rehearsals sa Miss Saigon.



Ang Kapuso singer-actress ang napili para gumanap bilang bagong Gigi sa UK tour ng nasabing stage musical. Sa ulat ni Lhar Santiago sa 24 Oras, ibinahagi ni Aicelle na December pa lamang ay alam na niya ang magandang balita. Aniya, “I am very excited, happy, and overwhelmed po. Actually, December pa lang alam na namin ‘yung balita. Hinintay na lang din

namin ‘yung tamang panahon na i-share ang good news sa ating mga kababayan.” Dagdag pa ng Traffic Diva, pumunta daw siya sa audition nang sabihin sa kanyang ng manager niyang si Carlo Orosa na naghahanap ng bagong Gigi. “Pumunta naman ako without any expectations. Kung mayroong audition na tingin mo puwede ka, then go for it.” Tatapusan lang daw ni Aicelle ang kanyang stint bilang Elsa sa Himala: Isang

Musikal at paghahadaan na niya ang late. “Physically I need to prepare dahil kailangan ko need to watch Miss Saigon, and kailangan ko aking nanay at tatay, Isay and Robert Seron. Excited na rin daw ang kanyang mga kapatid: Go, Gerald Santos at Red Concepcion.



FIRST, (Left to right) Ms. Teen Philippines Canada Jenna Ramos, GMA Kapuso Foundation Founder and Ambassador Mel C. Tiangco, Ms. Philippines Canada Recham Saeed, and Mrs. Philippines Leila Elcano. SECOND, FV Foods Mel galeon poses with Martin Nievera at ASAP Toronto 2017. THIRD, Binibining Pilipinas contestant Agatha Romero appears at a meet and greet at Morganfield’s restaurant in Pasay city. FOURTH, Binibining Pilipinas candidate Agatha Romero (on the right) helps promote Habitat for Humanity.

DOES SEX COUNT AS EXERCISE? Bedroom Olympics may be key to fitness and weight loss.

Many newly engaged women drop weight without even trying from the stress and anxiety of planning a wedding and in some ways, New York City-based model and actress Kerry McCloskey was no exception. She lost 23 pounds in the six months after she got engaged, but it wasn’t from stress. It was from sex – lots of it! “It was during a particular time of romance and passion after I got engaged and I saw the effects that increased sex had on my body,” she tells WebMD. This epiphany led to more research and her new book called the Ultimate Sex Diet . “I felt better immediately,” McCloskey says, “because sex is a mood enhancer; the more you have it, the more endorphins that are released.” Endorphins are the brain’s feel-good chemicals.

Desperate Housewives Diet? According to McCloskey and a growing body of research, we can all learn something from the wanton women of Wisteria Lane on ABC’s hit comedy Desperate Housewives who bed-hop in and out of their marriages and all have rather exceptional figures. “It begins with thinking sexy thoughts and making sex a priority,” she says of her sex diet. “I recommend having sex three to five times per week, which can be accomplished by doubling up on the weekends,” McCloskey says. On average, sex burns 150 to 250 calories per half hour. “Since it’s free and so much fun, I’ve found making love is the ultimate exercise machine.” More than just sex, McCloskey also suggests

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Thea Tolentino, masaya sa mga nagalit kay Lucille sa ‘Haplos’

Vibrant and blooming si Thea Tolentino habang nasa kaniyang contract renewal with GMA Artist Center. Sa isang exclusive interview, sinabi ni Thea na sa anim na taon niya nang pagiging Kapuso ay tila pamilya na ang tingin niya sa mga katrabaho rito. Aniya, “Sobrang saya kasi mayroon talagang mga tao rito na matuturing kong family. Sila ‘yung mga kasabayan kong magsimula rito sa GMA, sina Mikoy, Juancho, and more.” Kamakailan lang ay gumanap si Thea bilang Lucille sa katapos lang na-serye na Haplos at nag-iwan siya ng mensahe sa cast members niya sa show. “Masaya ako na nakatrabaho ko sila kasi madami akong natutunan,” wika niya. Ano naman kaya ang masasabi niya sa reaction ng mga netizens na tila bwisit na bwisit sa karakter niya sa Haplos? “Sabi nila kapag nagagalit sa’yo ‘yung tao, maganda ‘yung pinapakita mong performance. Nakaka-inis at totoong nakikita nilang masama ‘yung character na pino-portray ko.”

Arianne Bautista is the ArtisTambayan “Tambay of the Month” for March

Get ready to see more of actress-host Arianne Bautista this month of March as she is the Kapuso ArtisTambayan “Tambay of the Month!”

Starting March 1, Arianne will go on Facebook live to play games, ask juicy questions, and do shout outs with your favorite Kapuso stars. Make sure to catch Arianne Bautista on Kapuso ArtisTambayan this week where she will be joined by on-screen love team Ashley Ortega and Enrico Cuenca only on GMA Network’s official Facebook page.

KC Concepcion reveals Lovi Poe’s dad FPJ taught her how to play tong-its

Kapuso primetime star Lovi Poe had a chance encounter with Sharon Cuneta’s daughter, KC Concepcion, in the rustic paradise of Amanpulo, Palawan this week. #SandAngel: Lovi Poe fires up IG with her sexy photo on the beach In KC’s Instagram post, she shared one of her fondest memories with The King of Philippine Movies Fernando Poe, Jr., who happens to be her godfather. She posted, “So her dad, Ninong FPJ, was my godfather who taught me how to play Philippine Poker (Tong-its!) when I was just a child. Lovely sharing paradise with this one! @loviopoe” Lovi replied to KC’s post and thanked her for the sweet story about her dad. FPJ died on December 14, 2004 at age 65 after suffering a stroke. In that same year, he lost his presidential bid against incumbent President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.



LEFT, PCCF visit the orphanages and hospices in the Philippines to donate basic goods. RIGHT, GMA Kapuso Foundation Founder and Ambassador Mel C. Tiangco (4th from right) and GMAK EVP and COO Rikki Escudero-Catibog (right), together with PCCF’s officers led by President Romy Rafael (3rd from left) and Executive Vice President Rosemer Enverga (center).



FIRST, PCCF attend the Knights of Columbus Valentine dinner. SECOND, PCCF attend the Philippine Heritage Band Valentine dinner. THIRD, Jojo and Fe Tadian caht with Ace Alvarez at the Knights of Columbus Valentine dinner.



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Agot Isidro quashes another fake news item about her

"Stop putting words in my mouth," read a portion of Agot Isidro's tweet, reacting to yet another news item about her. The article called "Habang Tumatagal sa Pwesto si Duterte, Pabulok Nang Pabulok Ang MRT - Agot Isidro" was published

on February 26, 2018 in a website called filipinoinfo.com.

In the article, Agot allegedly "lambasted the government of President Duterte for not doing something to end the agony of MRT commuters."

On Twitter March 1, the popular Duterte critic used the hashtag #fakenews and explicitly clarified, "I did not say this". In the About Us section of the website, it describes itself as "a magazine blog for all trending and fresh news as well as the

mind blowing facts about the Philippines and Filipinos."

It also notes that "this blog is not maintained by English degree holder. You may encounter some mistakes in grammar but rest assure that we will do everything we can to the best of our abilities to minimize those errors."

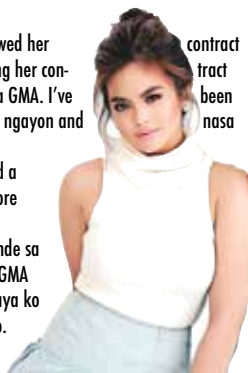
Perhaps, a little refresher course on how to tell fact from fake won't do anybody any harm?

Bea Binene is a happy and loyal Kapuso for 14 years

Bea Binene wears a big smile as she renewed her contract with GMA. Bea shared how she's feeling during her contract signing. "Happy ako kasi narito pa rin ako sa GMA. I've been with GMA since I was six years old, 20 na ako ngayon and GMA pa rin ako," she said.

Now that Bea has been in the industry and a Kapuso for 14 years, is she ready to tackle more mature and daring roles?

According to Bea, "Depende sa role, depende sa story. Alam ko naman na ibibigay sa 'kin ng GMA kung ano 'yung alam nilang kaya ko at makakabuti para sa career ko. Kung kissing scenes, 'di ko alam, siguro mga smack-smack lang. Hindi naman kapag sinabing nagki-kissing scene ka na, daring na 'yon. Depende talaga sa story at sa pag-atake ko sa role."



LEFT, sena flores Heading back home to Toronto, met Mel Tiangco of GMA Kapuso Philippines RIGHT, Mel galeon of FV Foods poses with cutomers of boodle fight.



Joey Albert-Nonoy Zuniga show producers Gerard and Joy del Castillo (FIRST & 4TH FROM LEFT) and Rey Tamayo (FAR RIGHT) pose with the stars Joey Albert and Nonoy Zuniga.



before na may torrid love scene and he didn't mind watching it at all. We're all professionals here."

Tom is a sexy gentleman

Tom Rodriguez is one honest actor who treats his leading ladies with utmost respect and professionalism. The actor is paired for the first time with Erich Gonzales, a Kapamilya actress who considers showing some skin as a career move.

In the film The Significant Other, billed as a gathering of millennial sex symbols, human relations takes center stage highlighted by the odds of falling for someone amid already being in a relationship.

Tom describes his leading lady as "very raw, yet daring. She is very secured as a person but in most of our love/sexy scenes, she always tells me to assist her, and I oblige."

His other significant leading lady is co-Kapuso artist, Lovi Poe,

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Maryo J. to direct the movie na naging box office hit in 1985. Naging trendsetter ito kaya on same year ay nagkaroon ito ng follow-up movie na "Bagets 2" na muling tinampukan nina William, J.C., Herbert at Raymond minus Aga. Isinama naman sa "Bagets 2" ang yumaong si Francis Magalona (bilang kapalit ni Aga). Nakasama rin sa nasabing pelikula sina Ramon Christopher Gutierrez, ang yumaong si Jon Hernandez (anak ni Alicia Alonzo at half-brother ng Kapamilya actress-singer-dancer na si Maja Salvador),

Eula Valdez, Cheska Inigo, Monette Rivera.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Samantala, inamin ng mga nasa likod ng pelikulang 'Squad Goals: #FBOIS' ng Viva Films na inspired ang kanilang proyekto ng pelikulang 'Bagets.' Tampok sa pelikulang ito na dinirek ni Mark Meily sina Julian Trono, Vitto Marquez, Jack Reid, Andrew Muhlach at Dan Hushcka.



Billy unaffected by Coleen's daring scenes

COLEEN Garcia shows a very sultry and sensuous side of her in Star Cinema's Valentine offering, "Sin Island", directed by Gino Santos. "It's definitely my most daring role to date as it's not your usual romcom," she says. "Puwede mong panoorin kahit wala kang jowa and be with your whole barkada on day of hearts. Everyone will enjoy it kasi it's spicy, not bland or walang lasa. This one is definitely steamy! I even have a shower scene with Xian Lim."

The movie is shot in what is called the Sinilaban Island and it will really ignite the passions of people who go there.

Everyone knows Coleen will soon walk down the isle with her prospective groom, Billy Crawford. Will she let Billy watch "Sin Island" and her sizzling love scenes with Xian? "Why not? He knows it's part of my job as an actress. I had a movie with Derek Ramsay



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Natalie mistaken for a crossdresser in L.A.

NATALIE Hart is the lucky star of “Sin Island” who profited the most from the movie. She now has a new title, Bombshell ng Bayan. Most of the reviews are praising her “babaeng bakla” interpretation of the contravida role who turns out to be a psychotic bitch ready to kill Coleen Garcia for her obsessive love for Xian Lim.

One reviewer even wrote she’s the only one who’s worth watching in the entire movie. We’ve seen “Sin Island” and Natalie’s edge over the others is her clear awareness that the best way to approach her role is not to treat it in an overly serious manner, so she spiced up her performance with lots of campy humor as a female faggot with a deadly streak.

She says her peg is her own gay brother. “Siguro, without my knowing it, ‘yung ugali niya, nagagaya ko unconsciously,” she laughs. “Nahahawa pala ako.”

She admits that there are instances where some folks think she’s a transgender. “Ewan ko, dahil siguro sa carefree attitude ko, kung minsan napagkakamalan nga akong bading. I remember this

incident, one night in California, nasa bar ako sa L.A. when a guy approached me and treated me to drinks then he said, you know what, you really look so great. Where did you have your surgery? Siyempre, nagalit ako and I told him he stressed me out, kasi nga tunay na babae ako. Nag-apologize naman siya.”

Some folks are comparing her looks to that of Liza Soberano and she feels so flattered.

“Kinikilig naman ako kasi sobrang ganda niya. Baka puwede akong magkontrabida sa kanya sa ‘Darna.’”

And there are those who said she was once Enrique Gil’s girlfriend. “Ay, no, never. Magka-batch kami noon sa Star Magic. We belong to Batch 16, but we were never even became close kasi marami kami sa batch na ‘yun.’”

While “Sin Island” is being shown now, Natalie is shooting a new movie, another sex drama where she figures in another deadly love triangle, this time with Ricky Davao and Diether Ocampo.

Ricky is her wealthy sugar daddy who is paying for her plush unit in a condominium building. Diether happens to be her neighbor and they eventually fall in love, leading to some violent complications when Ricky discovers their affair.

Bicol Canada Picks New Officers, EARL FRANCIS ORIÑO DACARA Is Elected President

Earl Francis O. Dacara - The Bicol Canada Community Association (BCCA), during its general meeting held on February 18, 2018, elected its new set of 21 directors and executive officers at the Our Lady of Assumption Church Parish Hall, Bathurst St., North York, Toronto.

Earl Francis Oriño Dacara, BCCA’s past Vice-President for Government Affairs, been elected President and Chairman of the Board, to lead Bicol Canada for a two-year term, 2018-2019, replacing Rafael Nebres. Dacara will continue to take the reigns in leading the organization comprising the 6 provinces of the Bicol (Region 5) – Albay, Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Catanduanes, Masbate, and Sorsogon.

Serving a two-year term as Executive Officers and Board of Directors are: President - Earl Francis Oriño Dacara; VP Govt Relations - Nestor Von Canton; VP Sports and Youth Development - Manolito Aquino; VP Membership & Public Relations - Joseph Redoblado; Treasurer - Jose Gutierrez; Assistant Treasurer - Flora Dabu, Jr; Secretary - Jennifer Amaranto; Assistant Secretary - Merlie Canlas; Auditor - Gidget dela Torre; Assistant Auditor - Edison Bantayan; Press Relations Officer - Leticia Toral; Special Project Coordinators - Naina Chhatlani, Isabel De Lima, Luis Calayca, Rafael Nebres; Directors - Arlene Martinez, Michele Serrano, Susan Llanera, Nanette Virtucio, Carl Sol Froa, Ronnie dela Gana

Honored by the task of leading the six-province organization, Earl Francis Oriño Dacara pledges to adhere to the organization’s mission and mandate – “Tanging Kita Gabos Magkasararo!”, that is, bringing closer, if not together, the Bicolanos/Bicolanas in Canada. The main ac-

tivities of BCCA include its annual summer picnic and sports activities, monthly novena, and annual fluvial parade of Our Lady of Peñafrancia. Dacara believes that the organization’s goal should go beyond its regular activities, as it is vital to enhance its membership by engaging in more meaningful activities throughout the year, ensure its participation in Provincial and Federal Filipino heritage related activities and be able to respond quickly to the pressing needs of the Bicolanos affected by the recent Mayon eruption and other natural calamities. He believes that infusing new blood into the organization would revitalize the organization. He would want to encourage the participation and involvement of the past Bicolano leaders and patriots, and connect with all existing Bicolano groups to collectively participate in the BCCA activities.

Dacara is a true Bicolano by descent, born to Emerlina



Oriño Dacara from Libmanan, Camarines Sur and Elpidio P. Dacara from Irigra City and Albay. He is married to Francia Madrid also a Bicolana from the same town of Libmanan and blessed with their daughter Francheska Mae Dacara.

He is an international legal practitioner and has an extensive legal work experience from Manila, Dubai and Doha. At present, Dacara is a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant, a Canadian Licensed Paralegal, Hons. AB, MA, LL.B. (Ph), member in good standing of the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC) and the Law Society of Ontario (LSO). He is an associate of YSN and Associates Professional Corporation (Paralegals, Barristers, Solicitors) and the Chief Executive Officer of Northern Quest Canadian Immigration Services.

SAMANTHA GAVIN MADE IT TO THE GRAND FINALS OF LONG & MCQUADE BY LI ERON

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 looked a little bit larger than her.

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 aspiring 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 Centres 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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Ignorant But Confident

Philippines, among the countries with least accurate knowledge of nation’s issues

MANILA - The Philippines ranked third among countries “most ignorant” on their nation’s key issues, according to a report by news website Indy100.

respondents in India, the Philippines and Peru are among the most confident in their answers,” the report read. Norway, Germany and Sweden, meanwhile, were among the most accurate despite being the least confident in their answers. The Philippines ranked third among countries that were most confident in their answers.

The survey asked 500 respondents aged 16-64 from the Philippines regarding teenage births, vaccine and autism, diabetes, alcohol, and religion among others.

The firm conducted 29,133 interviews between September to October 2017 in 38 countries.

The report was based on a survey conducted by market research firm Ipsos MORI, wherein South Africa and Brazil ranked first and second in having the least accurate perception of their nation’s issues. In 2016, the Philippines placed 16th.

Despite giving inaccurate answers, respondents from the Philippines also ranked third among those most confident.

“Despite being among the least accurate,



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GMA unveils first advoca-serye in Hindi Ko Kayang Iwan Ka

Beginning February 26, GMA Network proudly unveils its first-ever “advoca-serye” in Hindi Ko Kayang Iwan Ka, topbilled by Yasmien Kurdi (PHOTO), Martin del Rosario, Jackie Rice, and Mike Tan.

This soap, which tackles one of the most serious and fatal diseases in the world, brings to light the struggles of a woman who is HIV positive and how she battles her own frailties and demons in life.

Yasmien breathes life to Thea Balagtas, a simple provincial girl with a promising career as a public accountant. She falls in love with Marco and marries him. Eventually, they are blessed with fraternal twins whom they love very much.

Martin is Lawrence De Leon,



Thea's college friend from a well-off family. Secretly, he is in love with her even though he dates a lot of women and develops HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) from this.

Jackie is Ava Imperial, Marco's beautiful and socialite ex-girlfriend. Even though she flirts around, she is still bent on settling with Marco.

Mike is Marco Angeles, a handsome and charming lad who falls in love with Thea and marries her despite his mother's refusal. He remains independent and grounded even though he was born rich.

Hindi Ko Kayang Iwan Ka follows the life of Thea who, after marrying Marco and raising their fraternal twins together, her

blissful life shatters when she tests positive for HIV. Without knowing who she got it from, Marco is led to believe that she cheated on him and files for legal separation, taking their kids with him. Her disease worsens and she loses her will to live. But when she unexpectedly meets her daughter a few years later, she finds it in herself to fight more than just HIV—her greatest opponent, herself.

Joining them in this ground-breaking project are multi-talented and versatile artists: award-winning film actress and TV director Gina Alajar, Shamaine Buencamino, Charee Pineda, Ina Feleo, Mike “Pekto” Nacua, Catherine Rem, Caprice Cayetano, and Seth Dela Cruz.

The series aims to raise HIV awareness and educate viewers on its effects upon a person's life through an intriguing drama—that even in our weaknesses, strength can be found if we only rise and have the courage to fight for

our loved ones and ourselves.

Behind this engrossing drama is the creative team composed of Creative Director Roy Iglesias; Concept creator Zita Garganera; Headwriter Suzette Doctolero; Creative Head for Afternoon Prime Block Dode Cruz and Creative Consultant Kit Langit.

The program is another original creation of the GMA Drama group under the supervision of Senior Vice President for Entertainment Content Group Lilybeth G. Rasonable; Vice President for Drama Redgie Acuña-Magno; Assistant Vice President for Drama Cheryl Ching-Sy; and Program Manager Anthony Pastorpide.

Under the direction of Neal del Rosario, don't miss Hindi Ko Kayang Iwan Ka beginning February 26 on GMA's flagship international channel GMA Pinoy TV. For the program guide, visit www.gmapinoytv.com.

Katrina Halili declined MariMar kontrabida role

Katrina Halili said she initially turned down the villain role in GMA-7's 2007 adaptation of MariMar when it was first offered to her. Katrina is now playing another villain role in GMA-7's upcoming afternoon series The Stepdaughters.

Katrina Halili said that playing Angelika Santibanez in GMA-7's 2007 adaptation of MariMar is her favorite kontrabida role.

However, did you know that it actually took some time before she accepted the Angelika role?

The 32-year-old actress explained, “Yung MariMar na yun, sobrang favorite ko yun noong bata ako. Hindi ko tatanggapin ‘pag binigay sa akin yan, kapag ginawa ‘yan ng GMA.”

Katrina recalled, “Pina-audition kaming lahat. So nakuha ako sa Angelika.

Katrina was convinced to accept the role when a slight deviation was made in the Philippine version. Angelika's character became the third wheel to Marimar and Sergio (Dingdong Dantes).

Katrina continued, “Tapos ayun, pinilit



ako, tapos naging okay naman. Ang ginawa ko na lang, ginaya ko yung Mexican.”

FIGHT SCENES WITH MEGAN YOUNG. In her new show titled The Stepdaughters, Katrina plays Isabelle Salvador, a rich businesswoman who becomes the bitter rival of Mayumi dela Rosa, portrayed by Megan Young.

They became enemies after an incident during their childhood.

Viewers can look forward to intense fight scenes between Katrina and Megan.

“Nagsampalan na rin kami. Nagkasakitan pero hindi namin na-feel yung sakitan.

How did she deal with the fight scenes?

Katrina answered, “Actually, sinabi ko sa kanyang sanay ako sa fake. Sabi niya, hindi kaya tinotohanan namin ng konti.

“So ako, pinapadampi ko lang ng slight pero ina-act out ko lang din. Kasi kung totoong sasampalin mo siya, paliliparin mo yung mukha niya, di ba, ang hirap. Minsan, ginaganun ko yung hair niya para tatama sa hair bago sa mukha.”

By “ginaganun,” Katrina meant that she uses Megan's hair as a shield when slapping her.

GMA-7 is known for afternoon dramas that feature campy yet entertaining fight scenes, such as Ika-6 Na Utos, Haplos, and Impostora.

How will the fight scenes in The Stepdaughters, be different from other shows?

“Sa amin, medyo may sexiness. Parang ganun yung gagawin.

“Hindi naman class pero, di ba, knowing yung hitsura ni Megan, beauty queen, magiging class talaga siya, iaarte ko na lang din!”

Inquiry into decline of English skill of PH students sought

Senator Grace Poe has filed a resolution calling for an inquiry into the “decline” in English proficiency of Filipino students.

In Senate Resolution No. 622, Poe called for an assessment of the present curricula in elementary and high school in light of “reports of narrowing advantage of Filipino graduates in the global language.”

“According to results of a two-year study conducted by Hopkins International Partners, Filipino university graduates average 630 on English proficiency based on the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC),” the resolution stated.

According to the resolution, the study said that business process outsourcing (BPO) agents were expected to have a score of 850 in the TOIEC.

Moreover, the resolution noted that the average was “lower than the competency requirement for taxi drivers in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.”

“Filipino graduates also averaged a Common European Framework of Reference of Language (CEFR) grade of B1, lower than the CEFR B2 proficiency target set for high school graduates in Thailand and Vietnam,” it added.

“The same report indicated that the Filipino university graduates’ median score was comparable to the proficiency of 5th and 6th grade students in native English speaking countries such as the US and the United Kingdom,” it also said.

Poe then encouraged the government to “adopt global English standards to improve citizens’ communication skills.”

The senator also said the academe should review the current curricula “to improve teaching and learning of English”

While the private sector, including non-government organizations, “must step up efforts to improve competitiveness of the Filipino labor,” she said.

THE UNTOLD STORY BEHIND ‘BAGETS’

IT was only recently nang malaman namin ang kuwento ng proyektong 1984 hit movie na “Bagets” which was written by the late Jake Tordesillas and directed by the late Maryo J. de los Reyes for Viva Films.

The movie project “Bagets” was a concept ng yumaong Regal line-producer and talent manager na si Douglas Quijano. Ayon sa

aming source, Douglas pitched the concept sa Regal matriarch na si Mother Lily Monteverde with one of Douglas’ wards na si William Martinez as one of the leads with the late Ishmael Bernal to direct the movie.

Pero ang concept ay tinang-gihan umano ni Mother Lily kaya dinala ni Douglas ang konsepto sa Viva Films

na agad naibigan ng mag-asawang Vic del Rosario at Mina Aragon na agad binuo ang proyekto with William Martinez still part of the movie at isinama sina Aga Muhlach, Herbert Bautista, J.C. Bonnin at Raymond Lauchengco sa cast at inatasan si Direk

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Annak Ti Alcala

The Coronation Of Mrs. “ Annak Ti Alcala”

FIRST, From Left, 2nd Princess - Angelina, Her Majesty queen - Rosemary and 1st Princess - Nieves. SECOND, performer of the night THIRD, The Coronation Of Mrs. “ Annak Ti Alcala”. From Left, 1st Princess - Nieves, Her Majesty queen - Rosemary and 2nd Princess - Angelina. PHOTOS BONG MOLANO



Meet Julie Anne San Jose’s leading men in rom-com *My Guitar Princess*

Julie Anne San Jose will make a teleserye comeback soon. She will top-bill the upcoming GMA-7 romantic-comedy series titled *My Guitar Princess*.

The report revealed Julie Anne’s two new leading men. One of them is model-turned-actor Gil Cuerva, who gets a follow-up project after his first TV appearance as Matteo Domingo



Julie Anne San Jose gets new leading men in her upcoming teleserye *My Guitar Princess*: Kiko Estrada (left) and Gil Cuerva (right).

in the local adaptation of *My Love From The Star* aired in 2017. Kapuso actor Kiko

Estrada, who was last seen in *Mulawin* vs. *Ravena*, will also join Julie Anne and Gil in the rom-com series. Julie Anne’s last teleserye was the 2017 afternoon series *Pinulot Ka Lang Sa Lupa*, where she was paired with real-life boyfriend Benjamin Alves.

Meanwhile, Julie Anne’s past leading men in her TV shows were: Elmo Magalona (*Daldalita*, 2011 and *Together Forever*, 2012), Kristoffer Martin (*Kahit Nasaan Ka Man*, 2013), and Jake Vargas (*Buena Familia*, 2015). No airing date has been announced yet for the airing date of *My Guitar Princess*.

Kapuso leading lady **Kris Bernal** is definitely an entrepreneur at heart as she plans to launch her own make-

up line.
KRIS BERNAL
to launch her
makeup line

burger an upcoming Korean restaurant **SeoulMEAT**.

On her Instagram stories, Kris asked her followers for suggestions on what to call her new business venture.

“Help me choose a name for my makeup line! Please DM me your suggestions!” she wrote.

After a memorable trip to Iceland, Kris placed first in a 5k run-for-a-cause.

What could be the name of her yet-to-be-made makeup line?



Katrina Halili prevents daughter from watching her ‘violent’ scenes on TV

KATRINA Halili leads her co-stars in “*The Stepdaughters*” to thank the viewing public for making their afternoon drama the numero uno show in its slot. “Back in full contravida mode ako rito as Isabelle Salvador at talagang nagki-click sa viewers ang mga eksena ng tarayan namin ni Megan Youngas Mayumi de la Rosa,” she says.

“So abangan nila kasi there are more intense catfights and sampalan scenes that are coming their way, but iba’ng atake namin dito sa ‘*The Stepdaughters*’ kasi it’s all done in a classy way. Hindi kami mga palengkerang nagtatalakan dito kundi mas sosyal ang mga patutsadhan namin kaya sigurado akong mas tatatak sa mga manonood.”

Does she allow her daughter Katie, now 6, to watch her doing contravida roles like in “*The Stepdaughters*”? “As much as possible, ayaw ko siyang nanonood, lalo na kapag may nakalagay na Strict Parental Guidance or SPG. Pero alam na niya on her own at parang takot din siya kasi, once, nakita niyang binubugbog ako at di



niya nakayanang panoorin, kaya siya na mismo, she turns off the TV or change channels. Hindi ko rin siya pinapanood kasi kung minsan, delikado rin ‘yung lengguwahe so ayokong matutuhan pa niya. Doon na lang siya sa mga safe and wholesome shows at hindi ‘yung may mga eksenang nagpapaka-bitchy ang nanay niya.”

Is it true she has closed her heart permanently on the possibility of having another relationship after she broke up with Katie’s dad, singer Kris Lawrence? “Hindi naman. Kaya lang, as of now, rest muna ako. At saka hindi naman ‘yan hinahanap, kusang dumarating ‘yan kung ibibigay na ni Lord. As of now, okay naman ako. Five years na akong hindi nagkakarelasyon at di ko naman nami-miss. Nung Valentine nga, ang anak ko ang ka-date ko at happy naman kami. Siguro kapag 35 na ako, baka maisipan ko na talagang mag-settle down, but it has to be with someone na handa ring mahalín ang anak ko gaya ng pagmamahal ko sa kanya. Package deal kami, e.”

Kapuso Foundation receives support from Filipinos in Canada

GMA Kapuso Foundation (GMAKF) has once again received support for its projects this year from the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF), one of the biggest Filipino charitable organizations in Ontario, Canada.

PCCF, a regular GMAKF donor since 2010, will provide assistance to GMAKF’s projects such as medical missions, feeding programs, and donation of school supplies which are also in line with PCCF’s pursuit

to help poor families and calamity victims in the Philippines.

The PCCF party, led by their President Romy Rafael and Executive Vice President Rosemer Enverga, turned over their donation to GMAKF Founder and Ambassador Mel C. Tiangco and GMAKF EVP and COO Rikki Escudero-Catibog last January 26 at the GMA Network Center.

Every year, key members of the organization

provide aid to their beneficiaries in the Philippines which come from the proceeds of their various fundraising activities in Canada. Their major charity event is Pinoy Fiesta Toronto which showcases Filipino beauty, values, and culture. The event, which is also in partnership with GMA’s flagship international channel GMA Pinoy TV, is said to be the biggest indoor Pinoy Fiesta in North America.

Why doing nude scenes puts Nathalie in bad mood

NATHALIE Hart is very glad to do her first movie with Star Cinema, “*Sin Island*”. She started in showbiz using her real name, Princess Snell, as part of Star Magic Batch 16 in 2008. The next year, she joined *Starstruck 5* and qualified as one of the Final 14. But her acting career wasn’t really going anywhere and she even joined *Survivor Philippines*, but failed to survive it.

She then left GMA7 and became a talent of Leo Dominguez, who gave her a new screen name, Nathalie Hart. She played supporting roles in several movies with Regal then played the lead role in BG Productions’ sexy drama, “*Siphayo*”, for which she did a full frontal nudity scene and won an acting award in New York. She also had such sexy scenes with JC de Vera and Joel Torre in Cinema One’s “*Tisay*”.

Now she goes back to ABS-CBN as part of a love triangle in Star Cinema’s explosive sex-drama, “*Sin Island*”, where she plays Tasha, the other woman of Xian Lim who’s married to Coleen Garcia as Kanika. Once again, she does a lot of baring in her love scenes with Xian as David. Is she now more at home doing such daring scenes?

“You know, doing such scenes is never easy,” she says. “Sa ‘*Siphayo*’ noon, naging hysterical talaga ako but I still did it kasi committed ako sa project. Akala nyo ba madaling maghubad? It’s really a struggle to do baring scenes and sumasama ang mood ko lagi at ayokong makipag-usap kahit kanino after doing it. Ang daling sabihing trabaho lang ‘yan, but still nakakasama pa rin ng loob. I just console myself by saying na, at least, may maipapakita naman ako.”

So why is she doing such scenes if she’s not really happy with them? “Well, you have to start somewhere, di ba? Dito ko nabigyan ng lead roles, e. But I don’t intend to do it forever. Gusto ko lang siyang gamiting stepping stone but I want to really grow as an actress na rerespetuhin ng tao dahil sa talent niya. Gusto kong makita nila that I have more to offer than just my body. Dito sa ‘*Sin Island*’, maganda ‘yung role ko, but very dark, kasi nagkaroon ng twist. Of course, hindi ko puwedeng i-reveal kung ano kasi spoiler na ‘yun. Basta I want to assure the viewers na kapag pinanood nila ito, hindi ‘yung paghuhubad ko lang ang mapapansin nila kundi ‘yun

ding intensity lalo na towards the movie na talaga kung mangyayari characters.”

Star Cinema must really like her as she’s now doing other new for them, untitled where she’s the come-Diether



ing acting ko the end of big surprise ano ang sa lahat ng an-movie love drama paired with backing Ocampo.

Joanna Demafelis beaten to death – AUTOPSY

Joanna Demafelis, the Filipino worker found in a freezer in Kuwait, died due to the severe beating she suffered allegedly at the hands of her employer, the Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait said.



Ambassador Renato Pedro Villa said based on the autopsy report, Demafelis had several broken ribs and contusion and trauma in the pelvis and kidney area. She also suffered from internal bleeding.

Villa, citing investigation, said Demafelis’ employers, a Lebanese man and his Syrian wife, hid the body in the freezer before fleeing the apartment.

Manhunt operations have already been launched by Kuwaiti law enforcement authorities against Demafelis’ former employers. Kuwait’s Minister of Interior has asked Interpol to look for the couple in Lebanon and Syria.

The discovery of Demafelis’ body prompted the Philippine government to ban the deployment of new workers to Kuwait. Prior to the ban, the deployment was suspended due to reports of abuses on Filipino workers.

DOLE exempts returning OFWs from Kuwait ban

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) released an updated order regarding the ban on the deployment of Filipino workers to Kuwait.

Exceptions to the ban include workers vacationing in the Philippines who will return to the same employer to finish their contracts at the end of their vacation.

Balik Manggagawa (BM) with new contracts with the same employer may also return to Kuwait, as well as seafarers who will transit or board in the Gulf country to join their principals.

Overseas Employment Certificates (OECs) will still be issued by the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) and Philippine Overseas Labor Offices (POLOs) for workers exempted from the ban. These, however, require prior clearance from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.

DOLE estimates that there are 250,000 Filipinos currently residing and working in Kuwait.

PH to Kuwait: Treat Filipinos as you would treat your nationals

MANILA - Malacañang on Thursday reminded Kuwait of its obligation under international law to treat foreigners in its country the way it treats its own nationals.

This amid reports of abuse against Filipino domestic workers in the Gulf state, which had prompted a Philippine deployment ban and a repatriation program.

“I would like to remind Kuwait authorities of the standards by which aliens should be treated in their territory,” Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said.

“Under international law, each country is bound to give to the nationals of another country in its territory the benefits of the same laws, the same administration, the same protection, and the same redress for injury which it gives its own citizens, neither more nor less,” said the official, an international law expert.

Ties between the Philippines and Kuwait have been frayed amid the Duterte administration’s recent efforts to protect overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in the Gulf state following a string of deaths of Philippine migrants.

Kuwait has been displeased by Duterte’s recent tirades, with Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid al-Sabah saying the President’s remarks came as a surprise.

“...[W]e condemn statements from the Philippine president, especially as we are in contact with the Philippine authorities on a high level to explain the workers’ conditions in Kuwait. Escalation does not serve the ties between Kuwait and the Philippines,” Sheikh Sabah said, adding that 170,000 Filipinos live a decent life in Kuwait.

“But separate accidents unfortunately happen, and we are providing our Filipino counterparts with the results of the investigations,” he said.

Roque, in response to the Kuwaiti top diplomat’s comments, said it is Duterte’s duty to ensure that Filipinos in foreign lands are well protected.

Meanwhile, Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano was tasked to get a commitment from Kuwait on how to protect Filipino nationals in Kuwait,” Roque said.

LMC OP-ED: The murder of one Philippine citizen in Kuwait is no different to what happens to some foreigners who become victims of crimes in the Philippines. But you do not hear their countries banning their citizens from going to the Philippines. They give travel advisories, nothing more. So, for us to ‘pontificate’ to Kuwaitis as if the Philippines is heaven is over-acting. Another point, the suspects are Syrian, Lebanese couple, isn’t it?

Don't call back: 'One ring scam' targets phones across Canada

A scam that loads hefty fees onto your phone bill is resurfacing across Canada.

The fraudsters behind the so-called "one ring scam" place calls that appear to originate overseas and hang up quickly. Curious victims return the anonymous missed call and inadvertently agree to fees that get piled onto their monthly bill.

Marian Henry with the Better Business Bureau of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario said the charges, which are similar to ones you would receive for calling a 1-900 number, can cost hundreds of dollars per minute.

"When they do call back, it puts them through to a pay-per-call type of scenario where there's a cost involved to initially be connected, as well as a cost-per-minute once you're on that call," she told CTV Winnipeg last week.

Henry said callers are often greeted by waiting music or a pre-recorded message.

"The longer they are on the call obviously the more expensive the call could end up being, sometimes \$400 a minute," she said.

Debbie Leah said she received a "one ring" call last Monday. It was almost midnight when her phone rang. She didn't recognize the number and

the caller did not leave a message. An internet search indicated the number was from the West African republic of Mauritania.

"I've never even heard of the place it came from," she said.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre has said the calls have targeted people across Canada. The agency advises against returning missed calls from unfamiliar numbers and said it is important to check phone bills for unusual charges.

The return of the "one ring scam" comes as police in Toronto grapple with another type of phone-based fraud where victims are convinced to transfer money into a fraudster's account. Police issued a warning last week after five people were bilked out of a combined \$5.1 million.

Henry said blocking suspicious numbers is not enough to protect against fraud, and reminds people to be vigilant whenever an unknown party initiates contact over the phone.

"The numbers tend to change all the time, so blocking the number isn't really helping. You could receive 10 calls in a week. And they could all be from different phone numbers," she said.

FBois are the new Bagets

Viva Films' #Fbois is obviously the new version of Bagets, the entertainment outfit's classic movie on young lives, juvenile fun and escapades.

Headed by Julian Trono who had already done starring roles, the batch is composed of Vitto Marquez (son of Joey Marquez and Alma Moreno), Dan Huschka, Andrew Muhlach and Jack Reid, all with showbiz lineages.



MILLENNIAL BOYS. The cast of Viva Film's 'Squad Goals #Fbois' (from left) Jack Reid, Vitto Marquez, Julian Trono, Andrew Muhlach and Dan Huschka.

In their upcoming movie Squad Goals #Fbois, they will try to give more meaning to the #Fbois (the millennials call it "fuckboys"), as it already has a negative and sexual meaning.

According to direk Mark Meily, "There are other meanings to the word. In the movie, it has encountered a lot of things that led to its having new connotations and more positive definitions.

We try to connect and reconnect with the old ones and the so-called millennials. We should not be too entitled to things and people. We should not be too judgmental as well. Balanse lang."

This new batch of youngsters is bent on proving what direk Meily is trying to say.

"It's just like an old stuff. The style and fashion just come back, with new people using and wearing them. The meaning of the word changes according to use," said Vitto, who described himself to be both new and old person because of what his parents taught him.

"I believe it's all a matter of perception. We may come from an entirely different generation, but who are we without the people before us? My brother (James Reid) is only a few years older than me, and he himself is a millennial, but when he teaches me things and stuff on showbiz, he speaks like my parent or even my grandparent," added Jack.

We are telling you, these good-looking young guys who definitely inherited the good genes of their folks, have more to offer than what they have between their ears and legs.

Vice Ganda attempts to reconcile Maymay and Kisses fandoms

Vice Ganda did well what other TV hosts or even popular idols failed to do.

In his top rating show, Gandang Gabi Vice, he had Kisses Delavin and Maymay Entrata as main guests.

Since these two young artists' days at the PBB House, they developed good friendship and sisterhood that even at the outside world and them being successful in their individual careers, nothing breaks that tie.

But their fans and supporters are selfish. Some of them want to break and put trouble to their relationship and wish them to be foes.

When one group bashes, the other one responds and so on. And since Vice had similar experience within his own groups of supporters, he did what he thought could give light to these young stars' supporters.

He made an appeal to these young people whom he called "feeling too entitled," not to be too knowledgeable on their idols' whereabouts and even on their private lives. Aptly he said, "You should put a boundary to your being supporters. If you love them, you won't give them any reason not to befriend you or also love you back."

"Don't feel too entitled because you exert money and effort to supporting us in general. It should be a two-way thing. The social media is already full of trolls, don't be with them. Set a difference and live to the core of real adulation and patronage," adds Vice Ganda, as he calls some representatives



BOSOM BUDDIES. Kisses Delavin (left) and Maymay Entrata remain good friends amid their warring fandoms.

of these fan clubs.

To which both Maymay and Kisses end, "Let's live a happier life. We are true friends in the real sense of the word. If you can't agree on things that we do, just let them pass. At the end of the day, we vow not to get affected by those ugly bashing and name-calling. And we wish, sana the day won't come when we choose our friendship over those who want us to be enemies. And to those who understand us and continue to love us, we thank you and we promise to always be with you."

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Rumors of Maine Mendoza being linked to actors is “FAKE NEWS”

Talent manager Rams David on handling two of the biggest female stars in the country, Marian Rivera and Maine Mendoza: “Number one

is we always count our blessings, iyon yung importante. At saka not a single millimeter na

iangat ng paa mo sa lupa, dapat ganun, iyon ang itinuturo ko sa lahat ng mga artista ko.”

Sa pagkakaalam ng talent manager na si Rams David, walang boyfriend ngayon ang phenomenal star na si Maine Mendoza.

Ayon kay Rams, ‘Si Maine is ano... what I can say is nag-e-enjoy siya ngayon being with friends.

“As to some suitors, medyo hindi ko alam, pero siguro may mga nagpapa...

“I’m sure, siyempre she’s pretty, she’s eligible, she’s single so...”

Wala raw kato-tohanan ang mga balitang nag-uugnay kay Maine sa ilang aktor.

“Not true.

“Those are mga haka-haka lang nila, well, I should say fake news.”

Diin pa niya, “Wala siyang boyfriend. Marami, mga suitors.”

Sino si Alden Richards sa buhay ni Maine sa pagkakaalam ni Rams?

“They’re very good friends, yeah, they’re very good friends.

“Happy ako sa kanilang dalawa, both their careers,” sagot ng talent manager.

TWO SUPERSTARS. Si Rams din ang manager ng Kapuso prime time queen na si Marian Rivera.

Ano ang pagkakaiba ng pagma-manage kina Marian at Maine?

Saad niya, “Masarap sila pareho katrabaho, kasi pareho silang masipag at pareho silang mabait, and ano sila, e, positive palagi.

“Si Marian lang minsan, madalas niyong makita sa so-

cial media ko na napu-post ko, kasi madalas ko siyang makasama bilang nasa SPS [Sunday PinaSaya].

“Si Maine naman, most of the time, napupuntahan ko siya sa mga shoots niya.

“And wala namang pinagkaiba. It’s just that si Marian, ang tagal na sa business.

“At saka matagal na rin kaming magkaibigan ni Marian, years na.

“Maski nung nasa GMA pa lang ako, nung PM [production manager] ako, naging PM niya ako sa Endless Love [2010].

“So, dun pa lang, magkakilala na kami.

“And then, I became her manager in 2013, sa amin nila Mr. [Antonio] Tuviera sa Triple A,

so hindi na mahirap yung pagiging magkaibigan namin.

“More than manager/talent, we’re friends.”

Patuloy ni Rams, “Si Maine, ang relationship namin is very professional, pero personal, yes!

“Ngayon, I’m very happy that we text every time na merong problema, meron siyang itatanong.

“Dati kasi mahiyain yung bata, e. Hindi siya sanay sa showbiz.

“So ngayon, naglalabas na rin siya ng mga sama ng loob, mga hinaing.”

HANDLING BASHERS.

Paanong maging manager ng dalawa sa pinakasikat at pinaka-in demand na artista ng GMA?

Ayon kay Rams, “Number one is we always count our blessings, iyon yung importante.

At saka not a single millimeter na iangat ng paa mo sa lupa, dapat ganun, iyon ang itinuturo ko sa lahat ng mga artista ko.

“Pag meron kang nakukuhang achievement, meron kang natatanggap na positive o maganda, lagi mong isipin na iyan ay bigay ng Diyos, ipagpasalamat mo at huwag ikalalaki ng ulo mo.

“Bagkus, ipagpasalamat mo at i-share mo, share your blessings.”

Ano naman ang masasabi ni Rams tungkol sa bashers nina Marian at Maine?

“Hindi naman mawawala ang bashers, e.

“If there’s white, there’s black, yinyang ‘yan, e. Minsan din it balances, e.

“Pangit naman kung laging papuri.

“E, di okay na rin yung mga yun, kasi for us, for me, yung mga bashers, sila yung reflection ng kung ano yung mali, kung ano yung hindi dapat gawin.

“Minsan kasi, sinasabi pa lang nila yung negative, ‘O, alam mo na, iyan na ‘yang lalabas na negative, huwag nating gagawin ‘yan.’

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Aga & Zoren’s sons ooze with Star Quality

THERE are film companies and TV stations launching new boy groups now. Honestly, though, the only ones we’re sure would pique the curiosity and excite the interest of audiences, especially teenage girls, are the two eldest sons of showbiz couples: Andres Muhlach, the son of Aga Muhlach and Charlene Gonzales, and Mavi Legaspi, the son of Zoren Legaspi and Carmina Villarroel.

Both Andres and Mavi are 17, tall and goodlooking, and both of them also have twin sisters.

But there’s no denying that they are oozing with more star quality and incandescent presence than their siblings. Tipong mamahalin agad ng fans. No other ‘anak ng artista’ would come close to them.

If both of them would be launched in a youth movie, we’re sure it will be a big box office hit and they’ll quickly gain millions of followers.



Why living in isn’t an issue for Daniel and Kathryn

DANIEL Padilla was asked at the farewell presscon of “La Luna Sangre” if, like Tristan and Malia, the characters he and Kathryn Bernardo play in the show, he’d also be ready to fight for their love in real life?

“Siyempre naman, hangga’t nagmamahalan kami, ipaglalaban mo ‘yan,” he says. “Anupang ipaglalaban mo kung wala ng pagmamahal. Hangga’t meron pa, siyempre, ipaglalaban dapat. Hangga’t may pag-ibig pa, ipaglalaban!”

Writers say he and Kathryn’s relationship seems to be so wholesome since nothing negative doing PDA or living in has been written about them ever since their loveteam started.

“Sabi nga nila, ang ibang kabataan ngayon, kami raw ang nagiging role model. We’re proud naman to say na pinalaki kami ng mga magulang namin nang maayos at tama. Wala kaming ginagawang pagpapanggap dahil ayaw naming may masabing masama sa amin ang sinuman.”

Kathryn butts in at this point: “We cannot promise na magiging perfect examples kami. Ang maipapangako lang namin, magpapakatotoo kami bilang tao. Nagpapasalamat kami lalo sa mga bata na tumitingala sa amin, na naging inspiration nila kami. Parang ‘yun ang malaking bagay sa amin na, okay, ginagawa namin nang maayos ang trabaho namin and nagkakaroon kami ng purpose because of that para sa ibang tao. Nagpapasalamat kami sa lahat ng nagsasabing ginagawa nila kaming inspirasyon, lalo na noong maipagpapagawa na namin ng sariling bahay ang mga pamilya namin at a young age.”

“La Luna Sangre” is a top rating super production that is a tough act to follow.

What will their next teleserye be after this? “We don’t know yet,” says Daniel. “After this, we’ll have a U.S tour then prepare for a new movie. Kung magte-teleserye man kami uli, baka later this year na and we trust that ABS will find the right follow up project na kasinlaki ng ‘Luna Sangre’ which will end its run this coming Friday so don’t miss it.”

Enrique Gil reacts to Bagani being compared to Encantadia

Enrique Gil on ABS-CBN’s Bagani: “Wala kaming ginagaya. It’s very original.”

Enrique Gil opened up about the challenges they faced while shooting ABS-CBN’s upcoming fantaserye Bagani.

“Yung fight scenes, we were shooting in Ilocos. Pag nakiki-paglaban, kailangan flexed [ang muscles]. Ang hirap, ah!”

“Sa Ilocos, ang init tapos naka-sandals lang kami, yung buhangin mainit. Pag tumatakbo ka sa buhangin tapos naka-sandals, mas mahirap gumalaw.

“But it was so fun!”

There have been those comparing Bagani to GMA-7’s Encantadia.

GMA consultant Suzette Doctolero, the creator of Encantadia, described Bagani as “pang circus ang costume.”

The Headwriter for ABS-CBN Star Creatives, Mark Duane Angos, responded by reminding people of Suzette’s show, Alyas Robin Hood, that was accused of copying the Hollywood series Arrow.

Enrique reacted by saying: “In comparison to other epic teleseryes, they’re epic for a reason.

“We’re just doing what they want to do: tell a good and great story, an epic story for people



“That’s what we really want.” Enrique then stressed: “Wala kaming ginaya. It’s very original. “It’s something new and very close to our hearts.”

“This is actually five years in the making.

Enrique admits that he is more comfortable doing rom-com projects since he has been doing them for a long time already.

“Yung mga linya namin, mahirap. Makatang Tagalog.

“May ibang words na hindi pwede gamitin. Hindi mo pwede sabihin yung mga words tulad ng ‘teka.’”

The actor recalled shooting dangerous stunts for this upcoming series that also stars Matteo Guidicelli, Sofia Andres, Makisig Morales, and Diether Ocampo.

The trailer of Bagani indicated that this fantasy series will air its pilot episode this March.



Alfred Vargas gives update on indie film incentives bill

Three years after filing House Bill No. 6187 or the Philippine Independent Film Incentives Act, actor-turned-Quezon City 5th District Representative Alfred Vargas is glad it finally passed the first reading just a few days ago.

The bill proposes granting special incentives to producers and directors of independent films who win awards and citations in international film competitions.

“I am very happy with these developments,” he said Vargas co-authored the bill with Camarines Sur Rep. Luis Raymund “LRay” Villafuerte.

“Indie producer din kasi ako and I think panahon na para i-priorize natin ‘yung mga maliliit na pelikula na nagbibigay ng karangalan sa ating bansa,” he noted. “So sana itong bill na ito ay pumasa sa second, third reading... pumasa din sana sa senado.”

“In terms of budget, meron yan eh. Kaya we want na maipasa ‘to para ma-i-prioritize na... automatic kasama siya sa budget,” he added.

But how long it will take before it is fully approved, one reporter asked.

“Para sa akin, kahit gaano katagal,” Vargas said. “Basta ang mahalaga pumasa (‘yung batas) kahit matagal, kesa sa wala ‘di ba?”

Under the measure to be known as the “Philippine Independent Film Incentives Act of 2015,” Philippine independent films that have been awarded the Best Film prize or its equivalent, including those that merited recognition for technical excellence in respected international film competitions of cinema festivals, shall be granted P5, 000,000 for the film production or entity that produces the award including full-length feature or documentary film.

A grant of P3, 000,000 shall be given to the film production or entity that produces the award-winning short feature or documentary film. Also, a full tax exemption relevant to the screening of the film and its commercial-exhibition, including those levied by local-government film shall be granted.

Furthermore, the award-winning film shall be considered and shall have the honor of being given an automatic rating of an “A” film granted by the Cinema Evaluation Board.

Vargas is gearing up for the release of his indie film “Men In Uniform,” hopefully this April.

“It’s an advocacy film about five police,” he said.

He is also busy touring the film “Ang Guro Kong Hindi Marunong Magbasa” in many provinces.

Smooth comeback

On a lighter note, the actor-public servant is seen on the supernatural-drama series “Kambal, Karibal.”

Vargas’s last full-length series on TV was back in 2014, which is why he is happy over this new opportunity.

On it, he is Allan Magpantay, Bianca Umali’s father. It is his first paternal role.

“My character is a lost soul eh. Nawalan siya ng asawa tapos ang thinking niya, nawalan din siya ng anak. So ang dami niya ding struggle,” he said.

Vargas’ character is torn between two women played by Jean Garcia and Carmina Villarroel.

“Torn between two lovers!” he quipped. “Swerte ako na dalawa pa leading ladies ko. Sobrang na-eenjoy ko kasi bago sa akin ‘yung role.”

“Mas marami akong eksena kay Jean, sobrang jologs kasi ‘yung character niya. Tapos kami naman daw ni Carmina, bagay kami onscreen, kape’t asukal daw kami!”

He is thankful for the good feedback the show has been receiving.

Asked what fans could expect from “Kambal, Karibal” in the coming weeks, the actor hinted: “Maraming sikreto ang mabubunyag. Ayoko naman maging spoiler pero ang masasabi ko lang basta pag-ibig na ‘yung pinaglalaban, lalong tumatapang.”

“Kambal, Karibal” airs weeknights on GMA Telebabad.

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Back-to-back US, Canada shows for GMA Pinoy TV's 'Sikat Ka, Kapuso!'

GMA Pinoy TV is gearing up for the most star-studded event of the year as the hottest Kapuso royalties grace the much-awaited return of 'Sikat Ka, Kapuso!' this April.

Following the huge success from last year's event in California, the Kapuso abroad can once again get the chance to see their idols perform live on April 7 at the Newark Symphony Hall in New Jersey, USA and on April 8 at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto, Canada.

Leading the ensemble of the brightest stars is none other than Kapuso Primetime King Dingdong Dantes who returns to the US after his successful shows in 2017. Dingdong, who top billed the recently-concluded Alyas Robin Hood 2, will entertain the Kapuso abroad with pop-rock songs that they can surely sing along with.

Returning to the Sikat Ka, Kapuso! cast is re-al-life couple Kapuso Drama King Dennis Trillo and Ultimate Star Jennylyn Mercado who will bring kilig as their fans watch out for their duet performance.

Kapuso Premier Drama Actress Lovi Poe, who co-stars Dennis Trillo in the sexy romantic comedy series The One That Got Away, is also returning to the show together with Kapuso comedian Betong Sumaya.

Last, but definitely not the least, GMA Pinoy TV is once again bringing the Kapuso abroad's most requested artist – no less than Pambansang Bae Alden Richards.

With today's hottest Kapuso stars performing in New Jersey and Toronto, the Kapuso abroad can expect nothing but pure fun and entertainment.

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. Stay informed by following GMA Pinoy TV on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

For ticket inquiries, contact (917) 858-2356 for Sikat Ka, Kapuso! New Jersey and 1-866-7KAPUSO for Sikat Ka, Kapuso! Toronto.



Glaiza de Castro on finding Mr. Right:

“Buo ka na dapat kapag dumating siya.”

Glaiza de Castro on falling in love: “Hindi naman ako sa nagmamadali. Pag nagpadala ka sa sinasabi ng tao, ‘Uy, ilang taon ka na? Grabe naman, napag-iwanan ka na.’ Ano? Magse-settle ka na lang dahil dun?”



Aminado si Glaiza de Castro na masarap sa pakiramdam ang magkaroon ng love life, pero hindi raw siya nagmamadaling pumasok sa relasyon. “Inumpisahan ko na buuin yung sarili ko, na pahalagahan muna yung sarili ko, na hanapin kung anong gusto kong gawin, hanapin kung anong gusto kong route. “Sa ngayon na nabuo ko na siya, inaatay ko na lang yung taong sasabay sa akin,” pahayag ng 30-year-old Kapuso actress. Huling naugnay si Glaiza kay Benjamin Alves mula 2015 hanggang umpisa ng 2016.

Ngunit pagkatapos maunsiyami ang maganda sanang pagtitinginan ng dalawa ay wala pang napabalitang potential boyfriend ang Actress. Mula July 2016 hanggang May 2017 ay naging abala si Glaiza sa pinagbidahang teleserye na Encantadia. At sa March 2018 ay nakatakang umere ang panibago niyang Kapuso drama series na Contessa. Hindi ba niya naiisip na magkaroon ng inspirasyon? Sagot ni Glaiza, “Hindi naman ako sa nagmamadali. “Pag nagpadala ka sa sinasabi ng tao, ‘Uy, ilang taon ka na? Grabe naman, napag-iwanan ka na.’ “Ano? Magse-settle ka na lang dahil dun? I don’t think bubuuin ka nun, e. “Parang sa akin, buo ka na dapat kapag dumating siya.” Tila minsan na ring umasa si Glaiza na mapunan ni Mr. Right ang

sense of fulfillment na hinahanap niya noon. Aniya, “Naging misconception yun para sa akin. Na eto na lang yung bubuo sa akin. “Hindi dapat. Dapat buo ka na. “Kapag sinabi mong siya na lang pala yung missing piece... “Although parang, ideally, ganun yung magiging dating. “Pero kung iisipin mo maigi, dapat kilala mo na sarili mo. “Baka okay ka na, ‘tapos pag dumating siya, sasabay ka. “Hindi yung lalaki yung magba-validate sa ‘yo. Ikaw ang magba-validate sa sarili mo.” Dinaluhan ni Glaiza at ng kanyang Contessa leading man na si Jak Roberto ang annual Panagbenga float parade. Kasama rin nila ang Kapuso stars na sina Megan Young, Mikael Daez, Ruru Madrid, at Matt Evans.

Jak Roberto reacts to comparisons between Contessa and Wildflower

Jak Roberto says that it’s too early for his show Contessa, starring Glaiza de Castro, to be compared to other shows: “Kasi di pa naman kami na-e-ere para macommentan ng ganun, na may kagayang show.” Netizens have been comparing his upcoming show to ABS-CBN’s recently-concluded drama series Wildflower, starring Maja Salvador. GMA-7’s upcoming drama series Contessa, which stars Glaiza de Castro in the title role, has not aired yet on television.



Criminology student na nagpu-pulis. Tinulungan ko siya para maghiganti dun sa mga kaaway niya.” Jak is included in the show as Glaiza’s leading man. JAK AS GLAIZA’S LEADING MAN. Jak is happy to be chosen as Glaiza’s leading man for in Contessa. “Nalaman ko na lang na sa akin yung role noong pinapunta na ako sa mismong storycon. Kasi nagkaroon ng apat na screening, e. Parang apat na beses kaming nag screening.

Hindi pa natuloy yung isa kasi bumagyo. “So noong nalaman kong ako, Ah okay! Tapos inalam ko yung istorya, kung ano yung gagampanan ko. Tapos noong sinabi sa akin, natuwa ako. “Tapos nagkaroon kami ng teaser...noong nakita ko yung teaser, nakakakilabot.” The teaser that Jak was referring to was the omnibus plug that GMA-7 aired presenting its new shows for the first quarter of 2018. The former Meant To Be actor admitted that he initially thought that Contessa will only depict a typical story of revenge. However, his presumptions changed when they started taping for the show. “Akala ko kasi, parang katulad ulit ng dati na it’s all about revenge, yung usual soap na laging may maaapi tapos maghihiganti. “Pero this time, noong shinu-shoot na namin siya, noong tinetape na namin siya, sobrang kakaiba and nakakaexcite dahil maraming twists na bago.

“So ayun, sobrang excited na kami sa kalalabasan ng ginagawa namin ngayon.” As for his role in Contessa, Jak said that it will be very far from the good boy character he played in Meant To Be. “Yung role ko dito, malayong-malayo sa role ko dati bilang Andoy. Ito, palaban. “Siya yung knight in shining armor ni Bea, played by Glaiza. Walang pwedeng gumalaw sa kanya, walang pwedeng umagrabayado sa kanya. “Ako yung humaharap, ako yung nakikipag-away, nakikipagsuntukan. Anak ako ng pulis dito na nag-aaral ng Criminology.”

REPLACING IKA-6 NA UTOS? According to the teaser aired in December 2017, Contessa is scheduled to premiere this March on GMA’s Afternoon Prime block. There are those speculating that the show will replace the top-rating show Ika-6 Na Utos, which serves as the flag-carrier of GMA’s afternoon block. Does Jak feel pressure about this? He answered, “Well, nakakapressure yung nagawa nilang rating kasi sila yung unang soap na umabot ng Saturday tapos yung rating nila sa Saturday, parang rating ng prime-time. “Kami naman, confident naman kami sa kalalabasan ng show kasi nagtitiwala naman kami sa director at saka si Glaiza, kilala naman natin siya na magaling na aktres. And yung iba pang cast, talagang pinagsama-sama para lang mapaganda yung soap.” Contessa also stars Lauren Young, Tetchie Agbayani, Chanda Romero, Leandro Baldemor, and Bernadette Alysson, as well as real-life cousins Geoff and Gabby Eigenmann.

Lacson on Duterte order vs foreign Benham research: Late but still a good move

A “bit late” but a “good move just the same,” Senator Panfilo Lacson said of President Rodrigo Duterte’s reported order to stop all marine explorations by foreign scientists in the Philippine Rise, formerly known as Benham Rise. “It may have come a bit late but it is a good move just the same,” Lacson said. Opposition lawmakers criticized President Rodrigo Duterte’s move to revoke licenses of foreign researchers in Benham Rise, saying it might just be a farce especially since Chinese research ships have already left. This is probably what Senator Lacson meant. An analyst meanwhile believes Duterte’s announcement could have been better if he ordered an all-Philippine program for marine research in Benham Rise to show the government is proactive in securing the country’s resources. “Whatever technical information so far gathered by any foreign entity that conducted research in Benham Rise should at the very least be shared to the Philippine government,” he said. Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol, in a Facebook post, revealed that Duterte made the order during their Cabinet meeting. “President Rody Duterte last night ordered the cessation of all marine explorations and studies by foreign scientists and directed the Philippine Navy to ‘chase out’ any vessel fishing or conducting [research],” Piñol said. “Let me be very clear about this: the Philippine Rise is ours and any insinuation that it is open to everybody should end with this declaration,” he added, quoting Duterte.

No ban on foreign explorers in PH Rise, only stricter application process – Palace

Foreign entities could still conduct maritime research in the resource-rich Philippine Rise, but President Rodrigo Duterte wanted a stricter application process for them, Malacañang said. Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said foreign researchers, who want to conduct scientific research in the Philippine Rise, must first seek the approval of National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr. He said that all licenses granted to foreign entities to carry out scientific research in the Philippine Rise were now “deemed cancelled.” “They are all cancelled. If they want to apply, they must, in addition, get the personal approval of the National Security Adviser,” he said. Roque said Duterte wanted Filipinos given priority to conduct research in the 13-million-hectare underwater plateau off eastern Luzon. The Palace official, however, clarified that Duterte was not banning foreign individuals or group from conducting scientific research in the area. “It’s not really a ban,” he noted. he Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) had earlier confirmed that it has granted China the permission to conduct maritime research in the Philippine Rise. DFA Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano has defended the move, even asserting that allowing China to do research in the Philippine Rise did not violate any law. But Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio said it was “dumb” of the Philippines to allow China to explore Philippine Rise despite its disrespect for Manila’s sovereignty in the West Philippine Sea. Despite the United Nations arbitral ruling, which favored the Philippines’ diplomatic protest and invalidated Beijing’s sweeping claims over the South China Sea, China continues to militarize its reclaimed islands in the disputed sea. The Inquirer obtained aerial photographs of the alleged militarization at the South China Sea. The photographs show that China is almost finished transforming seven reefs claimed by the Philippines in the Spratly archipelago into island fortresses.

PIDC Slates Induction of Executive Officers and Board of Directors for 2018-2019

The Philippine Independence Day Council- PIDC sets the induction of its Executive Officers and Board of Directors on March 25, 2018, Sunday, 6:00 p.m. at Max’s Restaurant, 1520 Steeles Avenue West, corner Dufferin Street, Vaughan, Ontario L4K 3B9.



THE NEWLY-ELECTED PIDC EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH ONTARIO MPP HAN DONG OF TRINITY-SPADINA

Those to be sworn to office for the 2018-2009 term are : Karen Pascual-Binaday- president, Ben Corpuz - exec. vice president, Tom Tan- external veep, Gene Elamparo- internal veep, Rory Elefano-special project veep,Chyrell Samson-exec. secretary, Aimee Maravilla-asst. exec. secretary, Nene Ticzon-treasurer, Ted Dayno-asst. treasurer, Al Tupe - auditor, Mike Aprieto & Jeff Mesina -press relation officers, Clyde Pacis & Melinda Manlapaz- business managers, Verth Bugtong & Paulina Corpuz - community liaison officers, and Imie Belanger, Helen Lao, Suzy Llanera, Vilma Tahsin & Nanding Ticzon as directors. To be inducted too are Norma

Carpio, PIDC Adviser & Chairman Emerita, Mabuhay Philippines and Minda Neri, Adviser. The PIDC Council of Leaders is composed of Rose Cruz, Anita Diaz, Aris Elefano, Ramon Estaris, Roland Ibarra, Marlene Lucas, Lovely Luna, Socorro Maravilla, Agnes Miranda, Ric Norona, Pidoy Pacis, Ralph Paguirigan, Myrna Palmer, Ofelia Santiago and Roger Tarca. The new sets of officers , directors and council leaders were elected on December 10, 2017 at Metro Hall, Toronto. Invited to be the guest of honour and inducting officer is Hon. Rosalita Prospero, Consul General of the Philippines - Toronto. Aimee Maravilla and Verth Bugtong are designated as chair and co-chair of the semi formal event. The quintessential Filipino Canadian non-profit umbrella organization in Ontario is on track in pursuing its mandate and goals of holding its ever popular and purposeful annual Mabuhay Philippines Festival, Little Miss and Miss Philippines PIDC, Salu-salo sa Earl Bales Park Community Potluck Picnic, Mabuhay Cup Invitational Basketball Tournament, Philippine Independence Day Flag Raising event at Queen’s Park, and Filipino Heritage Month Inaugural Celebration as amongst other established community-focused programs in June and August, 2018.

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On January 16 and 17 Nadine showed Instagram ng X-ray ng kanyang spinal column. Hihingan ng reaksiyon ang boyfriend ni Direk Tonet na si Direk Dan Villegas tungkol sa espekulasyong naglasing si James noong gabi bago ng dapat sana’y shooting day ng pelikula. Ngunit ang tanging kinumpirma ni Direk Dan ay “frustrated” si Direk Tonet sa pagkakaantala sa shooting, at bilang isa ring direktor ay naiintindihan niya kung bakit lubos na nababahala ang girlfriend. Naniniwala raw si Direk Dan na hindi isyu ang pagkakasakit o pagpa-party ng isang artista o sinumang staff sa isang film production. Ang mahalaga raw ay makapag-deliver ng kung anuman ang hinihingi ng pelikula sa kanila.

Just because you're buying dinner
doesn't mean you're entitled to more

The truth is a bitter pill to swallow, so these days, what once was “basted” has been sugarcoated “friendzone.”

In an episode of “Adulting”, Atom Araullo introduced several spin-offs to this concept: There’s “seenzone” and “kuyazone” — all painful places to be in for people who are pining over someone.

Atom commiserates, but there’s room for #realtalk about expectations between two people who are spending time and slowly getting to know each other.

Here, Atom makes a very important point. Allow us to highlight:

“May mga lalake, medyo nagiging male privilege siya. Porke’t niligawan ko ‘tong babaeng ito, porke’t nilibre ko ng dinner, porke’t hinahatid ko sa bahay...feeling mo obligated silang sagutin ka. Hindi naman tama ‘yon — both for girls and boys.”

There’s a song you can check out by Flight of the Conchords called “A Kiss is Not a Contract” and that goes for the little gifts you might get for someone you have

a crush on.

Again: The effort you make doesn’t automatically mean you can demand someone to feel a certain way about you.

Kristine, Atom’s guest who outed herself as someone who got friendzoned, advised people to refrain from making assumptions. “Huwag tayong mag-assume, para hindi tayo masaktan.”

And if your feelings aren’t being reciprocated, Kristine’s tip is to quit while you’re ahead. “Hindi masamang mag-effort, pero kung wala naman na, itigil mo na. Kasi masasaktan ka lang kung patuloy mo pa siyang gugustuhin, e ‘di ka naman talaga niya gusto.”

“Paganda ka, besh,” she said.

Atom added you can actually be more open and ask questions. “Huwag ka nang mahiyang magtanong. Kung, kunwari, ilang buwan na rin naman kayong nagkikita o nag-uusapan, may karapatan ka ring magtanong.”

Canada participate again at the SM NBTC Championships in the Philippines

By Emar Sy



land and Australia. SM NBTC National High School Championships gathers the top high school teams around the Philippines through its regional qualifiers. It is headed by Coach Eric Altamirano and supported by Shoe Mart and Chooks-to-Go, ang Manok ng Bayan.

Bannered by top Fil Canadian recruit Matthew Daves, Team Crossover Canada would try to improve its 5th place finish in the last two years. Other members of the team include NBTC veteran campaigner Andre Cruz, Max Cruz, Brendon Ocampo and new additions Joshua Lao, Jayson Lao, Justin Molera, Mark Espinese, Elijah Dela Cruz. Also being considered to make the team includes Paolo Malacad, Cale Calura, Jason Diaz, Denzel Faraon, Josh

Samonte, Mico Oligane and Tyler Garcia.

They are expected to arrive on March 12 and will have a series of exhibition games against Jubilee Christian Academy, La Salle St. Benilde, San Beda and Ateneo as part of their preparation leading to the national championship.

ships where they are expected to slug it out with NCAA Jr. Champions La Salle Greenhills and runner up Mapua, MBBL finalist San Beda and Chang Kai Shek, UAAP front runner Ateneo Blue Eaglets and regional champions from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

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Ai-Ai delas Alas on how husband Gerald Sibayan initiates their lovemaking: “Minsan, may harassment. Minsan, chill lang.”

Ai-Ai delas Alas reveals husband Gerald Sibayan is “mas madalas mangalabit”

In a rare moment, Ai-Ai delas Alas, 53, and husband Gerald Sibayan, 24, opened up about their sex life—and revealed how active it is.

The topic came up during their joint guest appearance on GMA News TV’s late-night show, Tonight With Arnold Clavio.

As part of the show’s challenge, Arnold asked the couple: “Sino ang mas madalas mangalabit?”

Without missing a beat, both Ai-Ai and Gerald

answered that the latter is the one who usually initiates lovemaking.

Referring to her husband’s amorous advances, Ai-Ai said, “Siya! Parati!”

Gerald interjected, “Parati naman ‘to!”

Ai-Ai reiterated, “O, totoo naman, e!”

Gerald probably became conscious that they were discussing their sex life on national television, and said, “Hindi rin!”

Then Ai-Ai revealed that Gerald actually wanted them to have sex before heading for their TV appearance.

Ai-Ai told Gerald, “Hala-lalala! Bago nga lang tayo pumunta dito, e!”

Denying Ai-Ai’s statement, Gerald exclaimed, “Hindi, a! Iba yung iniisip mo. Hindi yun yun.”

Ai-Ai continued to banter with her husband, saying, “Mamatey?”

Still laughing, Gerald said Ai-Ai must have misinterpreted his meaning and that all he wanted was for them to go to the mall.

At the end of the interview, Ai-Ai described how Gerald initiates their intimate moments as a married couple.

“Minsan, may harassment. Minsan, chill lang. Kanina, may harassment na kasama.

“E, nandun yung dog, baka kopyahin siya. Sabi ko, ‘Huwag muna, andiyan si Sailor!’”

HunkShot

Andre’s favorite dish is adobo. He also like McDonalds. We hope he stays fit because he is a member of Team Crossover Canada that will represent Canada at the SM NBTC National High School Championships in the Philippines. We wish him and the team good luck. He is the son of Mike and Marlyn.



Andre Cruz

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The expenses start with land preparation. Farmers rent a tractor to plow the field and rent has gone up from P2,500 to P3,000 for every hectare. Another P3,000 is needed for soil leveling or fallowing using “kuliglig” (a tractor similar to a rotary tiller).

“Both machines use diesel and the additional payment goes to the increase in the prices of fuel,” said Ponciano Onia, a farmer-trader from Umingan town in Pangasinan province.

Farmworkers have asked for higher pay for pulling palay seedlings from the seedbed. They have asked for a P3 fee, up from P1.50 for every “bigkis,” or a bundle of seedlings they dig up and transplant.

Around 600 bundles are needed to fill a hectare. While there are already machines for transplanting rice, these are not popular yet and manual labor is still the norm.

Labor cost

Ten laborers for every hectare are needed to transplant palay seedlings, Onia said. They are paid P5,000 if they are not served lunch, and P4,000 if meals are included.

Fortunately for farmers, prices for certified seeds have not gone up yet. A bag of 40 kg is sold at P1,200.

They have yet to feel the impact of TRAIN on fertilizers and pesticides, according to Rosendo So, Sinag chair. But farmers may need to add P5 more for freight cost due to fuel price hike, he said.

Chemical fertilizers are mostly imported and are controlled by world prices.

For every hectare, farmers use two bags of urea (P850 per bag) and eight bags of Triple 14 (nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus), costing P950 a bag.

Some fields need 16-0-0 or potassium (P760 per bag) and use it in combination with other fertilizers, Onia said.

Machines and carabaos

During different stages in the cropping season, farmers spray pesticides and herbicides which entail additional expenses.

At harvest time, mechanical harvesters are widely used in Pangasinan. “It takes only a day to harvest a hectare of palay and the grain is already bagged right after harvesting,” Onia said.

Carabaos still have a use in the scheme of things, he said. They pull the sleds which are used to transport bags of palay from the field to the highway, where traders wait. The rent for a carabao is P2,000 for each hectare it helps harvest.

Milling palay to rice also costs more due to high electricity rates because of TRAIN, So said.

The National Food Authority (NFA) buys palay at P17 a kg, which means farmers net P5 for every kg they produce. This is why farmers would rather sell palay to private traders who buy at P19 (freshly harvested) and P23 (dry) a kg.

In the end, consumers will bear the brunt of the steeper cost of rice, farmers said.

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“Minsan, for me, it’s a warning pa nga, e, na huwag gawin, huwag mangyari, kasi hindi naman talaga totoo.

“So, thank you rin sa bashers, kasi iyon yung reminder sa amin na hindi kami yun at hindi namin gagawin yun.

“At learnings iyon sa amin na never mangyari kung anuman yung speculations na negative na ibinabato nila sa amin.”

BUSINESS VENTURE. Bukod sa pagma-manage ng artista, isa ring negosyante si Rams bilang may-ari ng Heroes Barber Shop at Nailandia Nail Spa branch sa Quezon City.

Binuksan ito noong February 17, kung saan business partner ni Rams ang direktor at matagal na niyang kaibigang si Don Cuaresma.

Kuwento ng talent manager, “During col-

Kristoffer Martin on wrong impressions of Marian Rivera:

“Ang sarap ipagtanggol, kasi hindi naman talaga ganun.”



Kristoffer Martin recounts his first scene with Marian Rivera in a recently concluded Kapuso teleserye. “May eksena kami na sobra akong nag-i-stutter, as in kinakabahan nga ako...”

Inamin ni Kristoffer Martin na nagkamali siya ng impresiyon kay Marian Rivera nang makatrabaho niya ang aktres sa Super Ma’am, ang Kapuso prime time series na nagtapos noong Enero.

Paliwanag ng actor-singer, “Siyempre mai-intimidate, lalo na nung mga first scenes namin.

“Malay ko kung naalala pa ako ni Ate Yan nung Endless Love.”

Ang Endless Love ay ang 2010 Filipino adaptation ng sikat na Koreanovela at pinagbidahan nina Marian at Dingdong Dantes.

Sina Kristoffer at Kathryn Bernardo ang gumanap bilang mga batang Dingdong at Marian.

Kuwento ni Kristoffer sa unang eksena nila ni Marian sa Super Ma’am, “May ekse-na kami na sobra akong nag-i-stutter, as in kinakabahan nga ako...”

“Marian Rivera nasa harapan ko, kaeksena ko...”

“Pero after nun, sobrang usap, sobrang dami ng kuwento.

“Tsaka andami ko na ring nakuwento kay Ate Yan.

“Siya rin, nagkukuwento, tsaka sobrang pamilya talaga. Sobrang ate, literal na ate

siya.”

WRONG IMPRESSION. Ayon sa 23-anyos na aktor, mali ang negatibong impresiyon ng ibang tao kay Marian dahil sa pagiging matapang nito.

“Yun nga yung nakakaano, na ang sarap ipagtanggol, kasi hindi

naman talaga ganun, e.

“Kumbaga, si Ate Yan, yung taong kausapin mo kasi bago mo makilala.”

Hindi rin daw judgmental ang itinuturing na Kapuso Prime Time Queen kaya madali siyang nakapag-open up dito.

Saad ni Kristoffer, “Siguro ako yung mas may pinaka nasabi sa kanya na sobrang personal na hindi ko puwedeng sabihin.

“Pero si Ate Yan, hindi niya ako dyinudge dun sa sinabi ko.

“Sobrang suportado daw niya na andiyan lang daw siya, yun yung parang hindi ko makakalimutan.”

Kamakailan ay lumabas sa Instagram ang pagba-bonding ng cast ng Super Ma’am.

Ani Kristoffer, para na silang isang pamilya.

Kuwento niya, “Nag-bond talaga kami, like, sobrang iba, sobrang iba yung pagmamahal ni Ate Yan sa mga tao.

“Sobra siyang mag-alaga, sobrang tropa, e.

“Yung nanay ka na, pero tropa ka, yun yung masarap na bonding kay Ate Yan.”

Yam says she could fall in love with a gay man

YAM Concepcion had fun shooting “Amnesia Love” with Paolo Ballesteros in an island off Mindoro and, later, in another

island in Zambales. “Mahirap ang working conditions kasi wala namang proper accommodations dun sa island, pero okay lang kasi game lahat ng kasama namin sa shooting, lalo na si Paolo,” she says. “It’s really a privilege to be paired with him kasi nanalo na siya ng best actor awards locally and internationally. At utang na loob ko sa kanya ang pelikulang ito kasi siya mismo ang pumili sa aking maging leading lady niya after magkasama kami before sa ‘Bakit Lahat ng Guwapo May Boyfriend’.”

In the story, Paolo turns out to be gay. Is it possible for her to fall for a gay guy? “I think yes. Kasi, more than sa physical, sa ugali ako tumitingin kasi ‘yung magandang ugali, hindi nawawala ‘yun hanggang sa pagtanda.”

Wasn’t she linked to Ejay Falcon before? “Yes, when we were doing ‘Pasion de Amor’. Pero itinutukso lang kami sa isa’t isa at never naman naging kami. May non-showbiz boyfriend ako at three years na kami.”

The name of her BF is Miguel CuUnjieng and he’s based in the U.S. “Yes, it’s a long distance love affair, but carry naman. Three years na kami, one month and three days. Sobrang bait niya and he’s very faithful kaya I trust him. He used to work for an NGO company in Boston but now, nakuha niya ang dream job niya sa Wells Fargo, an international bank.”



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the award-winning actress who is so used to the style of Joel Lamangan.

“Lovi, is an intense actress. She never hesitates to doing a difficult scene as she trusts her director and co-actors. Good thing that we are good friends so there’s no wall to break, so to speak. But then again, in those steamy scenes (as they portray as husband and wife), nagkakagulatan

pa din kami. One classic sample is that love scene where it was only during the take when direk Joel instructed me to “pump,” recalls Tom.

Both actresses commend Tom for being a very good leading man. They claimed that Tom protects them during the shoot and he is the one that subjects himself to any exposure in case



some scenes go awry.

“But thanks, direk Joel is a very decent and careful director. Although he always wants us to be very truthful with our scenes, never, or there’s not even one situation wherein we are compromised,” remarked them.

Tom Rodriguez and Erich Gonzales, stars of the sexy drama, ‘The Significant Oth

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