

Philippines may lose trade perk

As Philippines reaches middle income status, European exports may be subject to tariffs

MANILA - The Philippines may soon lose its eligibility for a trade perk from the European Union

(EU) which is aimed at poorer nations, in view of a report that says the country may reach upper

middle income status in 2019.

Under current rules, the EU's preferential trade scheme allows thousands of

Philippine products to enter the region at zero tariff.

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Onlookers could not help but say that Marian looks more gorgeous these days, which she would gratefully acknowledge with the sweetest smile.

Careful not to take the thunder away from the movie's leads, she humbly said, "I'm here to support the people I love. Barbie who is with me in 'Sunday Pinasaya,' Derrick, and of course Direk Louie, our director [in the noontime show], whom I love so dearly. Excited siyempre akong makita yung movie, especially since it was shot in Italy. 'Di ba kagagaling lang namin sa Europe," she enthused.

The European vacation was another unforgettable experience for Marian and her family. "We really had fun everywhere we went, visiting most of them for the first time. Nag-enjoy rin si Zia and that's what's important—yung ma-enjoy niya 'yung mga lugar na pinupuntahan namin and all the activities we do. Saka ang sarap niyang bihisan kasi ang cute," Marian dotingly giggled.

The highlight of their trip, of course, was their visit to Marian's dad in Spain. Initially, they were going to skip Spain because they were going to a different part of Europe.

"Pero hindi, we felt that our trip would not be complete if we do not see Papa," Marian averred. "Saka si Zia, sobrang gusto miyang nakikita si Papa. Pag nagkita nga sila, parang ang hirap paghiwalayin. Papa just adores her. Talagang nag-enjoy together ang mag-lolo."

Now that the getaway is over, Marian is just raring to go back to work. She feels rested enough and that it's time to focus to her career again.

"I've already talked to my bosses at GMA about my new project,"

MARIAN

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**MARIAN
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Did Corrupt official get Customs Appointment?

MANILA— President Rodrigo Duterte has appointed a lawyer implicated by a Customs fixer in the corruption at the Bureau of Customs as an assistant commissioner of the government agency.

During last year's House of Representatives hearing into the entry of P6.4 billion worth of crystal methamphetamine or "shabu," Customs fixer Mark Taguba accused then-Manila International Port District Collector Vincent Philip Maronilla as among officials of the agency of taking bribes to facilitate his transactions

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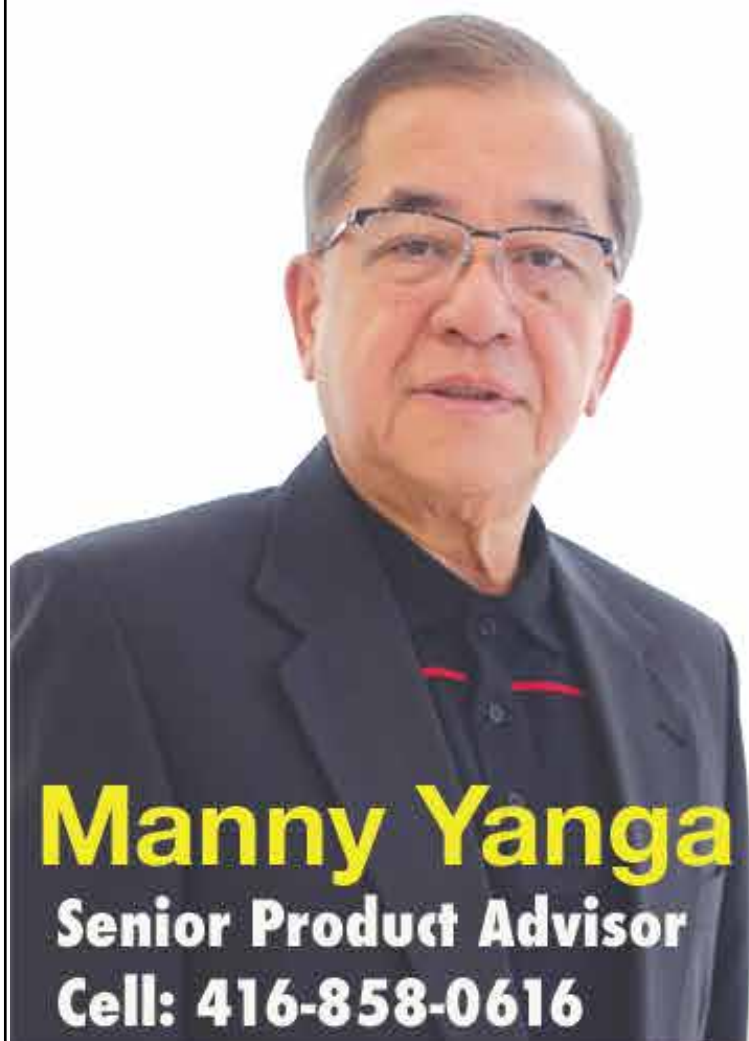
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BALIK-KAPUSO ang Superstar na si Nora Aunor. Magiging bahagi siya ng bagong series ng GMA Network na nagkaroon na ng story conference.

Ito'y ididirek ng premiado ring aktres na si Gina Alajar. Ang Kapuso mga teen star na makakasama nila sa programang ito ay sina Mikee Quintos at Klea Pineda, ang lead actor sa food chain commercial na si Enrico Cuenca, Adrian Alandy (dating Luis Alandy) Gardo Versoza at ang nagbabalik-Kapuso ring si Wendell Ramos.

Matagal-tagal na rin 'yung huling series ng Superstar sa GMA. Huli naman siyang napanood sa Eat Bulaga Lenten drama na "A Daughter's Love" kasama si Ryzza Mae Dizon.

Margie Moran is new CCP chairperson

After her appointment by President Duterte last January 4 as a member of the board of trustees of the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), Margarita "Margie" Moran Floirendo is now its chairperson succeeding advertising veteran Emily Abrera. She is best known for winning the second Miss Universe crown for the Philippines in 1973, 4 years after Gloria Diaz.



PH to import 250,000 tons of rice from Viet- nam, Thailand



The country's state-run grains agency will now proceed with the importation of rice to augment the supply of subsidized rice in the market after being delayed by its policy-making body.

Administrator Jason Aquino has ordered the importation of 250,000 metric tons (MT) of rice under the government-to-government (G to G) scheme, according to an official of the National Food Authority (NFA).

The NFA Council has originally planned to import rice through the open tender scheme, wherein the government will be transacting with private rice traders.

While the G to G scheme is said to be more prone to corruption and less transparent since the base price for bidding will not be disclosed, its process of procurement is much shorter.

The agency will purchase rice from the governments of Vietnam and Thailand where the country has an existing memorandum of understanding (MOU).

The initial shipments are expected to arrive in the country by the end of May through ports in Cebu, Davao, and Manila.

Honey Shot

Hayley Bowdery

Hayley's favourite dish is calamari. Her talent is dancing. Someday, she wants to be a forensic doctor. But right now, she is busy being an IPEN model with Edgar Sulit.

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Duterte asks OFWs in Kuwait to come home

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte said he was considering pulling out all Filipinos working in Kuwait in the wake of the diplomatic row between the Philippines and Kuwait over the rescue of distressed overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in the Gulf State.

Duterte said he does not want to destroy the Philippines' relations with "a good neighbor, a friend."

But the President said he can no longer accept what was happening to Filipinos working in Kuwait.

"I address myself to the Kuwaiti government and the people, salamat sa pagtulong ninyo sa mga kababayan ko (Thank you for helping Filipinos) all these years. It is a debt of gratitude, after all, nakatulong din kayo (you helped). So wala akong galit, wala akong hatred, wala lahat (I have no anger, no hatred)," Duterte said.

"Pero kung itong presence ng Filipino, if it is a burden, nabibigatan kayo sa pag-dala sa kanila (But if the presence of Filipinos is a burden), allow us to get them out," he added.

"Do not hurt them, just help us. I will look for money at kukunin ko lahat ng trabahanteng Pilipino. (I will get them all out)," he added.

Duterte asked OFWs in Kuwait to come home.

The Philippines and Kuwait were supposed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the welfare of OFWs in the Gulf state.

However, Kuwait declared Ambassador Renato Villa

persona non grata and recalled its envoy to Manila, Musaed Saleh Ahmad Althwaikh.

Kuwait is a major labor destination for Filipinos in the Middle East, with over 250,000 currently working there, mostly as domestic helpers.

The Philippines banned the deployment of Filipino workers to the Gulf state following reported abuses and the death of Joanna Demafelis, whose body was stuffed in a freezer.

Erich itinangging BF na ang almost one year suitor



HANGGANG friends lang ang turing ni Erich Gonzales sa almost one year na niyang suitor na si Mateo Lorenzo. Kahit one year nang nanunuyo ang binata na kapatid ng boyfriend ni Claudia Barretto na si Basti Lorenzo, nagpahayag si Erich sa MySlim presscon, bilang bagong endoser ng slimming product, na wala pa siyang relasyon kay Mateo.

Ani Erich: "Mabait si Mateo, matiyaga. Nang nag-punta kaming magkapatid sa Japan, sumunod siya sa amin. May art exhibit kasi doon ang sister ko.

"Bago kami pumunta ng Japan, my sister invited him. He followed us.

"Kadalasan, siya ang gumagawa ng paraan to see me. He's very nice. Sa ngayon, committed ako sa career ko. Kung andyan pa siya at naghihintay, okay lang.

"Nakita ko'ng qualities niya. He's too good to be true. May ganoon palang tao. Kaya lang, sa ngayon priorities ko talaga ang trabaho ko. 'Pag may chance naman, lumalabas kami. Okay naman siya kina mama at kapatid ko. Sa status namin, we're just getting to know each other still. Kailangang kilalang mabuti. Marami na akong natutunan sa mga pinagdaanan ko.

"Di natuturuan ang puso natin at 'di naitatago ang pusong nagmamahal. Kailangan ibigay lang sa karapat-dapat. But consistent siya sa akin. 'Di lang siya sa salita,

mas pa sa gawa.

"Pag nagkarelayon na ako muli, gusto ko siya na talaga. Mahirap ang palit nang palit. Single naman ako kaya okay lang kung may manliligaw."

Lalo naman kasing gumaganda at sume-sexy si Erich na kitang-kita sa kanyang ABS-CBN series na "The Blood Sisters". Baka dahil regular ng paggamit niya ng MySlim.

Ayra at Bruno may kakaibang bonding sa fans

KAHIT sa pakikipag-bonding sa fans, magkasama pa rin sina Ayra Mariano at hunk actor na si Bruno Gabriel. Talagang super close ang dalawa ngayon. Ayon kay Ayra, masarap katrabaho si Bruno. Super sweet at maalalahanin sa kanya sa set at sa promo tour nila ng GMA morning soap na "Ang Forever Ko'y Ikaw" kung saan bida sina Camille Prats at Neal Ryan Sese.

Si Bruno ay anak ni Lani Lobangco at tita niya si Rachel Lobangco, parehong actress noong dekada 80s. Maraming itinuturo sa kanya ang ina at tita sa pakikis-ama sa showbiz.

Kaya tuwang-tuwa ang mga supporter nina Ayra at Bruno dahil mahusay makisama ang mga ito lalo na sa fans.

Kita sa pictures nila online kung gaano kasaya ang Ang Forever Ko'y Ikaw stars kasama ang makukulit pero supportive nilang fans sa isang bonding activity sa isang gym.

Trailer ng 'The Cure' Pinakita na

IPINAKITA na ng GMA ang full trailer ng upcoming series na 'The Cure' tampok sina Jennylyn Mercado at Tom Rodriguez.

Nakakagulat ang mga eksena dahil tungkol ito sa isang nakahahawang sakit na puwedeng mangyari sa kahit anumang lugar sa daigdig. Mapapanood na ito next month.

Makakasama rin nila rito sina Jaclyn Jose, LJ Reyes, Ken Chan, Arra San Agustin, at Mark Herras. Sabi ng aming source, maganda ang storyline nito at malaki ang produksyon.

Heart Evangelista on being a celebrity: "My life isn't perfect."



Heart Evangelista rectifies a netizen's perception that celebrities have an easy life. "Life isn't always beautiful the way you see it in magazines or on social media," she says.

Sinagot ni Heart Evangelista ang isang netizen na nag-comment nang sunud-sunod sa isang Instagram post ng Kapuso actress.

Nag-post si Heart ng picture ng isang kahon ng products na ibinigay sa kanya ng isang kilalang lipstick brand.

Sa comments section, isang netizen ang nagkomento tungkol sa "privilege" ng mga artista na nakakakuha ng mga libreng bagay nang hindi kailangang paghirapan

pa, kahit may kakayanan naman silang magbayad.

Sabi ng netizen, "Bat ganon pag mayaman andaming privilege libre lahat basta sikat, may mukha, kembot lang, konting pose lang, tas makita mo yung mga taong mahirap pagkain nalang di pa makabili."

Ayon pa sa netizen, unfair daw na kahit natutulog ang artista ay binabayaran pa rin.

Hindi raw ito makatarungan, halimbawa ay ang nakuhang products ni Heart na hindi na niya kailangang maghirap.

Napansin ini Heart ang komento ng netizen at sinagot niya ito.

Ikinalulungkot daw ng 33-year-old actress kung ganun ang nararamdaman ng netizen, pero nilinaw niyang hindi rin madali ang buhay ng isang artista.

Paliwanag ni Heart, hindi lahat ng pinagdadaan ng mga artistang kagaya niya ay kasing ganda ng mga kuha nila sa magazine.

Diin niya, nakakaranas din sila ng paghihirap.

"If it makes you feel better think of all the things we had to go through work hard to earn all these things... life isn't always beautiful the way you see it in magazines or on social media :)

"Life is also hard and we all have our battles to face :)

"My life isn't perfect :)"

Dagdag ni Heart, "It just so happens I know better so i smile when sometimes I feel like crying :) don't hurt ... make it inspire you to work harder because anything is possible."

Is Maris Racal ready to follow in Nadine Lustre's footsteps as sexy actress?

Maris Racal on donning a sexy image just like her idol, Nadine Lustre: "Ang astig kaya niya. As in super! Ina-admire ko siya dahil super real siya na babae and cute ng mga style niya, so why not?"

Open si Maris Racal sa posibilidad na sundan ang career path ni Nadine Lustre, lalo na ang pagiging free-spirited nito sa lahat ng bagay.

Nakangiting pahayag ng Pinoy Big Brother (PBB) All In alumna, "Oo, puwede!

"Ang astig kaya niya. As in super!

"Ina-admire ko siya dahil super real siya na babae and cute ng mga style niya, so why not?"

Marami ang nakapansin sa malaking pagbabago ni Maris, lalo na sa style ng kanyang pananamit na nagpapakita ng kanyang kaseksihan.



din.

Nagtataglay din ng innocent face si Maris katulad ng kanyang idolong si Nadine.

Sa tingin ni Maris, hanggang kailan niya pangangalagaan ang kanyang sweet image?

Aniya, "Yun nga po ang sinasabi ko na ayaw ko pong ma-box sa sweet talaga.

"But siyempre, enjoy ko muna yung roles na ibinibigay sa akin ngayon and pag 23 or 22 years old na ako, mga ganyan po.

"Early twenties po."

NOT YET READY TO GO ALL-OUT SEXY. Nilinaw ni Maris na ang pagpayag niya na makunan nang naka-swimsuit sa Siargao ay hindi senyales para ipakitang puwede na siyang magpa-sexy sa mga susunod niyang roles o projects.

Paglinaw niya, "Siguro po kung ganun po yung tingin nila, basta sa akin lang po, ini-enjoy ko lang kung ano yung nasa harap ko, e."

SIMILARITIES WITH NADINE. Hindi lang sa complexion may pagkahawig sina Maris at Nadine.

Gaya ni Nadine, si Maris ay singer



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Duterte: I'll step down from office in 2022



SURRENDERED FIREARMS. President Rodrigo Duterte leads the inspection of firearms handed over by surrenderers from the Abu Sayyaf Group at the Capitol in Patikul, Sulu on Monday. Joining the President are AFP Chief of Staff Rey Guerrero, Special Assistant to the President Christopher Lawrence Go and DILG Officer-in-Charge Eduardo Año.

THE Palace said President Rodrigo Duterte has no plan to stay in power after the head of a constitutional commission he created said the term of president and all other incumbent elected officials would not be extended under the proposed federal constitution.

In a statement, Malacañang spokesman Harry Roque said Duterte has no wish to extend his term, and has even offered to cut it short if a federal system is in place by 2020.

Duterte has repeatedly said he would be willing to cut short his six-year term if a new constitution is in place.

"The President... has no intention of staying a minute longer than what the term of the President provides under our Constitution," Roque said.

"The President has even stated that he would step down from the presidency

earlier should the Philippines shift to a federal system of government as early as 2020," he added.

Former Supreme Court chief justice Reynato Puno, who heads the 20-member consultative committee, said the President would neither be allowed to seek re-election nor qualify

for a term extension under the new federal constitution.

Puno, tasked to review proposed amendments to the 1987 Constitution, said the six-year term limit would still be binding once the country shifts to a federal form of government.

"By the time we have shifted to a federal form of government, a new president will be voted," Puno said.

Puno made the remark amid concerns of opposition lawmakers and critics that the shift to federalism would mean extension for Duterte beyond the end of his term in 2022.

Earlier, the President said federalism is the only solution to the country's Du30 many problems, including rebellion in Mindanao.

"If by 2018, it's done, I give you my word, I will step down as President," Duterte said. "I have no ambition to stay long. Power, I don't crave for it."

In his various speeches, the Chief Executive has mentioned several times that he wanted to leave office early, citing his old age.

Kapuso actor Kevin Santos is now a licensed pilot

There is something undeniably attractive about people in neat uniforms, but pilots in their impressive uniforms take being desirable to the next level.

You could definitely gush over those attractive actors who play as pilots on movies, but you

would be surprised to know that a Filipino actor can actually fly a massive aircraft! It is none other than GMA-7's very own, Kevin Santos.

On March 20, the former "Starstruck" contestant detailed the hurdles he had to face in achieving his dream of being able to fly to the skies in a lengthy Instagram post. The challenges even made him doubt his own capabilities.

"Pumasok sa isip ko 2nd year highschool lang ako. Kakayanin ko kaya lahat to?? Nag dasal lang ako ng nag dasal at sinamahan ko na sunog kilay na pag aaral. Sa awa ng Diyos.. TINAPOS KO! at base sa sagot ko sa DepEd Exam at base sa pinag aralan ko TAMA naman lahat ng sagot ko at sa exam ko naman sa (PP) awa din ng Diyos PASADO LAHAT.. sarap lang sa pakiramdam na kahit 2nd yr highschool lang ako nakaya ko tapusin ang unang yugto tungo sa pangarap ko"

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According to the Kapuso actor, there's nothing impossible if you continue on believing in yourself!

"Walang imposible.. minsan babagsak ka? Pero hindi to handlang para tumigil ka. Dito pumasok ang salitang "PAG MAY TIYAGA MAY NILAGA"

Kevin also shared his pilot license in a separate Instagram post. The photo entailed the words:

"Now I can call myself a pilot. #DugoAtPaw-is"



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A senior citizen’s nightmare cruise

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The seniors were not given priority and there was no assistance from the crew. Waiting in restaurants was too long. The food was tasteless. If you want to have better meal, you can go to the special restaurant but you have to pay. There

Oh, about the only thing very efficiently done by the cruise is the billing. It came on time and in detail.

was discrimination because the crew took care of the Chinese passengers first. The entertainment was so-so.
Another complaint was the land tour. I joined one of several land tour destinations, which included a visit to the night market in Taiwan. We were supposed to visit the Imperial Palace, the National Museum, the Taipei 101 and the night market. I was looking forward to the night market and even changed some US dollars into Taiwan money at the National Museum.
The Chinese tour guide named Edna took

unnecessarily too long at the National Museum and Taipei 101, which not everybody was interested in anyway, so that we did not have enough time for the night market. “Is it all right with you if we cancel it? Let’s put this to a vote,” asked the tour guide. Most said yes. A Swedish guy and I shouted, “No!” but our voices were drowned out.
I learned from the group my friend joined that part of their tour was also canceled and they protested, to no avail.
The last straw was on the cruise’s last day. The arrival in Manila at 8 a.m. was delayed for 3½ hours. No reason or excuse was given. Then it was announced that all passengers were to carry their own luggage out of the ship.
Imagine over 2,500 mostly senior passengers trudging slowly and dragging their heavy luggage down the ship and walking to a shuttle bus located half a kilometer away!
It was an experience we shall never forget.
Oh, about the only thing very efficiently done by the cruise is the billing. It came on time and in detail.

Pacquiao split with trainer

Roach said his 15-year association with former world champion Pacquiao had been terminated ahead of the 39-year-old fighter’s upcoming world title fight with Lucas

Matthyse. Roach said he wished Pacquiao well for the future but admitted he had been “hurt” after learning of the Filipino’s decision to axe him indirectly.
“Manny and I had a great run for 15 years — longer than most marriages and certainly a rarity for boxing,”

Roach said. “I wouldn’t trade any of it. Inside the boxing ring and the political ring, I wish Manny nothing but the best.
Pacquiao is to fight Matthyse for the Argentine’s WBA welterweight belt in Kuala Lumpur on July 15.

‘One man is not the Constitution’ — Sereno

MANILA - “One man is not the Constitution,” Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno said this apparently taking a swipe at President Rodrigo Duterte during an event organized by the Movement Against Tyranny (MAT).
The embattled Chief Justice on-leave led the honorees in MAT’s Araw ng Kagitingan event, recognizing her fight for judicial independence.
Sereno said the Constitution rules the

country and should serve as a guide in fighting democracy.
She also said the Constitution is imbued with God-given rights such as right to be presumed innocent and right to due process.
“Our guide should be the Constitution and Constitution alone. The Constitution is the ruler and authority in the Philippines, not one man,” Sereno noted.
“The Constitution emphasizes that the

greatest power is the Constitution and all men are subject to it... The nation is to be ruled by laws, not by man,” Sereno said.
This is the first time that Sereno took a swipe at Duterte, whom she believed has a hand in moves to oust her as Chief Justice.
She then called on the people to fight for what is right.
“We must maintain independence and not beholden to any political power,” Sereno said.

US court favors Pinoy in immigration case

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Conservative Justice Neil Gorsuch cast a surprise vote in a decision released April 17, Tuesday (Wednesday in Manila) favoring an immigrant fighting deportation, siding with the US Supreme Court’s left-leaning wing.
Gorsuch, President Donald Trump’s only appointee to the top US court, joined in a 5-4 ruling stating that the legal definition of a crime of violence — which was being used to deport Philippines-born James Garcia Dimaya — was too vague.
According to federal law, immigrants convicted of crimes of violence are to be

deported.
Dimaya, who had been convicted of burglary in California, challenged his deportation on the grounds that his offense was not severe enough to be considered a violent crime. The ruling is a setback for the Trump administration’s hardline immigration policies. Trump was swift in condemning the court’s move and calling for congressional action to set an immigration crackdown into law.
“Today’s Court decision means that Congress must close loopholes that block the removal of dangerous criminal aliens,

including aggravated felons,” he tweeted.
“This is a public safety crisis that can only be fixed by Congress — House and Senate must quickly pass a legislative fix to ensure violent criminal aliens can be removed from our society. Keep America Safe!”
The staunchly conservative Gorsuch, who cast the deciding vote, has sat on the bench of the highest court in the land for just over a year.
Trump often refers to Gorsuch as the justice who will stand up for the values cherished by his core supporters, including gun rights and opposition to abortion.

Eric Quizon grateful for getting offers from both ABS-CBN and GMA-7

Eric Quizon on offers from ABS-CBN and GMA-7. “GMA has been asking me, kaya lang parating nauuna, parating nangyayari, parang nauuna ang ABS-CBN. So, pag tinanong nila ako, tinanggap ko na.”
Para kay Eric Quizon, masuwerte siyang nakakagawa ng mga proyekto sa dalawa sa pinakamalaking TV networks sa bansa—ang ABS-CBN at GMA-7.
“I’m doing something for GMA, but I can’t say it pa,” pakli ng actor-director. Dagdag pa ni Eric, “Our world is very small, the circle is very small.
“That’s what you call a dependable actor.
Katulad ni Eric, may batchmates din siyang mga artista na nagagawa ring makatawid sa magkabilang networks.
“Parang kailangan ka nila because, kamukha namin, kami na ang mga tatay-tatay, e.
“So, sino ang mga tatay-tatay na mga ‘yan? Kokonti

lang kasi.
“Yung age bracket namin, konti lang,” paliwanag ng 51-anyos na aktor.
Si Eric ang direktor ng pelikulang ito ng Regal Entertainment, Inc. na pinagbibidahan nina Paolo Ballesteros at Solenn Heussaff. Ipalalabas ito sa May 9.
DIREK ERIC. Bukod sa pagbibida sa mga teleserye, nakagawa ng pangalan si Eric bilang direktor ng mga teleserye sa magkabilang networks.
Naging in-demand din daw siya bilang direktor nang aktibo pa ang TV5 nitong mga nakalipas na taon.
Bukod sa Hanggang Saan, ilan sa mga huling proyekto ni Eric sa ABS-CBN ay ang Oh My G! (2015), My Dear Heart (2017), at FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano.
Ilan naman sa mga Kapuso teleserye na idinirek ni Eric

sa GMA-7 ay ang Darna (2005), Majika (2016), at Asian Treasures (2007).
Nagkakatalo na lang daw kung sino ang unang mag-offer ng project.
Ayon kay Eric, “GMA has been asking me, kaya lang parating nauuna, parating nangyayari, parang nauuna ang ABS-CBN.
“So, pag tinanong nila ako, tinanggap ko na.”
Bukod sa kung sino ang unang mag-offer ng trabaho, nakadepende rin daw sa role kung tatanggapin ni Eric ang isang proyekto o hindi.
“It depends on the role also. Kaya lang, parati namang magaganda ang inu-offer nila sa akin.
“Kaya lang, ang hirap kasi nakao ka na tsaka biglang sila darating,” sabi niya.



Yassi Pressman (left) and Sam Milby

Why Yassi Pressman finds being a third wheel ‘cool’

Being a perpetual third wheel makes you feel like you are neither here nor there. While your friends in a relationship are on cloud nine, you are stuck in limbo. They are already “taken,” while you are taken for granted.
Such is the dilemma of Yassi Pressman’s character in Viva Films’ “Ang Pambansang Third Wheel.” Sam Milby portrays her leading man. Their combined onscreen charms provide more than enough eye candy. We gave the entertaining film a grade of B at the Cinema Evaluation Board.
It reminds hopeful romantics that the “someday” they have been waiting for could be tomorrow. “Forever” is not overrated, after all.
My chat with Yassi:
Do you prefer older or younger guys? Older, because I want to learn a lot.
Please share any anecdote about you and Sam off-cam. He got me interested in bikes and motorcycles.
What’s the cheesiest thing a guy did for you? [Sent me] handwritten love letters.
If you could be a guy for a month, who would you want to be? Barack Obama—I want to know what it was like to lead the most powerful country in the world, and know how difficult it was.
What kind of guy would you fall for? Funny, kind-hearted, God-fearing, family-oriented.
Have you ever been a third wheel? Often, but the cool part about it is the free food.

FDA warns public against consuming 4 food products being sold in market

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has warned the public against consuming four food products that are being sold in the market.
In an advisory, the agency said the public must shun purchasing these products: Taberu Crispy Tempura Seaweed (Original Flavor), Bumble Bee Premium Wild Pink Salmon, ApYld R3 Balance Body Shake, and Ziller Garlic BBQ Jerky.
The FDA said the products did not undergo the agency’s registration process.
“FDA postmarketing surveillance (PMS) activities have verified that the above-mentioned food products have not gone through the registration process of the agency and have not been issued the proper authorization in the form of Certificate of Product Registration,” the agency said.
“The public is advised not to purchase the aforementioned violative products. Moreover, the public is advised to be vigilant against food products that might not be duly registered with FDA,” it added.
The FDA said they cannot guarantee the quality and safety of the said products since it did not go through in the evaluation process.
“The consumption of such violative products may pose potential health hazard to the consuming public,” the FDA warned.
“All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute the above-identified violative food products until they have already been covered by the appropriate authorization (product registration), otherwise, regulatory actions and sanctions shall be strictly pursued,” the FDA said.

Jasmine Curtis-Smith now a Kapuso

Almost two years since her contract with TV5 expired, Jasmine Curtis-Smith has found new home in Kapuso.

GMA network and Jasmine made the announcement on their social media accounts.

GMA Chairman and CEO Atty. Felipe L. Gozon, Senior Vice President for Entertainment Group G. G.able, Senior Assistant Vice President for Alternative Productions Santiago-Lara, Jasmine's manager Betchay attended her contract signing.



Jasmine is excited to be working again. "GMA was the first one who showed interest. They've been very patient with us, kind and generous. So parang no-brainer," she said. Jasmine also shared her Kapuso friends told her good things about GMA, which was also one of the factors she accepted the offer. After her contract with TV5 expired, there were rumors on network transfers as she would sometimes do projects or guestings with GMA and ABS-CBN. Jasmine's recent movies were "Siargao" and "I'm drunk, I love You."

Karen Davila's 'traumatic' Siargao trip

News anchor Karen Davila recounted on her Facebook account a "traumatic" experience she and her family went through while vacationing in Siargao Island. Davila and her family members—husband DJ Sta. Ana with two sons David and Lucas—flew to the island last Wednesday, where they were billeted at Isla Cabana resort. The news anchor immediately booked surfing lessons for her sons. Siargao is a known surfing destination. The resort contacted a certain Junrey Taoy, a known seasoned surfing instructor "whom the resort often outsourced for guests" wanting to learn the basics of surfing. Taoy reportedly recommended his friend Jocol Valerio to train Davila's older son David. Davila said her eldest son, although sporty, needed special attention "being in the autism spectrum." But Jocol replied, "Madali lang yan, kaya yan." (It's just easy, he can do it.) Her sons went to train at a surfing spot locally known as the Jacking Horse, a major surfing area for beginners. After half an hour, David returned bruised, bloodied and his rashguard ripped apart. "Mom, I had an accident! I have to say, I

was in a moment of suspended disbelief. My husband immediately attended to my son, as they searched for a life guard, a medic or a small first aid station in Boardwalk Cloud 9. I, on the other hand, started calling out for my smaller son, Lucas who was still surfing on the beach," Davila wrote.

David suffered "bleeding from crisscrossing abrasions witha deeper gash under the right rib" apparently from hitting the rocks from shallow waters, which Davila says left her speechless.

His chin was also bruised and covered with blood, while his right hand had cuts similar to a small knife.

Davila said Valerio suddenly went away and disappeared after showing to her husband a place where to buy first aid medicines.

The news anchor expressed disbelief that there was no first aid and the first hospital was located almost an hour away.

"A couple [of] minutes after, the owners of Isla Cabana came with a van, presumably after hearing the news from the locals. Owners Dingdong and Mildred Pabillore offered to drive us to the nearest hospital, which was at Dapa....would you believe, some 45 minutes away by car! Imagine if we had to take a tricycle!" Davila said.

While the doctors and nurses on duty were "helpful and attentive," there were also no tetanus vaccines and medicines available at Dapa hospital.



Davila later spoke to the Mayor of General Luna, Jaime Rusillon and his daughter Dra. Romina Rusillon. The mayor explained that Siargao is "a 5th class municipality and

we lack doctors, and we are not ready for the influx of tourists, we were shocked."

She also spoke with Nino Barbers, one of the owners of Bayud Resort, who explained that the resorts in the area get no assistance from the local government.

Other things the news anchor learned was that "anybody who surfs in Siargao can train in Siargao" even with no professional certifications.

There were also no single life guard on the beach. "This is crazy. The rising mecca of surfing, with hundreds in the water – and not one life guard to save tourists from possible drowning or injury."

Safety did not seem to be a priority, she added. "The attitude of some instructors on Cloud 9 is, "ay nasugatan"... and stare at you like it's absolutely natural. No panic, no rush, just local chit chat like it happens all the time, and it's not that big a deal."

"Once a town is sold to tourists, the primary responsibility of both the national and the local government is to ensure the safety of the tourists," she wrote.

She called on the Department of Tourism to act on Siargao right away.

"Life guards and first aid clinics at the beach ARE A MUST. AN EVERY DAY RESPONSIBILITY. It's time we professionalize surfing instructors as they do in other countries. Let's stop being a backyard operation that may cost the lives of people," she said on social media.

While the visit was "traumatic," Davila said she was still grateful. "My son is safe, others may not have been so lucky. Thank you to all the doctors, nurses and people who helped us along the way."

One thing Kathryn Bernardo will never show the public

Kathryn Bernardo headlines this month's issue of YES! magazine together with her reel-and-real-life partner, Daniel Padilla.

Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla gamely answered 100 questions for this month's issues of YES! magazine. The box-office king and queen took turns answering different slam book-type questions about their life, career, and interests.

One question for the 22-year-old actress was: "What is the one thing that you refuse to share with anyone?" Kathryn said, "My house! Haha!

"Hindi naman sa hindi ko gusto i-share, pero ayaw ko lang na makita siya ng lahat. "Ilang beses nang gusto i-feature, pero ayaw ko talaga." Having been in the industry for 14 years, Kathryn knew firsthand how privacy could be such a luxury in showbiz. "Parang gusto ko, itira na 'yon sa akin, for my privacy... "Pero gusto ko, may mga bisita, ganyan. Gusto ko, ganyan. "Gusto ko lang na hindi siya lahat ma-e-expose, lahat ng kanto sa bahay."

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Sison: Gov't, NDFP already agreed on truce

Defense Secretary Lorenzana view Peace Talks as useless



Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) founder Jose Ma. Sison on Wednesday said the government and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) had agreed to draft a ceasefire agreement as early as last year.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said early this week that both parties could only forge a peace agreement if the communist rebels would commit to “stop fighting while talking.”

Sison, who fled to Europe before the talks failed in 1987, said backchannel teams from both sides drafted an agreement for a “coordinated unilateral ceasefire” that would have been “ready for signing” when President Duterte terminated the talks last year.

Sustained ceasefire

“(S)ince Oct. 4, 2017, the NDFP has positively responded to the expressed desire of GRP (Government of the Republic of the

Philippines) to draft a ceasefire agreement more effective and more sustained than the previous unilateral ceasefires,” he said in a statement.

The rebels have been waging a Maoist rebellion for 49 years, the longest insurgency in Asia.

More than 60 lawmakers had earlier called for the resumption of talks, but Mr. Duterte and Lorenzana balked at this.

Speaking in Sulu on Monday night, Mr. Duterte said the government was determined to fight the New People’s Army (NPA), the CPP’s military arm, to the end. Lorenzana, for his part, said he doubted the rebels’ sincerity.

Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Jesus Dureza said the talks could resume if there was an “enabling environment.”

The President terminated the talks in November last year following rebel attacks on government forces despite the talks. He later declared the CPP and NPA terrorist organizations.

Lorenzana blamed

In Davao City, Anakpawis Rep. Ariel Casilao blamed Lorenzana for stalling the peace talks.

“President Duterte should not listen to [Lorenzana’s] position that he will not recommend the resumption of the peace

talks,” Casilao said in a statement.

Casilao said Lorenzana was wrong to say that the talks did not result in gains for both parties.

“The fact that there are documents painstakingly drafted, which served as the guidelines on the series of negotiations are proof that there are positive outcome from the talks,” he said, citing the Comprehensive Agreement on the Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, the Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reform and the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantee.

“It’s clear that Lorenzana and the others like him from the ranks of the police and the military continue to belittle the gains of the talks. Lorenzana is hanging on to the idea that the peace talks can only be reopened if (the NPA) surrendered its firearms. He does not recognize the fact that the rebellion was rooted in landlessness, poverty and injustice,” Casilao said.

NPA anniversary

Government security forces are on alert for today’s founding anniversary of the NPA. The military believes NPA rebels would mark the anniversary by attacking government forces.

In observance of Holy Week, the NPA in Northern Mindanao announced a temporary suspension of offensives from Holy Tuesday to Easter Sunday. The government ignored it.



SHARONIANS BACK THE MEGASTAR MINUS GAB-BY

MALABO na talagang matuloy ang reunion movie nina Sharon Cuneta at Gabby Concepcion. Sa post ni Sharon sa kanyang Instagram account after ng meeting niya sa Star Cinema ay ganito ang nakasaad:

“Guys, I am sorry. Star has done as much as they can. I have done as much as I could. This is hurtful for me as well. If you are upset, how do you think I feel? Star or I did not want to break your hearts. My heart is broken.

“And I am so very tired. It may be hard to accept, but there may never be another Sharon-Gabby movie again. Sorry.”

Siyempre nalungkot ang mga Sharon-Gabby fanatics who are hoping na matutuloy na rin ang reunion movie ng sikat na tandem. Pero it is not meant to be.

Reaction naman ng isang fan: Okey, ang ating Megastar ay nagsalita na. My final post about this. We will support our Megastar. Our Megastar ALONE! No more post about Sha-Gab movie! Sharonian Forever.

Karibal Ko Ang Aking Ina



Set to air soon is GMA Network’s “Karibal Ko Ang Aking Ina,” directed by Gil Tejada, Jr.

In the cast of “Karibal Ko Ang Aking Ina” are Sunshine Cruz, Zoren Legaspi and Bing Loyzaga and topbillers Bea Binene, Benjamin Alves, and David Licauco.

At the storycon, Direk Gil said he is certain viewers will easily be hooked to the series’ intriguing story. He stressed “dapat abangan ang mga pasabog na eksena ng buong cast!”

Barkada film of the season

Star Cinema’s latest offering “Da One That Ghost Away (DOTGA),” which opened yesterday in theaters nationwide, is touted as the “ultimate barkada film of the season.” It teams up for the first time Kim Chiu and “Pinoy Big Brother” alumnus Ryan Bang.

Carmel, a paranormal expert wannabe, teams up with best friend Jeje in forming a squad of ghostbusters in order to save the house of her grandmother from being sequestered. They are hired to exorcize the

house (for malevolent ghosts) of a rich architect. The squad accepted the job with no hint they will be trapped inside the house.

“DOTGA” will showcase Kim’s versatility once more. She has proven herself to excel in almost every genre – from drama to hard core comedy to light romantic comedy to horror-comedy.

Also in the “DOTGA” cast is the popular tandem of Maymay Entrata and Edward Barber, and Pepe Herrera in his first major film role. Their co-actors are Enzo Pineda, Lassy Marquez, Moi Bien, Matet de Leon, Cai Cortez, Chokoleit and veteran actresses Marissa Delgado and Odette Khan.

Pres. Digong vs VP Leni, isa sa dream matches on Lip Sync Battle

NAGBALIK sa ere ang delightful Sunday show na “Lip Sync Battle” sa GMA Network, still hosted by Michael V at Iya Villania.

“Hindi po kami nagbibiro at walang kinalaman ang April Fool’s Day pero totooong pasasayahin namin kayong muli sa Lip Sync Battle,” pahayag ni Michael V sa presscon ng show sa 17th floor ng GMA Network Center.

Winika pa ni Bitoy na mas entertaining ang show as it opens its third season.

“Excited ako kasi sinala namin talaga ‘yung mga battler ngayon at magkakaroon ng bagong battlers. So ang masasabi ko lang, mas aabangan ito kasi ‘yung mga napiling battlers, ready talaga,” wika ni Bitoy.

On the other hand, Iya expressed her gratitude na muling makatrabaho sa show si Michael V dahil very warm ang person-

ality nito.

“I am just happy to be working with Kuya Bitoy because you know, he is very approachable and friendly, and lahat nang galaw ko sa set, he is there to help and assist me,” pahayag ng misis ni Drew Arellano.

Nang tanungin kung sinong celebrity ang gusto nilang sa show, sinabi nina Bitoy at Iya na matagal na nilang dream na makitang mag-compete ang mga famed news anchors ng GMA na sina Mike Enriquez at Mel Tiangco.

“It would be nice to see Sir Mike na naka-harness at lumalaban,” nakangiting pahayag ni Bitoy.

Biro naman ni Iya, baka raw mawalan siya ng work kung pilitin nilang mag-perform si Tita Mel.

Ayon pa kay Bitoy, isang pang dream match nila sa show ay sina President Rodrigo Duterte at Vice-President Leni Robredo.

Of course, this is like wishing for the moon. “Aba, kung mangangarap na rin lang naman kami eh di ‘yung pinakamatindi na,” dagdag pa ni Bitoy.

Isa pang dream match kay Bitoy ay ang maglaban sina Alden Richards at Maine Mendoza sa Lip Sync Battle Philippines. “For sure, that is going to be an exciting match. Eh sino ba ang nagsimula ng matinding dubsmash kundi si Maine? Tapos idagdag mo pa si Alden,” pahayag pa ng talented comedian.

“Hindi natin masasabi na may advantage si Maine kasi sanay siya sa dubsmash kasi talented din naman si Alden. I am sure kung tatanggapin ni Alden at Maine ang challenge na maglaban sa show, kapwa nila ito paghahandaan. I am sure magiging very interesting match ito,” pagwawakas ni Bitoy.



maglaban

Is Juliana Gomez ready to enter showbiz?

Juliana Gomez is coming into her own and for starter, her celebrity parents Richard Gomez and Lucy Torres-Gomez have allowed to travel on her own.



Over the recent years, the public is seeing more and more of Juliana Gomez.

Thanks to social media, the 17-year-old daughter of Richard Gomez and Lucy Torres-Gomez

has making her presence felt as she graces magazine covers and headlines fashion editorials.

"It kinda grew with me," Juliana told PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal), acknowledging her showbiz roots and the public attention that comes with it.

"I was really shy at first, parang hermit talaga ako no'n. Pero now, I welcome it, I embrace it, and I'm comfortable with it."

The celebrity teen was at the recently held Bench Fashion Week 2018 as one of the models who walked for the apparel brand.

Did this signal her interest in joining showbiz?

Juliana replied, "I don't have any plans of entering showbiz at the moment. Maybe it's just modeling for now.

"I still have school and I still have varsity that I'm super busy with.

"So I have to focus on those things first.

"And then, when I graduate, we'll see."

In fact, her main priority at the moment is her college entrance exams.

"I'm still preparing for my entrance exams," she revealed. "I'm applying here. I'm staying here for sure. I'm not going abroad.

"I'm getting super nervous because I really wanna play college volleyball.

"Yun 'yon, e, so let's hope for the best."

Has she decided on her college course?

Juliana said she's still working that out.



PAL starts Manila-New York flights in June

Philippine Airlines said it expects to receive its first Airbus 350 in June that will be deployed on the non-stop Manila-New York flights using the Polar route.

PAL said it would continue to beef up its flight networks originating from Clark, Cebu and Davao, as part of its "multi-hub" network strategy.

A new Davao-Siargao route will open in March 2018, even as PAL hikes Cebu-Bangkok services from thrice weekly to daily for the upcoming April to October summer schedule.



TOP, Miss Southern Chiara Silo poses with ANCOP Canada President Ricky Cuenca at the ANCOP Walk gala. MIDDLE, Arielle Abrazaldo and Peyton Garcia pose with Kapuso star Lovi Poe. BOTTOM, CONGRATULATIONS, Ryza Quijano (MIDDLE) poses with PA Dayz Peyton Garcia and Arielle Fina Abrazaldo at the Woodbine Mall Open Mic Canada Voice finals competition. Ryza finished 2nd Place in the Open Mic Canada (Finals Singing Competition).

Kyline Alcantara signs contract with GMA Records; hits 1M followers on Instagram

Kapuso kontrabida Kyline Alcantara on finally fulfilling her dream of becoming a recording artist: "I still can't believe this. Dreams do come true."



Masasabi ngang phenomenal ang pagsikat ng tina-tawag ngayon na "La Nueva Kontra-bida" ng Kapuso network na si Kyline Alcantara dahil sa mahusay na pagganap niya sa primetime teleserye na Kambal, Karibal.

Dahil sa mabilis na pagsikat niya, kailan lang ay napabilang na rin si Kyline sa mga tinatawag na Instagram Millionaires.

ONE MILLION FOLLOWERS. Mabilis na inabot ni Kyline ang one million followers sa Instagram at bilang pasasalamat niya, pinusuan ng 15-year old teen actress ang screenshot ng kanyang Instagram page sa Instagram Stories.

Hindi inaasahan ni Kyline na maaabot niya ang isang milyon na followers sa IG.

"Nagulat po ako na one day, one million na siya!

JOSHUA GARCIA, BAGONG LODI



Si Joshua Garcia ang bagong Lloydie, este, lodi sa showbiz.

Obvious naman na siya ang isa sa nagpa-trending sa teleseryeng "The Good Son." At na pagtagump-

ayan niya ang pagganap ng kanyang karakter bilang si Joseph. Muli niyang napatunayan ang husay niya sa pag-arte. Hindi siya nagpatalo sa mga batikang artista sa teleserye gaya nina Eula Valdez, Mylene Dizon, John Estrada at iba pa.

Angat din siya sa mga "kapatid" ng kanyang karakter na ginampanan nina Jerome Ponce, Nash Aguas at McCoy De Leon. Siyempre, hindi rin

nagpaiwan sa aktingan sina Jerome at Nash. Tanging si McCoy lang ang "bano" pa sa acting. He's just a pretty face. Period.

Sa takbo ng career ngayon ni Joshua, mukhang siya na ang bagong John Lloyd Cruz ng ABS-CBN. Magiging mapusok din kaya si Joshua pagdating sa pag-ibig gaya ni Lloydie? Just asking...

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‘3-in-1’ carabaos developed in Nueva Ecija



SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ — Scientists at the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) here have developed a “three-in-one” carabao that is adaptable to hot and humid weather, resilient to climate change and profitable for farmers.

The first four of this breed, called Philippine Dairy Carabao, were introduced when the PCC celebrated its 25th

anniversary.

Arnel del Barrio, PCC executive director, gave the carabaos the “three-in-one” tag because these are sturdier work animals, better milk providers and meatier sources of food than the native carabaos.

The new breed has peak yields of 15 liters of milk a day for 10 months. The native carabao’s average dairy milk yield is 1.5 to 2 liters a day.

“The new breed is also bigger and heavier than the native carabao,” Del Barrio said.

The other buffaloes now thriving in rivers are called Murrah carabaos, which provide high milk yield and have good growth rate.

The carabao had been regarded as “a farmer’s docile and tractable ally in the farm, in the hills, in the valleys and in

paved pathways,” the PCC said.

But while it had been recognized as the country’s “national animal,” the home-grown breed had deteriorated and its usefulness in the farms had been threatened by farm mechanization.

The Carabao Act of 1992 (Republic Act No. 7307), which created the PCC, encouraged research and development efforts to improve the animal’s population.

Del Barrio said it took four generations of crossbreeding to produce the new breed.

During the anniversary program, Sen. Cynthia Villar, chair of the Senate committee on agriculture and food, promised to push for the enactment of a livestock, poultry and dairy law that will provide more funds for “the development of these three sources of food.”

‘No to casino, yes to land reform on Boracay’

DAVAO CITY — No casino will operate on Boracay Island, which will be closed to tourism for six months so it can be rehabilitated, President Duterte declared.

To the surprise of many, the President also declared the 1,032-hectare resort island an agrarian reform area, saying under the law, the country’s premier tourist destination is an agricultural and forest area.

“I did not say I will allow casino there somewhere. Far from it actually. I never said anything about building anything or even a nipa hut there,” Mr. Duterte said.

After Malacañang announced on April 5 that Boracay would be shut down for six months starting April 26, Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV said the closure was meant to pave the way for the construction of a casino.

Two major casinos were approved but Macau’s Galaxy Entertainment Group



cancelled. Resorts World Manila plans to start gaming operations at the Savoy Hotel.

The President noted that the island was owned by the government.

A Supreme Court ruling in 2008 declared the island state-owned. Rejecting ownership claims of several resort owners, the high court said the island, which it classified as forested and agricultural, belonged to the government.

On May 22, 2006, President Gloria

Macapagal-Arroyo issued Presidential Proclamation No. 1064 that categorized 628.96 ha, or 60.94 percent of the island, as alienable and disposable.

Claimants of public lands will have to wait for 30 years after the land is declared alienable and disposable before they can apply for titling.

Mr. Duterte said he did not care about moneyed people or businesses that would be displaced by his decision to declare Boracay an agrarian reform area.

“I can make available P2 billion of assistance but this is only for the poor Filipino,” he said.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu is also against casinos in Boracay.

“No [to the casinos]. There are so many other places to put those up. Why [in Boracay] when we’re already working so hard to clean it up?” Cimatu said.

Arrests of foreign human rights activists Slammed

MANILA - The Bureau of Immigration (BI) arrested an Australian nun advocating human rights.

Sister Patricia Fox, 64, is an Australian citizen living in the Philippines for more than a decade. She is an active land reform and human rights advocate. Fox will undergo deportation proceedings. The BI also detained and immediately deported Giacomo Filibeck, leader of the Party of European Socialists (PES). In 2017, Filibeck criticized President Rodrigo Duterte’s war on drugs.

Senator Nancy Binay slammed the BI for overreacting and using “excessive authority” when its agents arrested a 71-

year old Australian missionary for allegedly meddling in local politics.

“Apparently, the Bureau of Immigration acted on a mistaken perception plucked from an imaginary threat. ‘how can a 71-year old nun be a threat to society?’” Binay said referring to Australian nun Patricia Fox.

“How can an Australian religious person be as outlawed as those Chinese syndicates in the country involved in drugs, gambling and prostitution?” said Binay, chair of the Senate committee on social justice.

Senator Nancy Binay said the bureau should focus on running after Chinese drug cartels, smugglers, and foreigners

involved in child pornography instead of Sister Patricia Fox who has been helping farmers and indigenous peoples in the Philippines for 27 years.

Former Human Rights Chair Etta Rosales slammed the government’s deportation of foreigners for alleged engagement in “partisan political activities.”

Rosales stressed this move by the Bureau of Immigration is an act of cowardice and paranoia. She reminded the agency that it is mandated to respect human rights.

“It’s an act of cowardice. It smacks of paranoia. They’re criminalizing criticism,” she said.

Alden and Lovi, Too close for Comfort ng fans

Habang wala si Alden, may isyu sa kanila ni Lovi Poe na ginawan ng isyu ng ilang fans. Binash si Lovi dahil panay daw ang

dikit kay Alden habang nasa New Jersey at Toronto sila.

Lalong nagalit ang fans nang lumabas ang pics nina Lovi at Dennis na parang nagpi-pictorial sa New York. Lumabas ang chemistry ng dalawa, may request sa GMA-7 na pagsamahin sila sa show ng

network.

“Nothing! Not affected at all sa bashers. We’re good friends,” reaction ni Lovi na walang kebs sa mga nababasang pam-ba-bash sa kanya.



Robredo doesn’t see herself switching political parties

Amid early noise for next year’s midterm polls, Vice President Leni Robredo does not see herself switching political parties. Robredo, chair of the erstwhile ruling Liberal Party, maintained she will not leave LP even after it lost most of its members to the Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan.

PDP-Laban is the party of President Duterte.

She’ll remain with LP even if she’s the “only one left.”

“Sumama ako sa Liberal dahil sa paniniwala sa mga prinsipyo ng partido at patuloy na naniniwala.”

The LP, which ruled during the time of then President Benigno Aquino III, lost most of its members, including some of its highest-ranking leaders, to Duterte-backed PDP-Laban.

But the LP has been rebuilding and strengthening its membership by recruiting nonpoliticians.

These recruits were nonpoliticians from the academe, youth and other sectors while the others were professionals and development workers.

Mccoy De Leon, Elisse Joson star in upcoming film ‘Today Never Happened Before’

Kapamilya love team Mccoy De Leon and Elisse Joson are now taking their team-up to the big screen with upcoming movie “Today Never Happened Before.”

In a Facebook post on Tuesday by veteran entertainment journalist Mell Navarro, a teaser photo of their launching movie was shown.

Produced by Quantum films and directed by JP Habac, fans have already expressed excitement over the much-awaited big screen debut of McLisse.

Besides their upcoming film, the two are among the cast members of Kapamilya drama series “The Good Son.”

Teen celebrity given the fat memo

Showbiz can be very cruel and demanding—especially when you’re being groomed to be one of the prime stars of a network.

Sadly for this teen celebrity (TC), her rise to stardom has been derailed for the longest time because of her weight.

This year, though, her home studio is finally giving her a lead in a soap once again with a big but of course—that is to lose 11 pounds by the end of April!

Moreover, she’s being asked to put an end to her “pa-cute” ways because she’s already at the doorstep of adulthood and needs to learn to stop talking in a high pitched voice, pronto. The network is also teaming her up with a hot parent in the project, they’re scared she might look like the mother instead of the daughter in the show!

Well, best of luck to teen celebrity because 11 pounds in less than a month is no joke, and there’s no certainty if that kind of weight loss is healthy.

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A star Regine Velasquez is looking for



Regine Velasquez is hosting 'The Clash,' the newest search for the country's next singing sensation.

Hundreds of aspiring singers flocked for the Manila leg of The Clash auditions. They were welcomed by Asia's Songbird Regine Velasquez who personally cheered the aspirants and rendered song numbers which lifted their spirits.

Velasquez did the same thing when the search kicked off its regional auditions in Cebu City, Baguio City and Davao.

Auditionees, on the other hand, gave their best shot singing the piece they thought would spell their chance to move on to the next rounds of the competition. They patiently lined up and waited at the event venues hoping to make the cut.

The seasoned chanteuse didn't get to see them one by one but she knew for sure that the reality search was able to attract a number of talented singers, who may be the next singing superstars—exactly what they are looking for.

"We are not looking for an all-around star here. We are looking for someone who has the talent and the voice to be a recording star. It's a singing contest to begin with. It's not a talent reality show where the winner eventually becomes an actor and performer," Regine.

Talking about the auditionees, Regine said that she's amazed with the number of people who auditioned to the new singing show.

"A lot of people wanted to showcase their talent, especially when it comes to music and singing. In The Clash, sigurado ako na mapapakita nila 'yon kasi iba itong singing competition na ito. It is open to all and it gives everyone a chance—bata man o matanda, may experience man o wala," she said.

Regine added that once auditionees

make the cut, they will go through personality development sessions, voice lessons and a make-over to prepare them for the big TV event.

"We'll run for 14 weeks and everyone will be given challenges, which means a contestants wouldn't be able to stay in their comfort zone. It will challenge them to be versatile performers," Regine shared.

Serving as audition masters were musician and TV director Direk Bert de Leon for Cebu, South Border lead singer Jay Durias for Baguio, and OPM songwriter Vehnee Saturno for Davao. They also lent their expertise accompanying Regine during the Manila leg of the auditions.

For the live show, Regine will be joined by Lani Misalucha, Christian Bautista and AiAi delas Alas as judges.

The Clash's regional audition was put together by GMA Entertainment Content Group and GMA Regional TV. For more information, follow its Facebook page @TheClashGMA.

Jinggoy: I will run for senator in 2019 polls

Former Senator Jose "Jinggoy" Estrada has declared his intention to run for senator in 2019 elections.

Estrada said there are ongoing "negotiations" about his senatorial run next year but said he would keep mum on it until talks are finalized.

But as far as he is concerned, he said he wants a coalition between the Pwersa ng Masang Pilipino, the party formed by his father—former President and now Manila Mayor Joseph Estrada—and the ruling PDP-Laban being chaired by President Rodrigo Duterte.

"Basta ako [As for me] I will run under the administration ticket," Estrada said.

"If they will not get me, I will run as an independent but I will be supportive of the administration of President Duterte no matter what happens," the former senator said.

Glaiza Happy sa Contessa

Overwhelmed to the point of emotional is how Glaiza de Castro describes seeing her new soap opera's premiere.



'Contessa' Glaiza de Castro with leading man Jak Roberto

"I was thinking of how blessed I am to be given opportunities like this by my network. I am also very fortunate to work with such a great group of actors na ang sasapang katrabaho. Sobrang enjoy akong katrabaho. 'Contessa' also stars Gabby (Eigenmann), Geoff (Eigenmann), Miss Techie (Agbayani) at siyempre, si Jak (Roberto)," said Glaiza.

For his part, Jak admits he was feeling nervous in anticipation of the airing. This is his first time to be leading man in a soap.

"Nakaka-challenge kasi nga we know that we really have to make good. Kaya naman talagang we do our best para lalo pang mapaganda ang Contessa," he said.

Both Glaiza and Jak find their scenes not only emotionally challenging but quite physical as well.

"Ako yung bugbog sarado kasi I get slapped, nasasabunutan, hinuhulog sa pool, lahat na 'yan courtesy of Lauren Young," Glaiza chuckled. "At the start, hindi ako lumalaban as in api-apihan talaga, pero there will be a point when I will rise again and have the upper hand."

On the other hand, Jak gets to do lots of action scenes in Contessa.

"First day of taping pa lang, napas-abak na ko," he shared. "I had a fight scene with Mark Herras. It was something new to me because I'm used to doing drama o kaya naman comedy. I didn't have any training in fight routines so I was kinda nervous."

"Thankfully, we have a very good fight instructor at naitawid naman. I also had a fight scene, with Kuya Gabby yata, na nasugatan ako. Tumama ang kamao ko sa relo yata yun. After the scene, I just saw my hand bleeding. But that's fine with me. It's part of being an actor, nasasaktan ka paminsan-minsan."




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Police watching foreign big-bike gangsters

Police have intensified their intelligence works to locate and monitor the activities of at least 22 foreign big bike-riding gangsters who are allegedly setting up a network of illegal activities in the Philippines.

Chief Supt. Arnel Escobal, director of the Philippine National Police-Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG), said it was their Australian counterparts who tipped them about the entry of 22 foreigners from Australia who may be planning to replicate the outlaw motorcycle gangs abroad.

Escobal specifically mentioned Hell's Angels which is reportedly one of the two motorcycle clubs established in Cebu based on the tipoff. Escobal said they were not given the specific details about the presence of the foreign big bikers in the country but said they monitored 22 times of travels of



the gang members in the country. The official said they suspect that the foreign big bikers are possibly interacting with local motorcycle-riding groups in the country to form an alliance that would later carry the name of the notorious foreign motorcycle riding groups.

Why they are here

Escobal said it could be drug-related. "According to them, there was a recent

demand actually for cocaine. There is a demand because of the big confiscations of cocaine in other countries," Escobal said. Aside from the United States, the foreign motorcycle-riding groups have already established in Canada, Australia and other parts of the world.

Preventive

Escobal said Australia might have tipped off the PNP about the travel of the outlaw foreign big bikers to the Philippines to prevent the situation to get worse similar in the Netherlands.

As such, Escobal warned local motorcycle-riding groups to be wary of the persons whom they want to recruit or enter their organizations.



A baby is a blessing – Matteo

Kung si Matteo Guidicelli ang tatanungin, okay pa siya sa kanyang single life at talagang hindi pa niya masabi kung kailan siya lalagay sa tahimik.

"Okay pa naman, marami pa naman tayong pangarap sa buhay. I don't know... anything will happen, tingnan natin," pahayag ng aktor nang matanong tungkol sa pag-aasawa sa presscon ng Single/Single: Love is Not Enough na pelikula nila ni Shaina Magdayao.

Medyo matagal-tagal na rin kasi ang relasyon nila ni Sarah Geronimo, na tumatakbo na ngayon sa four years. Lahat ay nagtatanong kung sa kasalan na nga ba ito mauuwi.

Pero may pasubali si Matteo na kahit marami pa siyang pangarap, kahit naman daw kasal na siya ay hindi pa rin dapat tumigil mangarap.

"Alam n'yo maraming dreams, pero dreams won't stop you even if you're married. It should continue and never stop," he said.

Ang nakakatuwa natanong din ang cast kung ano ang masasabi nila sa premarital sex at sa posibilidad ng unexpected pregnancy.

Ayon kay Matteo, a baby is a blessing at hindi raw ito isang "mistake."

"It's a blessing, it's a gift in life, kumbaga, and you have to cherish that, and again, it's a choice, everybody's free to do what they want," pahayag ni Matteo.

Para naman kay Shaina, hindi raw niya gagawin ang ginawa ng karakter niya sa movie na si Joee.

"But kung mangyari man sa akin, pananagutan ko rin. Kung saka-sakaling mangyari po, pero hindi po, eh," natatawa niyang sabi.

Loveless pa rin daw siya ngayon at darating din naman daw ang love sa tamang panahon.

"If it comes, it comes. If it happens, it happens. Habang hindi pa, do things that are productive, gaya ng trabaho. Marami pang nangyayari sa akin na maganda, eh. Non-stop from The Better Half, now Asintado, hindi rin biro 'yung mga trabaho na nabibigay sa akin," sey ni Shaina.

Matatandaang dating nagkaroon ng serye sina Matteo at Shaina na Single/Single na umere noong 2016 with 13 episodes.

Ngayon ay pelikula na ito at magsisimula ang kwento sa movie version kung saan natapos ang serye sa huling episode nito.

Kung ano ang kahirinatnan ng istorya ng pag-ibigan nila, 'yan ang sasagutin ng pelikula sa ilalim ng direksyon nina Veronica Velasco at Pablo Biglang-awa.

Tampok din sa Single/Single: Love is Not Enough ang lahat ng orihinal na cast members mula sa cable series tulad nina Cherie Gil, Ricky Davao, Anna Luna, Brian Sy at JC Santos.

Mari Jasmine not joining showbiz

Australian model-blogger Mari Jasmine: "I respect the people in showbiz because they have a tough life."

Australian model-blogger Mari Jasmine is firm about not joining show business.

While she's comfortable with hosting a lifestyle TV show, Mari said she's not interested in trying her luck with acting.

"I've had offers, but it's not my thing. It's not me."

Do her celebrity friends ask her to join showbiz?

Mari answered, "No. I think my friends all know that it's not me.

"If you know me as a person, I am very private. I don't know.

"I respect the people in showbiz because they have a tough life—long hours and, you know, they don't necessarily have privacy.

"So, I know that they work really hard with what they have.

"And I see that it's really not me. I'm really happy with what I am doing."

Best known in showbiz circles as the ex-girlfriend of Sam Milby, Mari is acquainted with other showbiz personalities, like KC Concepcion and Benjamin Alves.

But she clarified, "Most of my friends are not artistas.

"I actually only met KC recently. We met in Amanpulo for a brand event.

"She's really open and really sweet."



Duterte issues apology for death of 8 HK tourists

President Rodrigo Duterte for the first time apologized to Hong Kong for the death of eight Hong Kong tourists during the 2010 Manila hostage crisis. "So it's only right. Lives were lost under our jurisdiction. What's really needed is



Philippine policemen take position as they start their attack on a hijacked tourist bus in Manila.

just to say we're very sorry," he said. "The HK Government and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines have agreed that the four demands made by the victims and their families on apology, compensation, sanctions against responsible officials and individuals, and tourist safety measures will be resolved and settled," the joint statement read.

Measles vaccination launched

Because of the Dengvaxia controversy, which has caused an exaggerated fear of the potential adverse effects of vaccinations, the government's preventive health programs have taken a big hit. It's sad that even tried-and-tested vaccinations, which have been shown to be almost 100-percent effective, have caused doubt in the public's mind.

The Department of Health launched the "Ligtas Tigdas,"

a strategy to curb the spread of measles through the provision of free vaccination among infants and children 6-59 months.

Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III assured the public that measles vaccine was safe.

He said adverse reactions following vaccination were generally mild and transient.

Slight pain, tenderness mild swelling and redness at the injection site, mild fever and local adenopathy might occur.

Severe and systemic reactions following vaccination are rare. Vaccination, in general, is still an established, highly effective and safe, preventive treatment that can save thousands of lives every year from the complications of prevalent conditions such as measles.

Popular public health educator Dr. Willie Ong believes we should have children vaccinated even before the recommended age of 12 months, and have it done as early as 4-5 months of age.

SC clears anew gov't officials who signed approved contracts

Public officials should not be held liable for signing contracts that have been approved by bids and

awards committees (BACs), the Supreme Court has ruled for a third time. The Supreme Court has reiterated this jurisprudence in absolving former Nueva Ecija Gov. Tomas Joson III in the allegedly irregular construction in 2004 of a P155-million hotel by the provincial government.

As the high court declared in its two previous

rulings—Arias vs Sandiganbayan (1989) and Ramon Albert vs Celso Gangan (2001)—a government official who signed public documents that passed through the required competitive public bidding "does not automatically become a conspirator in a crime which transpired at a stage where he had no participation."

OFW Deal with Kuwait reached

President Rodrigo Duterte said the signing of an agreement with the Kuwaiti government will guarantee the security of Filipino domestic

helpers in the Gulf state.

Duterte earlier banned the deployment of new Filipino workers to Kuwait following the death of domestic helper Joanna Demafelis allegedly at the hands of her employers. The President then listed conditions for the

Kuwaiti government with regard to the treatment of Filipino domestic helpers for the lifting of the deployment ban.

Duterte said Kuwait has already agreed to his demands.

TRADE PERK continued from page 1

However, only "vulnerable low and lower-middle income countries" could qualify for the perk, the European Commission said on its website.

However, the Philippines may soon move above that bracket allowed under the EU's Generalized System of Preference Plus (GSP +). According to the the National Economic Development Authority, it is possible that the Philippines would reach upper middle income status next year.

Walter van Hattum, head of the economic and trade Section at the European Union's delegation in Manila, said that the

Philippines could no longer qualify for the GSP+ status once it reached that bracket.

"Once the Philippines reaches this upper middle income level, basically you are no longer eligible for the GSP+ because we want to focus on the poorest countries in the world," he said.

However, the European Commission website said the high or upper middle income economy status must be sustained for three consecutive years for a developing country to be ineligible.

The GSP+ has allowed the Philippines to export more than 6,000 products to EU at zero tariff for the past three years.

The EU accounted for the second largest

share of Philippine exports among economic blocs, second only to East Asia.

Asked for comment, Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said that the Philippines would still want to keep the GSP+.

He, however, did not clarify if this means asking for special consideration from the EU once the country becomes ineligible for the perk.

"We would work on keeping the GSP+ status as long as there are still poor farmers and fisherfolk and SMEs [small and medium enterprises] in the countryside who continue to benefit from this program," he said, noting that the perk was a "big help."

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Solenn, napa-'OMG' sa pag-gaya ni Paolo sa kanya

BUMILIB si Solenn Heussaff sa pasampol ni Paolo Ballesteros sa make-up transformation ng mukha niya. Lips muna ang pinasilip ni Pao pero lalas na si Sos "Omg. Akala ko ako."



Mommies ng Regal Entertainment. Eh, magaling ding make-up artist si Sos bago siya nahikayat na mag-artista.

Naku, 'pag na-perfect ni Paolo ang paggaya kay Solenn, swak na siya sa panlasa ng hubby ng Kapuso actress na si NicoBolzico, huh! Abangers na lang tayo sa paglantad ni Paolo bilang "Solenn Heussaff" one of these days, huh!

Panoorin si SO-LENN HEUSSAFF SA TORONTO PINOY FIESTA SA JUNE 16 sa Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

HINDI napigilan ni Kim Atienza na mapahanga sa latest Instagram photo ni Marian Rivera.

"Ganda!" komento ni Kuya Kim. Tugon naman ni Yan Yan kay Kuya Kim, "Hahaha! Arte lang 'yan kuya! Lol." Sa tatoo lang, maging ang ilang Kapamilya stars ay hangang-hanga sa ganda ng GMA Primetime Queen at makikita 'yan sa followers niya sa IG gaya ni Vhong Navarro, huh!



ABOVE, Action Honda General Manager Rafael Nebres and wife Sylvia attend the ANCOP Wlax Gala with FV Foods' Mel Galeon.



ABOVE, Rosemer Enverga of PCCF receives the Certificate of Appreciation from ANCOP. LEFT, FV Foods' Alan Ocampo and Mel Galeon poses with GMA stars Lovi Poe, Dingdong Dantes and Jennylyn Mercado.

RIGHT, Action Honda was proud to award one of the Civic EX-T prizes to the lucky winner of the Tim Horton's Roll Up the Rim Contest. Receiving the award, proud Mr. & Mrs. John C. Short of Scarborough at the local Tim Horton's restaurant at 3090 Kingston Road, Scarborough.

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Nadine Lustre at James Reid, bagong Vilma Santos at Christopher de Leon?

Twenty million pesos ang box-office gross ng Never Not Love You sa first two days ng pagtatanghal nito sa mga sinehan, ayon sa Viva Films.
 Nagpapasalamat ang Viva Films sa mainit



na pagtanggap ng moviegoers sa bagong pelikula nina James Reid at Nadine Lustre at mga positive feedback na natatanggap nila.
 Rated PG ng MTRCB ang Never Not Love You at Graded A ito ng Cinema Evaluation Board



Consul-General Rosalita Prospero congratulates former President Rosalinda Javier (IN HAT) as the Outstanding Student Awards is renamed in her honour, as the Rosalinda Cerudo Javier Outstanding Student Awards . Mrs. Javier was a former teacher in the Philippines.

Filipino Centre Toronto new building and l

The Filipino Centre Toronto - FCT 'inducted its' Executive Council Officers and Board of Directors at Rembrandt Banquet Hall. Consul General of the Philippines - Toronto, Rosalita Prospero inducted the officers and board of directors.

Inducted to office for the 2017-2019 term were : Executive Council Officers : Mary Ann San Juan- President. & Chief Executive Officer, Theresa Lumanlan, Executive Vice President, Rosalinda Javier, Internal Auditor and Efren De Villa- Chairman of the Board of Directors. The new sets of officers and directors were elected in November, 2016 in Toronto.

PA Dayz Arielle Fina Abarazaldo and Peyton Garcia were the evening's feature performers.

Filipino Liberal candidate for York-Centre Ramon Estaris made a stirring speech to on the Filipinos' turn to be one of the leaders instead of just following and voting for non-Filipinos and made a convincing case why he is capable of being elected as MPP on June 8.

The 18- year old community- focused organization has been pursuing its mission, vision and goals over the years by leading and sponsoring purposeful and meaningful programs & services. Along the process, the non- profit Centre through its members, volunteers and facilities has been targeting and benefiting members

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Adventures of PA Dayz' Arielle Fina Abarazaldo and Peyton Garcia were the feature entertainers.

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colleagues.
 Jadaone said her relationship with Lustre and Reid was not strained at all because they got the chance to talk even before the issue got blown out of proportion.
 "Ang ginawa ko nung lumabas 'yun, kinausap ko agad si Nadine. 'Yun ang first instinct ko. Actually nasa soap nga ako noon,

nagdi-direct ako noon. Hindi ako makapag-direct. Hala kailangan ko makausap si bakla. So finext ko siya, "Ye, may ginagawa ka ba? Tawagan kita." Sabi niya, 'Ay direk, nasa shoot ako.' Minessage ko siya after," recalled Jadaone.
 "Dapat kasi ganun. Kasi kapag mauunahan ka ng sinasabi ng iba, baka may tendency na yun ang papakinggan mo."

Molina has since offered her apologies for her controversial Twitter post, saying she had no intention whatsoever to demean anyone.
 What matters, Jadaone stressed, is that all parties remain in good terms despite what has been reported.
 Meanwhile, the director said she is very pleased with Lustre's and Reid's performances in "Never Not Love You."

"Sobrang natuwa ako sa 'Never Not Love You.' Nung dubbing na kami at nagbabatuhan na kami ng ideas, nung pinapanood ko 'yung edit, mine-message ko sila na natuwa ako na ang galing nila sa movie," she said.
 As of April 11, the movie already earned P77 million. "Never Not Love You" opened in cinemas nationwide on March 31.

kaya puwedeng panoorin ng mga bata.
Nagpasalamat sina Nadine at James sa presscon
noon ng pelikula nila dahil sa komento na sila ang
Wilma Santos at Christopher de Leon ng kanilang
henerasyon.

Ang tambalan nina Vilma at Christopher ang isa sa
pinakasikat na tandem pagdating sa drama noong '80s
hanggang '90s.
Malaki ang improvement sa acting abilities nina
James at Nadine, ang simple pero heartwarming na

kuwento ng pelikula.

Antoinette Jadaone breaks silence on James, Nadine

MANILA – Antoinette Jadaone finally broke her silence about her
alleged misunderstanding with Nadine Lustre and James Reid, whom
she directed in her latest movie “Never Not Love You.”
This after filmmaker Cathy Garcia Molina cited Jadaone and
Dan Villegas in a Twitter post where she talked about the supposed
work ethic of the two young stars based on what she heard from her

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of the Filipino Canadian and other cultural communities in Toronto
and parts of the Greater Toronto Area, as well.
“If you believe we are doing the right thing, then join us,” says
President Mary Ann San Juan, in response to critics. “We have to be
united to be recognized as a big political group in Canada.”
FCT bought a new building at 4395 Sheppard Avenue East for
\$1.9M in cash (PHOTO BELOW).
In honor of former president, the Outstanding Student Award has
been named Rosalinda Cerudo Javier Outstanding Student Award.
Amongst its various continuing projects are : health & well-
ness seminars; elderly well- being research; Filipino Language(Tagalog
Rosalita Prospero- based) learning sessions; Academic
and Homework Tutorials; Cabbagetown community festivity; and tax -
preparation workshops. The scheduled community-wide events
include: Dr. Victoria Santiago Invitational Basketball Tournament
on May 18, 19, & 20, 2018; Pistahan Sa Toronto Summer Festival &
Santa Cruzan on June 16 & 17, 2018; Dr. Guillermo De Villa Golf
Tourney on July 15, 2018; and the now renamed Rosalinda Cerudo
Javier Outstanding Student Awards Day in October, 2018. Past &
current members and officers of the Filipino Centre Toronto are
highly encouraged to participate in its worthwhile activities and
affairs. (Tony A. San Juan)

Ramon Estaris
is the Liberal
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Is Mark Herras still in con- tact with his daughter?

di nagbigay ng mahabang detalye si Mark Herras kung bakit matagal na
ang hindi nakikita ang kanyang anak na si Ada.
Matagal-tagal na raw hindi nakikita ni Mark Herras ang kanyang anak na

si Ada Sofia Nicolette Herras.
Si Ada, 4, ay anak ni Mark sa dati niyang personal assistant na si Diane
Evangelista.
Ayon sa 31-year-old Kapusa actor, ayaw na niyang magbigay ng mahabang
detalye sa isyu, pero nami-miss na raw niya ang anak.
“It’s a personal issue lang na hindi na kailangang i-share sa lahat ng tao,”
sabi ni Mark.

Pinagbawalan ba siya ng ina ng bata na makita ang kanyang anak?
Tugon ni Mark, “No, no, no. I don’t wanna say anything about her. I don’t
wanna say anything to her.
“Basta ako, I’ll just do my part... kumbaga, kaya ko namang suportahan
yung bata.
“So, dun muna ako mag-stick, yun muna yung gagawin ko.”

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Gabbi Garcia bids goodbye to her character in ‘Sherlock Jr.’



Avid viewers of Sherlock Jr. were shocked with the sudden death of Gabbi Garcia’s character, Lily Pelaez. In an Instagram post, the Kapuso actress said that she’s grateful to have worked with her Sherlock Jr. family.

“I honestly don’t know where to start. As much as it’s hard to say goodbye, well here it goes. I would like to thank the #SherlockJr team! Thank you for treating me like family. [They’re] one of the best cast and productions I’ve ever worked with! Thanks for keeping things light and full of love! I’ll definitely miss taping,” wrote Gabbi.

“Thank you also to everyone who supports the show! To my gabbifieds and gabru’s, love you guys! Quite unexpected, but I felt all the love from each and everyone of you. Time to take a bow. Thank you, Lily Pelaez,” ended Gabbi.

Ruru Madrid leaves a message for GabRu fans after Lily’s dies in ‘Sherlock Jr.’

Many were shocked with Lily Pelaez’s (Gabbi Garcia) death on Sherlock Jr. as many expected her to end up with the show’s protagonist, Sherlock “Jack” Jackson, Jr. (Ruru Madrid).



Ruru took to Instagram to write a heartfelt post about the death of Lily on Sherlock Jr.

“Paalam Lily, kahit sa maikling panahon na pagsasama niyo ni Jack minahal ka niya at nagpapasalamat siya sa lahat ng ginawamo para sa kanya. Kung wala ka

marahil ay hindi nya rin nalutas ang ilang mga kaso na kasama ka niyang ma-solve ito. Salamat ng marami Lily. Mahal ka naming lahat,” wrote the Kapuso actor.

Lastly, he left a message for GabRu fans who felt really heartbroken with Gabbi leaving the show.

According to Ruru, “Sa lahat po ng GabRu fans, wag po kayo mag-alala for sure magkakatrabaho pa rin kami ni Gab at ‘di kami magbabago. Patuloy pa rin naming susuportahan ang isa’t isa. Mahal na mahal namin kayo.”

Is Gabbi Garcia transferring to ABS?

Gabbi Garcia clarifies Twitter post that led to a rumor about her network transfer. She says, “That was a random tweet which had nothing to do with work.”

Itinanggi na mismo ni Gabbi Garcia na lilipat siya sa ibang TV network.

Sa eksklusibong panayam ng gmanetwork.com, nilinaw ng Kapuso young actress na walang kinalaman sa trabaho ang tweet niya noong Biyernes, March 30.

Sinabi kasi ni Gabbi rito: “How 2 make the right decision.”

Nagkaroon ng iba’t ibang espekulasyon ang mga nakabasa nito dahil sa paggamit niya ng “2.”

Pahayag ni Gabbi, “It was heartbreaking for me, I’m not gonna lie, but then it’s beyond my control naman din.

“I’m just so happy that I got to spend time with the cast and the production and that I got to say goodbye.

“These things happen but it doesn’t mean lilipat ako.

“That was a random tweet which had nothing to do with work.

“I know that there are still a lot of incoming projects

lined up for me.”

Nauna na ring itong pinabulaanan ng isang GMA Artist Center executive.

Ayon sa naturang executive, long-term ang kontrata ni Gabbi sa GMA Network.

Sarah not hurt by rumor about Matteo

SARAH Geronimo was very much excited with her 15th anniversary, “This 15 Me” concert at the Big Dome on April 14. After that, she will bring it to the U.S.A. for a six-city tour.

For sure, Sarah will miss her boyfriend Matteo Guidicelli when she stays in the U.S. for almost three weeks for her concert tour. Although Matteo also sings, they vowed never to work together so that bashers won’t accuse them of using each other.

But in Matteo’s recent 28th birthday celebra-



tion, they did a duet together. This is a very rare occasion so all the guests quickly whipped up their cellphones and took videos of their performance. Their friends also recorded a lot of their sweet moments together while hugging each other. “Para silang naka-glue sa isa’t isa that night,” says an eyewitness. “Lagi silang magkadikit at ayaw nang maghiwalay.”

This proves that rumors that Sarah and Matteo are currently about to split up allegedly because Matteo is flirting with other girls and Sarah was hurt, are simply not true.

Migo Adecer, appeal Matinee Idol

Pang matinee idol ang dating ng GMA Artist Center at Kapuso actor na si Migo Adecer. He has the looks, the height, marunong umarte, marunong kumanta, may konting angas at higit sa lahat, marunong sumagot sa mga tanong. Makikinig ka when he talks dahil may sense si bagets.

Napapanood si Migo sa The One That Got Away bilang si Sam, brother ni Zoe (Rhian Ramos) at ka-loveteam si Kelly Day as Toni. Natutuwa ang viewers ‘pag sila ang magkakaeksena para raw silang nanonood ng TV series dahil mga Inglesero ang tatlo. Idagdag pa si Ivan Dorschner sa kanila.

Manghihinayang ang fans ni Migo dahil wala siyang masyadong topless scene sa TOTGA, eh, willing naman itong maghubad at may katawan naman.

“I am comfortable baring. I can even go naked at I can show my butt cheek, kaya ko. I’m not conscious with my body. Gagawin ko ‘yun kung maganda ang project. Pero ‘pag 25 na ako. I’m only 18 years old,” pahayag ni Migo.

May seven years pang ipaghihintay ang fans ni Migo to see his body sa ngayon, magpapakilig muna siya at sila ni Kelly sa TOTGA na tuloy pa ring mapapanood.

Anyway, ang song ni Migo na Suntok sa Buwan pala ang theme song ng Korean novela na Bride of the Water God. Natutuwa ang young actor na napili ang song niya na theme song dahil maririnig ang song niya Monday to Thursday.



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Taguba again named Maronilla as among individuals receiving “tara” or grease money since he started his business of facilitating Customs transactions in August 2016 in a Senate Blue Ribbon Committee hearing.

Despite this allegation, Maronilla was still appointed by Duterte, who regularly stresses his crackdown on corruption in his government, to be an assistant commissioner of the BOC. “Pursuant to the provisions of existing laws, you are hereby appointed Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Customs, Department of Finance,” read the appointment letter signed by the chief executive. The letter was dated April 3.

Duterte has fired several officials supposedly for corruption and unjustified use of public funds.

The president famously vowed to fire officials, including those close to him, if there was a “whiff” of corruption from them.

During one of the Senate hearings into the entry of illegal drugs to the country, Taguba said that he had given a total of P92 million as grease money to Customs officials and players since August 2016.

Taguba said that this money came from clients who wanted to facilitate their con-

tainers out of the agency. He told a House panel that the BOC officials who received money were Maronilla, Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service Director Neil Estrella, Deputy Commissioner for Intelligence Teddy Raval, District Intelligence Officer Teodoro Sagara and Import Assessment Service Director Milo Maestrecampo. Taguba (PHOTO) also cited several individuals whose full names he did not know. The officials meanwhile denied that they received bribes to facilitate Customs transaction.

“I may probably be a rebel, but I’m not a thief,” said Maestrecampo, who was one of the soldiers who launched military uprisings against former President Gloria Arroyo.

Sen. Richard Gordon, chair of the Senate’s Blue Ribbon committee, urged the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Office of the Ombudsman to monitor the individuals mentioned by Taguba.

Taguba and several traders are facing charges related to drug importation. No Customs official, however, has been sued by the Department of Justice in relation to the multibillion shipment of narcotics.





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JaDine breaks free from ‘rom-com’ genre

Theirs was a love team born out of romantic comedy movies, but this year, James Reid and Nadine Lustre are ready to break free from the genre that made their moniker, JaDine, one of the most popular pairings in Philippine showbiz history. Their latest film, “Never Not Love You, breaks away from the rom-com formula.

“I always say our projects are more mature than the last one we did, but this time it’s really more mature. In fact, for Never Not Love You, viewer discretion is advised because of the language,” Reid cautioned.

As soon as the official teaser and trailer for the movie came out—viewed almost two million times as of the writing—fans and industry observers quickly described the tattooed smokers Gio and Joanne, who readily agreed to a live in setup, as a total departure from the innocent and wholesome characters Reid and Lustre have always portrayed.

It will be remembered that the young couple first treaded the roles of teenagers in love for their big screen debut, “Diary ng Panget” (2014) and subsequently, “Talk Back and You’re Dead” (2014), “Para sa Hopeless Romantic” (2015) and “This Time” (2016).

Eventually, when they crossed over to the small screen, JaDine graduated from high schoolers to young professionals via phenomenal primetime teleseryes “On the Wings of Love” and “Till I Met You.”

In ‘Never Not Love You,’ Reid and Lustre play young, carefree and reckless lovers Gio and Joanne

“I think it’s time to take it to the next level. I’m sure they are used to seeing typical rom-coms so they want to see something different. We’ve really pushed the limits here,” Reid noted of their transition.

Asked if they are afraid their fans might be too shocked to see them this “mature” in their latest outing, Lustre said she is confident the fearless generation they cater to will relate to their new characters.

“I believe the generation now is starting to be more open minded about things and to embrace what’s really happening now, so they’ll see themselves in Gio and Joanne.”

Partly shot in London, Lustre also considered shooting overseas a challenge they had to hurdle.

“Shooting in London was a different experience. But while London has given us the character that’s so perfect for the movie, it also taught us the difficulties of working



with a skeleton team. Unlike the local setup na kumpleto yung crew, we were very limited in London and so multi-tasking talaga for everyone,” Lustre narrated with a hint of pride the production pulled the whole thing off.

Takeaway

One of the early praises for Never Not Love You, based on their trailer, is that the movie seems well rooted in reality and tackles issues that young couples face. As such, it poses the most classic question in relationships, that of “will love ever be enough?”

“The millennials, pagdating sa love, nag-twi-twinkle yung mga mata nila and dami nilang nasasabi about it. So I’m really hoping they’ll see our movie,” Nadine expressed.

But she hopes their movie will be a good reminder for young couples to keep their relationships in touch with reality.

“Somehow, our movie will give out pointers on relationships. Isa dun ay dapat hindi lang love ang nagpapatakbo ng buhay. Because it reality, there could be love in a relationship but one or both are not really happy.

And as for Reid, he hopes that one of the takeaways their audience will get from their movie is that love is not the be all and end all in life.

“For me, one of the lessons of the movie is that love is not always the thing that pulls you together; it can be the same thing that will pull you apart. When that happens, couples should remember that sometimes, to grow as individuals, they need to grow apart,” Reid ended.

Top of the show biz news

Sarah Geronimo on why the title of her coming concert, “This Is Me,” is important to her: “Tumatanda na rin tayo so importante talaga na maging responsible; na matuto at mag-decide on your own sa lahat ng bagay—sa trabaho, repertoire, personal life.” (Acheche ...)

Sarah on having James Reid and Daniel Padilla in her coming concert as guests: “O ‘di ba, pabata nang pabata!” (Ho-hum.)

Bianca Manalo on being stranded for hours in the sea, after the boat she was on capsized: “Pumasok na sa isip ko na baka hindi ko na

makita ang family ko. Sabi ko, ‘Lord kung ito na ‘yun, so be it ... Then, eventually, the rescue team came.’” (Prayers can move mountains.)

Bianca on surviving the ordeal: “Instead of wondering kung bakit ko ‘to pinagdaanan, ang iniisip ko, why do I deserve to be given a second chance?” (Amen.)

Anne Curtis, asked if she’s pressured to start a family: “Darating din ‘yan. Pero if God gives it at the right time, it’s a blessing. Being a mom, you have to be stable, mentally, financially ...” (Korak!)

Nadine Lustre is still hopeful that she will star in the movie “The Nurse,” despite director Jun Lana tweeting that it’s not happening anymore: “Tingnan po natin ... Schedule is medyo tight kasi. Pero it’s a good material.” (Moving on.)

Derrick Monasterio on his chemistry with “Almost a Love Story” costar Barbie Forteza: “Nilalagyan ko ng emotion ang lines, tinitignan ko ‘yung mata niya and binabalikan ko lahat ng experiences namin before.” (Method acting?)

Is Maris Racial willing to shoot kissing scene with rumored boyfriend Iñigo Pascual?

Maris Racial on her first movie with Iñigo Pascual, “Hindi naman ako kinakabahan dahil si Iñigo naman ang kasama ko. Super comfortable na namin sa isa’t isa.”

MarNigo fans can look forward to seeing their idols together as Maris Racial confirms her movie with rumored boyfriend Iñigo Pascual.

Maris said that she and Iñigo are about to start shooting their first movie together, which will be directed by a newbie director.

“Pure comedy lang siya. Simple lang yung story niya,” she said.

Maris declined to give further details about the movie.

Since this will be her first movie with her love team partner Iñigo, Maris was asked if they will have a kissing scene in the movie.

Maris did not answer directly but she said she’s okay with it.

She said, “Hindi naman ako yung super [strict] like, bawal ‘to, bawal ‘yan.

“Pero siyempre, pag-uusapan pa rin yung sa management.

“Kung ano yung gusto nilang gawin ko, it’s not against my will naman like, ayaw kong gawin ‘yan.

“Go with the flow naman ako kung ano yung hinihingi ng story.”

However, Maris was quick to add, “Huwag naman sila mag-expect kasi, siyempre, nag-iiba yung script along the way.”

The young Kapamilya actress said she’s more excited than nervous about doing the movie.

“Excited ako kasi super bait ng team. I think naman na aalagaan nila kaming dalawa.

“Hindi naman ako kinakabahan dahil si Iñigo naman ang kasama ko. Super comfortable na namin sa isa’t isa,” she ended.



Jericho Rosales says it’s rude to ask married couples, **“Bakit hindi pa kayo nag-kakaanak?”**

Jericho Rosales on baby plans with wife Kim Jones: “Don’t force things para walang complication.”

After being married for almost four years, Jericho Rosales said that he and wife Kim Jones often get asked when they plan to have a baby.

Jericho, 38, has a 17-year-old son with former girlfriend Kai Palomares.

But both Jericho and Kim, 30, have been vocal about putting off having their own kids until they’re ready to start raising a family.

Jericho explained, “She has dreams. I have dreams. We both wanna focus on our goals muna.

“Because having a baby just because tradition or culture says kailangan magka-baby na kayo, ang damping ano nun...

“What if you’re not ready? Mahihirapan yung bata. Look at how many kids are there na walang mga magulang, di ba?

“I’m not saying na pababayaan namin... But we’re just very, very careful, and we care about the future.”

Jericho went on to say that they do want to have a baby, but not anytime soon.

“Personally, kami ganun. Ako, pag medyo relax na ako, okay na, game! Siya rin, game. Happiness!

“But don’t force things para walang complication.”

Jericho was interviewed during a set visit for his indie film Make You Fee.

BETTER TOGETHER. While he’s admittedly no expert when it comes to marriage, Jericho said his relationship with Kim was strengthened by the way they encourage each other to pursue their individual dreams.

He elaborated, “Some people say, ‘Napakamoderno ng relationship niyo.’

“Kasi, hindi lang naman kami ang natatanong ng ganyan, ‘Bakit hindi pa kayo nagkakaanak?’

“It’s very rude. Parang, don’t ask questions like that because you don’t know, for other couples, kung anong reason nila.

“But for us, I learned this from a friend, ‘You know, when you get married, yeah, you become one.

Joanna Ampil, hindi sinulot

NILINAW ni Joanna Ampil ang nasulat dito kahapon tungkol sa pahayag ng dating manager na si Girlie Rodis na “nasulot” siya ng ibang manager kaya hindi na siya artist ni GR (tawag sa showbiz kay Girlie).

Nag-direct message sa amin si Joanna sa Instagram upang klaruhin ang pag-alis niya kay GR.

Isa si Girlie sa executive producers ng Ang Larawan na pinagbidahan ng Broadway superstar at nagbigay sa kanya ng best actress award sa 2017 Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF).

“Hello Mr. Jun, this is Jo Ampil messaging you from China where we are currently doing Cats... Hope you’re well.

“I just saw your article about GR’s quote ‘sinulot’ ako. Just to clarify that it was a clean, honest and amicable parting between myself and GR and I was not ‘sinulot.’

“Far from it, I just felt I need to clarify this because it’s a bit unfair on my new manager Noel Ferrer when things were done in the most proper and friendliest manner. Thank you so much. All the best.

“Thank you for the support with Larawan,” mensahe sa amin ni Joanna.

Sa ngayon, lalaban ang pelikula sa isang festival sa Udine, Italy, pero hindi kasama sa entourage si Joanna.

SHUT UP - PET to Leni, Bongbong

MANILA - The Supreme Court, sitting as the Presidential Electoral Tribunal (PET), has ordered Vice President Maria Leonor “Leni” Robredo and former Sen. Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. to explain why they should not be cited for contempt for continuing to debate their dispute in public.

The PET noted that it had already directed the parties to “strictly observe” the sub judice rule in resolutions issued Feb. 13 and Mar. 20.

In an April 10 resolution signed by clerk of court Edgar Aricheta, the court noted that sensitive details of the ongoing revision process had been leaked to the media, including direct quotes.

“To preserve the sanctity of the proceedings, both parties are hereby directed to show cause and explain why they should not be cited [for] contempt by the tribunal,” the resolution stated.

The camps were given 10 days to reply to the order. The tribunal also denied for lack of merit Robredo’s urgent ex parte motion to direct the head revisers to apply the supposedly correct 25-percent threshold percentage in the revision, recount and reapportionment of ballots

25-percent threshold

Robredo wanted the reviser to adopt the

Comelec’s 25-percent threshold in counting the shaded ovals in the ballots, but the PET said there was no such percentage threshold in the current rules.

The PET said that while the reviser may determine whether the mark or shade in the oval is within a threshold, either party may still make objections. Marcos filed the protest in June 2016, contesting the results from 132,446 precincts in 27 provinces and cities.

Robredo was proclaimed winner of the vice presidential race with a margin of 263,473 votes.



Kris gumagawa ng ingay



Kris Aquino, Julia Barretto and Joshua GarciaKris Aquino, Julia Barretto and Joshua Garcia

NAGSIMULA na ang shooting ng pelikulang “I Love You, Hater” na tinatampukan ng reel and real love-team na Joshlia nina Joshua Garcia at Julia Barretto kasama ang controversial na si Kris Aquino na pinamamahalaan ni Giselle Andres under Star Cinema. Ito bale ang follow-up film project nina Julia at Joshua after the hit movie “Unexpectedly Yours” na pinagsamahang mahan nila nina Sharon Cuneta and Robin Padilla which was shown in November 2017. The movie is intended for a June 13, 2018 release.

Si Kris, on the other hand, ay huling napanood sa dalawang magkahiwalay na pelikula in 2015, ang “Etiquette for Mistresses,” a movie adaptation mula sa librong sinulat ng veteran journalist na si Julie Yap Daza na pinamahalaan ni Chito Roño . Ang isa pang movie ni Kris in 2015 ay ang “All You Need is Pag-ibig” na dinirek ni Antoinette Jadaone.

Sa kabila na wala ng regular TV show si Kris since 2016, patuloy siya sa pagiging newsmaker. Katunayan, patuloy na pinag-uusapan ngayon sa apat na sulok ng showbiz ang kanyang pang-aaway sa dati niyang mister, ang popular cager na si James Yap na may kinalaman sa social media greetings nito sa ika-11 birthday ng anak nilang si Bimby at maging sa kanyang dating kaibigan at kasamahan sa now-defunct “Morning Girls with Kris and Korina,” ang award-winning veteran broadcast journalist na si Korina Sanchez, misis ng dating senador at DILG Secretary na si Mar Roxas, matalik na kaibigan ng nakatatandang kapatid ni Kris na si dating Pangulong Noynoy Aquino. Ang tanging naging ‘kasalanan’ ni Korina ay ang pag-feature ng “Rated-K” sa ex-husband ni Kris na si James Yap at ang bagong pamilya nito, ang Italian national na si Michela Cazzola at anak nilang si Michael James. Pero parehong nanahimik na lamang at hindi pumatol sina James at Korina sa mga patutsada ni Kris.

May nagsasabi naman na sadya lamang gumagawa ng ingay si Kris.

PIDC Looks to the Future

Toronto - On March 25, 2018, the Philippines Independence Day Council, Toronto (“PIDC”) hosted its Induction Ceremony, at Max’s of Manila Restaurant. In addition to various community members in attendance, the event welcomed a number of special guests, including Marco Mendicino, M.P. (Eglinton-Lawrence), Ramon Estaris (Provincial Liberal nomination candidate - York Centre), select members representing Canadian Multicultural Council of Asians in Ontario: Joe Chen, Sid Ikeda and Henry Lee, and our honoured guest for the evening, as well as keynote speaker, Consul-General Rosalita Prospero.

During the festivities, additional addresses were provided by Immediate Past President and present Advisor and Chair Emeritus (Mabuhay Festival), Norma Carpio, Agnes Miranda, CEO and Executive Vice President of World Financial Group (WFG), lead sponsor and Co-Chair of the Mabuhay Philippines Festival and incoming President, Karen Pascual-Binaday. All three took the time to honour the legacy that has been developed by PIDC, and also signal a time to look forward to the future of the organization, in the way it intends to connect to the Filipino-Canadian community, as well as the general Canadian population, as well as to attract the interest of younger generations, who may embody the mission of PIDC, and continue this mission in future years.

Consul-General Prospero inducted the following Officers, who will be serving PIDC for the next two years (2018/19). Below are the following Officers who were inducted.

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In addition, incoming President, Karen Pascual-Binaday, introduced and welcomed the following to PIDC’s Council of Leaders: Roland Ibarra, Rose Cruz, Myrna Palmer, Marlene Lucas, Pido Pacis, Jennifer Sy, Ralph Paguirigan, Anita Diaz, Roy Start, Agnes Miranda, Ofelia Santiago, Louroz Mercader, Aris Elefano, Ric Norona, Roger Tarca, Ramon Estaris, Lovely Luna, Zeny Zagala, Corrie Maravilla, Conida Halley, Josa Halley, Madelyn Dayo and Danny Orbillo.

Honorary members will include: Han Dong (MPP for Spadina-Fort York); Michael Levitt (MP for York Centre); and David Mousavi (Lawyer and Professor).

Throughout the evening, guests were treated to performances by Council Members, Danny Orbillo and Chyrell Samson, in addition to Bianca Manlapaz, who is a former Little Miss Philippines PIDC.

PIDC would like to thank Michael Lublin of David Visual, for sponsoring the event, and to Clyde Pacis, and the entire Max’s of Manila Restaurant team, for the hospitality and delighting its guests to a deliciously appetizing dinner. Finally, special thanks to PIDC’s own Aimee Maravilla and Verth Bugtong for Co-Chairing the evening’s event.

About PIDC

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

- Salu Salo Community Potluck Picnic
- Miss and Little Miss Philippines PIDC (Saturday, June 23, 2018, at the Isabel Bader Theatre)
- Independence Day Flag Raising (Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at Queen’s Park Legislative Building)
- MCup (formerly Mabuhay Cup, on July 19 to July 22, 2018, at HoopDome)
- Mabuhay Philippines Festival (Thursday, August 23, 2018 (Gala), at the Toronto Sheraton Hotel, and August 25/26, 2018, at Nathan Phillips Square)

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

BRUNO OK GOING SEXY

NEW Kapuso heartthrob Bruno Gabriel wants to thank viewers who find time to watch their morning romcom, “Ang Forever Ko’y Ikaw”, which is aired right before “Eat Bulaga”. “We’re happy ng mga kasama kong sina Camille Prats, Neil Ryan Sese and Ayra Mariano, kasi so far, very positive naman ang feedback na natatanggap namin sa social media,” he says. “We know mabigat ‘yung katapat naming programa, but we’re confident that slowly, we’ll also win the hearts of our loyal viewers. Maraming nakaka-relate sa main characters kasi pareho silang sawi. E, alam naman nating in real life, maraming sawi, mga iniwan ng lovers nila o disappointed sa love life nila so they’re sad and lonely, and ‘Forever Ko’y Ikaw’ is about inspiring people to give love another chance. ‘Yun namang characters Ayra and I play, Benjie and Marione, we start on the wrong foot but hating each other, lagi kaming nag-aaway, then slowly we get to know each other better.”

How is it working with Ayra? “She’s a joy to work with. We’ve known each other kasi we attended the same acting and personality improvement workshops sa GMA. We’ve worked na rin together before in ‘GRIND’ at magaan siyang katrabaho. Now, we’re doing a romcom and we’re both enjoying it. And they say maganda raw ang chemistry namin on screen. I’m really loving this profession and I want to take acting very seriously.”

Does he mind that he’s being projected as a hunk? “Not at all. They ask me if I could do love scenes or an underwear scene and I said yes. It’s part of your job as an actor, so there’s nothing wrong in going sexy as long as may ipapakita ka at hindi ka



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mapapahiya. It’s not a big issue for me.”

Derek Ramsay leaves TV5

Nag-post ng pasasalamat ang 41-anyos na aktor sa management ng TV5 sa pamamagitan ng Instagram post. “Thank you TV5 for 6 great years. Thank you for trusting and believing in me,” simula ng aktor sa caption ng kanyang post. “The projects and memories here will always be cherished. You always made me feel that i am truly family. Wishing you all the best in your new direction for the network.

“Kidlat signing out for now. Love you all,” pagtatapos ng post ni Derek.

Ang Kidlat ay ang eponymous superhero role na ginampanan ni Derek sa TV5 noong 2013. Nag-hashtag din ang aktor ng mga proyektong ginawa niya sa Kapatid network.

Kabilang pa sa mga ito ay ang Amazing Race (2012), Undercover (2013), Mac & Chiz (2015), For Love Or Money (2013), at Extreme Series: Kaya Mo Ba ‘To?

Pumirma ng kontrata ang actor-host sa TV5 noong 2012 matapos ng halos pitong taon sa ABS-CBN. Per project basis ngayon si Derek at gumagawa ngayon ng pelikula kasama ang Kapamilya stars nan sina Bea Alonzo at Paulo Avelino. Isa si Derek sa mga dating Kapamilya stars na lumipat sa TV5, kagaya rin nina Sharon Cuneta, Willie Revillame, Mariel Rodriguez, at Aga Muhlach.

Bumalik si Sharon sa ABS-CBN noong 2015 at sumunod si Aga ng sumunod na taon, habang si Willie naman ay nasa Kapuso Network.

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Dennis Trillo on marrying Jennylyn Mercado: “Isa yun sa mga plano namin.” + Other Stories



Dennis Trillo says he and and girlfriend Jennylyn Mercado talk about marriage but it is not happening anytime soon.

Sinabi ni Dennis Trillo na plano nila ng girlfriend na si Jennylyn Mercado na magbakasyon ngayong Holy Week para magkaroon ng bonding time.

Nakagawian daw ni Dennis na sa tuwing Mahal na Araw ay kasama ang mga mahal niya sa buhay.

“Dati lumalabas kami ng pamilya, kung saan-saan [pumupunta], basta ang importante magkakasama lang kami,” pahayag niya.

Balak daw nilang magpunta sa beach ngayong Semana Santa para mas tahimik.

Biniro si Dennis kung ayaw pa ba nilang magpakasal ni Jennylyn, lalo’t hindi na sila bumabata.

Si Dennis ay 36-anyos, habang si Jennylyn namay ay 30.

Mayroon na rin silang kani-kanilang anak mula sa kanilang previous relationships.

“Marami kaming mga plano. Isa yun sa mga plano namin, pero hindi pa yun yung pina-prioritize namin,” sagot ni Dennis.

Pero tiniyak niyang napag-uusapan ang kasal sa pagitan nila ni Jennylyn.

Sa kasalukuyan ay abala ang aktor sa kanyang Kapuso prime time series na The One That Got Away at isang upcoming concert sa abroad ngayong Abril.

Pero sa kabila ng busy schedule, sinabi ni Dennis na lagi siyang humahanap ng oras upang magkaroon ng pahinga.

“Kailangan hanapan mo pa rin ng time ang sarili mo, kasi yun yung pambawi mo.

“Dun ka makaka-recharge para magtrabaho ulit sa panibagong araw.

“Para sa akin, importante yung time sa sarili, mag-spend ka ng time para sa mga mahal sa buhay parang pangbalanse sa sarili mo.”

John Estrada is now a Kapuso

Magiging bahagi ng upcoming teleserye ng GMA-7 si John Estrada matapos patayin ang karakter nito sa The Good Son ng ABS-CBN.

Kapuso na ang aktor na si John Estrada.

Ito ang kinumpirma ni Angel Javier-Cruz, GMA Vice President for Corporate Communications.

Ayon sa GMA-7 executive, program contract lang muna ang pinirmahan ng aktor.

Hindi rin siya nagbigay ng detalye tungkol kung anong programa lalabas ang dating Kapamilya star.

Lumutang ang balitang magiging Kapuso na si John nitong unang linggo ng Marso, matapos patayin ang kanyang karakter sa The Good Son ng ABS-CBN.

Ito ay bunsod sa naging alitan daw nila ng co-star niyang si Mylene Dizon sa set ng teleserye, kung saan inakusahan ang 44-year-old actor ng pananantsing at pananakit diumano sa female co-star.

Ngunit mariin itong itinanggi ni John.

Kagabi, March 26, masayang nagbahagi ng larawan sa Instagram si John, kung saan binabasa niya ang script ng kanyang bagong proyekto.

Kasunod ito ng paglutang ng balitang makakasama raw si John sa upcoming teleserye na pagbibidahan ng Pambansang Bae na si Alden Richards, ang Miho.

Bukod kay Alden, makakasama rin daw ni John ang panganay na anak nila ni Janice de Belen na si Inah de Belen at si Janine Gutierrez.

Luis Alandy now goes by his real name Adrian Alandy; fulfills dream of working with Mike de Leon

Nais ng aktor na si Luis Alandy na gamitin na ang tunay niyang pangalan na Adrian bilang screen name.

Ayon sa kanya, ang desisyon ay

nagmula sa kanilang dalawa ng kanyang manager na si Noel Ferrer.

Pahayag ni Adrian, “It’s a new beginning for me.

“And parang after doing Citizen Jake, doon namin sinabi ni Noel na, ‘Why not use my real name to make it more real, more personal career.’”

Nakausap si Adrian sa special screening ng Citizen Jake ni Direk Mike de Leon sa U.P. Film Center noong March 23.

Pagkatapos ng screening ay lumapit si Adrian kay Direk Mike, mahigpit na yumakap, at naluha sa pagiging emosyunal.

Tinanong ng PEP.ph ang aktor kung bakit siya nadala ng kanyang emosyon pagkatapos mapanood ang



ginawang pelikula.

Tugon ni Adrian, “Ito kasi yung parang statement movie ko for my career.

“That I’ll be able to work with Direk Mike. Sobrang fulfilling talaga sa akin.

“Talagang na-overwhelm ako with emotion dahil first time ko lang din napanood [yung movie].”

Ayon pa kay Adrian, “Ang hirap i-contain ng emotion.

“Kaya nung kinausap ko si Direk kanina, medyo... yung pinagdaanan ko kasi in the past... well, alam ni Sir Noel.

“Noong matanggap ako sa audition at sinabi yung gagawin ko, umiyak talaga ako.

“Para sa akin, malaking bagay para sa akin to prove myself.”

WORKING WITH DIREK MIKE. Sa pelikula, ginagampanan ni Luis ang karakter ng caretaker na si Jonie at kababata ni Atom Araullo bilang si Jake.

Halo-halo na raw talaga ang pinanggagalingan kung bakit naiyak siya at naging emosyonal pagkatapos mapanood ang, makalapit kay Direk Mike at mayakap ito.

Paliwanag ni Adrian, “Yung success ng film, as of now, for the first three screenings.

“At saka, yun nga, to be able to work with Direk Mike, sobrang ito na yung statement ng career ko na masasabi kong, in a way, I made it.”

Para kay Adrian, iba talagang karanasan bilang isang aktor na maidirek ng isang premyadong direktor na tulad ni Direk Mike.

“Ano siya e, he’s really a good teacher.

“Ang galing ng mind niya in-terms

of what he wants in our character.

“Hindi siya naging madamot sa amin.

“Talagang sinigurado niyang magiging maganda yung performance namin,” saad ni Adrian.

Ano ang sinabi sa kanya ni Direk Mike matapos nilang magyapos?

“Sabi niya, magkikita raw kami ulit, hopefully,” nakangiti niyang sabi.

Sabi pa ni Adrian, “I’m hoping and wishing na sana, one movie pa with him.”

Si Mike de Leon ay kinikilala bilang isa sa pinakamahusay na direktor sa bansa at bihira lang gumawa ng pelikula.

Ilan sa mga obra niya ay Itim (1977), Kung Mangarap Ka’t Magising (1977), Kakabakaba Ka Ba? (1980), Kisapmata (1981), Batch ‘81 (1982), Sister Stella L (1984), Hindi Nahahati Ang Langit (1985), at Bayaning Third World (1999).

Ang Citizen Jake ang unang pelikula ni Mike pagkatapos ng halos 20 taon.

PAOLO ENJOYS WORKING WITH SOLENN, MARICEL

PAOLO Ballesteros had a big award-winning hit in “Die Beautiful” that continues to gain acclaim in international film festivals. Then he did three movies after that, the mild hit “Trip Ubusan” and the flopsings “Barbie, Wonder Beki” and “Amnesia Love”. Now, he has a new movie, “My Two Mommies”, and it certainly looks more promising than the last two mentioned flicks. Directed by Eric Quizon, he shares topbilling with Maricel Soriano and Solenn Heussaff.

“Nag-enjoy ako doing the movie with them kasi we’re trying to show a different kind of mother in the story,” he says. “Pang-Mother’s Day presentation ito ng Regal and it’s not the usual story na puro mama-mama na babae lang ang nanay. Here, isa ako sa two mommies. Hindi lang naman babae ang pwedeng maging nanay, di ba? At saka, hindi porke ikaw ang nagsilang sa isang bata, nanay ka na. Maraming ibang klaseng nanay. ‘Yung iba, nawala ang nanay, at ang naging nanay, ‘yung kapatid, ‘yung lola, ‘yung kapitbahay, o ‘yung ninang na pinag-iwanan. So there are really different kinds of mothers.”

He’s optimistic that “My Two Mommies” will be as successful as “Die Beautiful”. “Iba rin kasi ang naging impact ng ‘Die Beautiful’ and I feel na kapag ganoong ibang klase ang story ng isang movie, tumatatak talaga sa audience. And I can say ganun din itong ‘My Two Mommies’, na combination din ng comedy and drama. Patatawanin ka, pero may moment ding very touching na maluluha ka. Maganda ang material kaya I made sure na I give my 101 percent in every scene na ginagawa ko.”

How is it working with Maricel Soriano? “It’s an honor kasi tagahanga niya talaga ako noon pa man. Doing a scene with her is really a pleasure kasi napakagaling niya. Mai-inspire ka as she brings out the best sa kaeksena niya.”

And how about Solenn Heussaff? “Actually, when they asked me kung sino ang gusto kong makasama rito sa movie, siya agad ang sinabi ko. Kasi I want to be her, ‘yung fit and sexy na, beauty and brains pa. I also like her personality, very likeable. Gusto ko rin pati yung husband niya, si Nico. Char.”



Kris Aquino gets asked “Extra ka lang ba”?

Kris Aquino on Crazy Rich Asians: “I’m part of a history-making movie because it’s the first non-period, all Asian, big Hollywood multi-million production.”

For months, Kris Aquino has been talking about her Hollywood movie Crazy Rich Asians.

When the trailer of Crazy Rich Asians was finally released earlier this week, fans anticipated getting a glimpse of the Filipina actress but she was not featured in the two-minute video.

However, viewers could not see the name of her character since the portrait of Kris was partially covered by a heart emoji.

The ABS-CBN actress accompanied the video with the caption:

“Lulubusin ko na po ang posts. Feeling ko madaling araw na ng Friday ang gising ko- in time for my next shooting. #CrazyRichAsians #teaser #imeverywoman”

A netizen using the Instagram handle @jzenemij16 asked Kris about her non-inclusion in the Crazy Rich Asians trailer by writing: “Napanood ko trailer, pero di kita nakita? Extra ka lang ba dun? I thought you’re one of the main characters. :)”

In response, Kris wrote in the comments section: “As recently as Friday I said I’m there for 5 minutes, but I do portray a [princess]. Dude, I’m part of a Warner Brothers history-making movie because it’s the first non-period, all Asian, big Hollywood multi-million production. #proud-torepresentphilippines”

As early as February 2018, Kris already told PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) that she would be playing royalty in this movie about the wealthy Singapore elite. Last week, Kris disclosed to ABS-CBN News that she would be portraying a princess in this film that is scheduled to open in Philippine cinemas on August 22.

Newbie Joshua Colet flattered to be compared to Gabby Concepcion, Christopher Reeve

Sa presscon ng bagong teleserye ng ABS-CBN na Araw Gabi, umagaw ng pansin sa mga dumalong press ang presence ng baguhang aktor na si Joshua Colet.

Ito ay sa kabila ng panay guwapo at makikisig ang co-stars niyang sina JM de Guzman, Victor Silayan, at RK Bagatsing.

May mga nagsasabi pa ngang kahawig ni Joshua ang aktor na si Gabby Concepcion at maging ang Hollywood actor na si Christopher Reeve.

Si Joshua ay anak ng dating commercial model at matinee idol na si Noel Colet.

Bago ang Araw Gabi, tumatak sa mga manonood ang pagganap niya bilang moonchaser sa ABS-CBN prime time series na La Luna Sangre.

Ano ang reaksiyon ni Joshua kapag sinasabing kahawig niya si Gabby o si Christopher na gumanap noon bilang Superman?

Tugon ng 22-year-old newcomer, “Siyempre, natutuwa ako na ganun ang inisip ng tao.

“For them, it brings back memories din of actors back in the day, like my father, who is Noel Colet.

“He’s a good actor back in the ‘80s, and hanggang ngayon lumalabas pa rin siya sa Sana Dalawa Ang Puso.” Dagdag ni Joshua, “I want to live in that expectation. “Sinasabi kasi nila, ‘Kamukha mo si Gabby, kamukha mo si Christopher Reeve.’

“They’re good actors po so I want to live in that expectations na, ‘Here is somebody who looks like them, katipo, magaling ba umarte? Makakapag-perform ba nang maayos?”

“Yun po ang tinatrabaho ko sa ngayon. “Physically, okey na po ako. Yung acting, tatabahuhin ko po talaga.”

Banggit pa niya, “Ang mommy ko is a theater actress. “Actually, nasa Araw Gabi rin siya, secretary ni JM. “Gusto ko po talaga ang ginagawa namin.”



Kimberly Junsay debut was held at Tosca Banquet Hall in Oshawa on April 1st, 2018; classmates, relatives, and friends joined the celebration.



The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Artemio and Teresita Delos Trinos was held at HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH on March 16, 2018. This was attended by grandchildren, children, brothers, sisters, relatives, and former co-workers.

CHRISTOPHER DE LEON GET SHOT

LET’S say a prayer for the quick and total recovery of much respected actor Christopher de Leon who has won countless acting awards since he started in 1974 at the age of 17 in “Tinimbang Ka Ngunit Kulang”. We all thought he has recovered from the accidental shooting that happened while taping for “Kambal Karibal” when a shrapnel from a supposed-to-be blank bullet got

embedded in his inner thigh. But it turned out that the wound has not fully healed and is still infected, so he is now confined at the hospital and needs another operation. What happened in the “Kambal Karibal” scene was that he was grappling with Marvin Agustin, who plays his evil son, with the gun when it got fired and he was hit. Maybe they should just have faked the gunshot scene since he’s not actually shown as being shot by Marvin. But then, who knows such an accident would happen? In all fairness to GMA-7, they have not neglected Bro. Boyet and shouldered all his hospital expenses. Since the doctor said he has to rest for two months before working again, they’re even willing to pay for the financial damages incurred while he is unable to work. We know Bro. Bo has a strong faith in the Lord, also his wife Sandy Andolong, but let’s all help them in praying for the Lord to heal him fully as soon as possible.

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JoshLia, may problema

Sa gitna ng espekulasyong hiwalay na ang kanilang mga idolo, ikinatuwa ng mga JoshLia fans ang sagutan nina Joshua Garcia at Julia Barretto sa Twitter last Saturday. Nagtweet kasi si Joshua kay Julia kung saan ay nakasaad ang “Anong alam nila tungkol satin na hindi natin alam tungkol satin? @BarrettoJulia.” Sinagot naman ito ni Julia ng “I also don’t know baba.” Malungkot kasi ang kanilang mga fans simula nang pumutok ang intriga kay Joshua tungkol sa isang netizen na dumamano’y nakapalitan niya ng direct message sa social media at hinihiling niyang magkita sila. Pagkatapos nito ay lumabas na ang espekulasyong baka nagkakalabuan na sina Joshua at Julia dahil nga sa issue lalo pa nga’t nitong nakaraang Holy Week ay hindi sila magkasama. Pero sa latest sagutan nila sa Twitter, mukhang all is well naman sa pagitan nila kaya naman nagbunyi at kinilang ang kanilang mga fans.

Solenn reveals bromance between her hubby and Matteo

SOLENN Heussaff shows her flair for comedy as the weird character named George in “The One that Got Away”. “Ako ‘yung very first girlfriend

ni Dennis Trillo as Liam,” she says. “Balikbayan ako from France who returns to Manila dahil, just like sina Lovi Poe, Rhian Ramos and Max Collins, gusto kong magkabalikan kami ni Dennis. Sabi ko kay Dennis, may sakit ako, may taning na ang life ko. Doon ako nag-stay sa bahay ni Dennis para ma-seduce ko siya. But it turns out may secret ako at may tinatakanan lang pala ako from France. Siyempre, I consider Lovi, Rhian and Max as my rivals over Dennis and I even try to poison Lovi. Eventually, nabukong may brain damage lang pala ako so I’m sent back to France. Still, I enjoyed my stay in ‘TOTGA’ as I really had fun.” Solenn is currently busy with the promo of her new Regal movies, “My Two Mommies”, which is slated to be a special Mother’s Day presentation on May 9. Directed by Eric Quizon, Solenn has an affair with Paolo Ballesteros in the story, even if he’s gay and they eventually have a son who call them his two mommies. Also in the cast are Maricel Soriano, Joem Bascon, Dianne Medina and child actor Marcus Cabais. Aside from this, Solenn is doing a horror flick for an indie director, “Mystery of the Night”. Is her Argentinian husband, Nico Bolzico, joining showbiz? He’s making his presence felt so much on social media and even basks in his so-called bromance with Matteo Guidicelli. “No, he’s not. He’s just having fun with his pranks but hanggang doon lang siya,” says Solenn.

JM no proper closure yet with Jessy

COMEBACKING actor JM de Guzman looked so dapper during the presscon for his new series, Araw Gabi where he is paired with PBB alumna, Barbie Imperial. People are commenting how lucky he is for being given another crack at stardom after his bout with drug addiction. It would be remembered that JM was the former boyfriend of Jessy Mendiola who’s now a happy future Mrs. Luis Manzano. How does JM feel about it? “Masaya na po ako roon,” he says. “Kung saan po siya masaya.” They belong to the same home studio. Didn’t they have a chance to bump into each other? “Wala lang pong opportunity,” the actor said. A source said they saw each other at a restaurant (but did not specify whether it was inside ABS-CBN compound) but they ignored each other. (Or was it Jessy who ignored JM)? Maybe for the sake of being in the same studio, JM and Jessy should have a proper closure. It would be nice to see them as friends again.

Barbie denies tension with Kathniel

MEANWHILE, JM de Guzman’s Araw Gabi leading lady, Barbie Imperial has denied that there’s a gap between her and Kathryn Bernardo and BF Daniel Padilla. It would be remembered that Barbie’s BF, Paul Salas, had a social media tiff with Daniel. In the process, Barbie has been implicated for having sided with Paul. The tension between them had been rumored to have caused Barbie being eased out of “La Luna Sangre” where Kathniel was the lead stars. “Not true po,” said Barbie who’s now being groomed as a new female lead by ABS-CBN. “Ok po kami nina Kathryn at Daniel.” So there. Aside from Araw Gabi, Barbie’s dramatic mettle will be put to the test as she plays herself in Maa-laala Mo Kaya tomorrow night, Saturday, on ABS-CBN.

Vina nervous about New Contravida Role

WE really admire Ariel Rivera for having accepted the villain role in Hanggang Saan which ends today. Despite his being so “angelic-looking,” Ariel was menacing as Jacob in the last days of the afternoon soap which stars Sylvia Sanchez, son Arjo Atayde, Teresa Loyzaga, Sue Ramirez, among others. He was able to convincingly pull it off as contravida, and in fact, he’s looking forward to more of the same roles in the future. Now, another angelic-looking star, Vina Morales, is trying her hand again as contravida in Araw Gabi. She shocked everyone when she was shown in the series’ trailer in a very revealing swimwear. And what’s more, she has a younger love interest in Victor Silayan. “Actually boytoy ko siya rito,” says Vina. “Medyo nahirapan ako because I’m not used to this. Tapos may bed scenes pa.” But she says Victor is so cooperative. “Si direk kung anu-ano pinapagawa sa amin, nakaka-stress kasi siyempre first time ko to work with Victor,” adds Vina. She is looking forward to viewers’ reactions. “I’m so nervous but I know our directors will take care of us,” says Vina.

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‘Almost a Love Story’ is in the can + other stories



Fans of young actors Barbie Forteza and Derrick Monasterio will be happy to know that summer will see their idols on the big screen in director Louie Ignacio’s latest romantic piece, “Almost a Love Story.”

A co-production of BG Productions International and GMA Films, with the cooperation with Solento Films of Italy, the movie saw the pair of Kapuso talents shooting all the way in Europe just before the Christmas holidays. The rest of the scenes were completed here in the Philippines.

At Love Story’s press conference, Direk Louie praised Barbie and Derrick for being professionals throughout the filming.

“I love working with them. There was one scene where I asked Derrick to take off his shirt and swim. It was cold because it was December but he just did as he was told. Walang reklamo kahit the scene was not in the script. Kung sa ibang artista yun baka sabihin, ‘Talk to my manager first,’ but Derrick gamely did it,” he elaborated.

Meanwhile, Barbie recalled first working with BG Productions for “Laut,” which won for her a Best Actress award at the 36th Fantasporto International Film Festival in Oporto, Portugal. With such a memorable first project, it didn’t come as a surprise that the actress immediately agreed to work for the company again when offered this new movie.

“Siguro masaya sila sa naging trabaho ko sa Laut that’s why they got me again. I loved our shoot in Italy kasi I was a regular person there. Nagkaroon ako ng night life. Maaga kami natatapos ng shoot kasi by 3 pm dumi-dilim na kaya dapat tapos na kami,” Barbie giggled.

Abs ni Alden, may issue

Nakabalik na from Dakak si Alden Richards, pero patuloy na nadadagdagan ang bilang ng likes at comments sa pinost niyang photo habang nasa Dakak siya na topless at nasisisip ang kanyang baby abs.

Last time we checked, may 122,229 likes na ang photo at 4,799 comments and counting pa.

Hindi maiwasan ang pagsugod ng bashers sa Instagram (IG) ni Alden at sinasabing old pic ang pinost nito, kahit malinaw na nakalagay ang location at ang caption na “Almost...”

’Di ba, pati picture at abs may issue.

Terms of Endearment ni Tom and Carla

“Mama” at “Daddy” ang terms of endearment nina Tom Rodriguez at Carla Abellana at nalaman ito ng fans ng dalawa nang mag-comment si Carla sa IG Live ni Tom. Tinawag niyang “Daddy” ang boyfriend at tinawag naman siyang “Mama” nito.

Ayun, kinilig ang fans kahit sa IG lang nila na-witness ang kasweetan ng dalawa. Umuwi si Tom sa Arizona para maka-sama ang family sa first death anniversary ng ama

last March 25. Nag-resume agad ng taping ng The Cure na hindi napanood ni Tom dahil nasa States nga siya, pero natuwa sa positive feedback at proud sa kanya si Carla.

Why do Willie Revillame’s co-hosts keep leaving him?

ALING TESS, a neighbor and lola of five, is a self-confessed fan of Willie Revillame since he started hosting his own variety/game show first on ABS-CBN, then on TV5 and finally on GMA.

However, her daily household chores (from cooking to laundry to babysitting and a whole lot more) has never allowed her to take a single day off, and queue up with other elders to try to win a fraction of Willie’s generous cash “pamigay” for the live studio audience of “Wowowin.”

But there’s more to Aling Tess’ disappointment. “Bakit nalalagas ang mga kasama ni Willie sa show?” she complained as she made a quick rundown of his co-hosts who, for some unknown—if not mystery-shrouded—reason, have disappeared one by one, if not all at the same time.

Towards the end of 2017 Vignettes recalls how the cross dressing, flamboyant and loud-mouthed Super Tekla was reportedly yanked out of the program. “Pero ang alam ko, si Tekla ang may diperensiya,” Aling Tess noted, citing reports of the gay comedian’s lack of professionalism [his alleged gambling vice also had a lot to do with it].

What baffles Aling Tess is the apparent “egress” of Willie’s other co-hosts, Donita Nose and former Binibining Pilipinas-Universe Ariella Arida. “Bakit sabay-sabay pa sila nawala? In fairness, they did well in hosting, saka ‘di ba, natsismis pa ngang si Ariella ang girlfriend ni Willie [which both denied]?”

For lack of an accurate answer to Aling Tess’ inquiry, Vignettes is addressing the same to Willie. Was it a mass resignation or termination that took effect in Donita and Ariella’s case?

Is there something about the way Willie treats his co-workers that the public isn’t privy to? “Kung sa tao, OK siya pero baka bilang amo, may ugali siguro si Willie,” Aling Tess can only conjecture.

Matteo, nag-propose kay Sarah sa Palawan?

Masaya ang fans nina Sarah Geronimo at Matteo Guidicelli sa maraming photos at video na napost sa Holy Week vacation ng dalawa sa Coron, Palawan. Kasama nila ang family ni Matteo pati mga pinsan at mga kaibigan ni Matteo gaya ni Nico Bolzico, ang husband ni Solenn Heussaff at marami pang kaibigan.

Sa nakita naming photos at video, nag-enjoy ang dalawa at may libreng pa-concert si Sarah at sa ibang video, nag-duet sila ni Matteo ng The Prayer, Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang at Forevermore.

Lalo tuloy nagtataka ang fans ng dalawa kung bakit hindi pa naggi-guest ang bawat isa sa kani-kanyang concert.

Dahil kasama sa bakasyon ang pamilya ni Matteo, may mga nagbiro na baka nag-propose na si Matteo at may nagpayo na magpakasal na sila.

Ginulat ni Glaiza de Castro ang followers niya sa socmed nang i-post ang photo niyang naka-one piece swimsuit dahil first time ginawa ng aktres na mag-post ng picture na naka-swimsuit siya at walang suot na shorts.

Ang daming nag-likes ng photo ni Glaiza na kuha sa Nasugbo, Batangas noong Holy Week at positive ang

comments.

Kabilang sa nag-comment si Jak Roberto na kasama ni Glaiza sa Contessa at parang masusun-dan ang pagpo-post ni Glaiza na naka-swimsuit siya. Waiting na ang kanyang fans na ang next post ni Glaiza ay naka-two-piece swimsuit na siya.

Anyway, patuloy na sinusubaybayan ang Contessa hindi lang dahil sa story, mahusay na direction at magagaling na cast.

Kasama rin sa nagugustuhan ng viewers ang dialogue at kung paano dini-deliver ng cast.

Nag-tweet nga si Lauren Young ng “Love the writing talaga!!!” dahil sa dialogue pa lang, naiinis na sa kanya ang televiewers.

Kakalma na nito ang fans ni Gabbi Garcia at fans nila ni Ruru Madrid na tungkol sa pag-alis niya sa GMA Network at paglipat sa ABS-CBN ang cypitc tweet ni Gabbi na “how 2 make the right decision.”

Inakala nahihirapan siyang mag-decide kung aalis sa Kapuso Network, kaya super react ang fans, pero false alarm naman pala.

May nagpayong manatili sa GMA-7 at may nangako namang susuportahan siya kahit nasa ABS-CBN na siya. May rason ang fans na mag-isip na lilipat ng ibang network si Gabbi dahil wala siyang regular show sa GMA-7 ngayon.

Pinatay ang karakter niya sa Sherlock Jr. at on leave siya sa Sunday Pinasaya, sa online show na lang ng Kapuso Network siya napapanood.

Tapos may balita pang maggi-guest na lang ng makakapareha ni Ruru at wala na itong leading lady sa Sherlock Jr. Tingnan natin kung totoo ito.

Sa pagtatanong namin, malabong makaalis sa GMA-7 si Gabbi sa ngayon dahil may kontrata pa siya sa GMA Artist Center at matagal pa ang kontratang ’yun. Sinagot din ng handler ni Gabbi ang tanong ng PEP kung lilipat si Gabbi ng “NOT TRUE” at ni-like ito ni Gabbi. Kaya, kalma na kayo.

Ang i-request ng fans ni Gabbi sa GMA-7, bi-gyan ito ng bagong teleserye kapalit ng Sherlock Jr. Hindi matanggap ng fans nito na pinatay ang leading lady ni Ruru.

In-open na uli ni Juancho Trivino ang comment box ng Instagram (IG) account niya, kaso, pati bashers ay balik na rin.

Nakapag-move on na si Alden Richards sa “dirty finger” issue at mabilis na tinanggap ang apology ni Juancho, pero ang ibang fans ay hindi pa rin makapag-move on.

Inaaway pa rin si Juancho at kung anu-anong masasamang salita ang ipinapukol sa kanya. May ibang fans sina Alden at Juancho na nakiusap sa kapwa nila fans na tigilan na ang isyu, pero wala pa rin.

May nabasa pa kaming dahil sa ginawa ni Juancho kay Alden, pinalitan siya ng ibang aktor sa Inday Will Always Love You na tampok ang tambalan nina Barbie Forteza at Derrick Monasterio.

Gagawan daw ng paraan para maalis ang karakter ni Juancho sa teleserye.

Makapagtanong nga sa GMA-7 kung totoo ang tsikang ito, pero ang alam namin, marami ng episode ang na-taping ni Juancho at kasama siya nina Barbie at Derrick na nag-taping sa Cebu.



The case of the ‘missing’ 34 films

Unlike the heirs (Lilibeth Nakpil, et al) of Sampaguita Pictures, Regal Matriarch Lily Monteverde and Da King Fernando Poe Jr. who have preserved their films (FPJ kept them in an aircon room at his Tagaytay home), Pascual siblings William and Baby (who died early this year) were not able to save any of the 34 movies produced by their family-owned companies Baby Pascual Films and Melrose Films, just like Premiere/Peoples Productions that turned most the master negatives into torotots used to make noise on New Year’s Eve.

“We didn’t foresee the advances of technology,” William admitted during an intimate dinner with friends Mars Lu, Ed Instrella and your Funfarer hosted by businesswoman/part-time actress Rosalind Wee (and also one of this year’s PeopleAsia magazine’s People of the Year winners) at the spanking new Rizal Park Hotel Monday night.

“Sayang na sayang. Had we known, we could have saved those films in DVDs...all 34 of them.”

Yes, what a big waste! Like FPJ and Mother Lily, William and Baby could have earned millions by selling the rights to their films to a TV network (early on, ABS-CBN bought the rights to Regal movies and then FPJ movies from Da King’s widow Susan Rocas).

“Isn’t there a way for us to gather copies of our films?” wondered William whose company built up the likes of Jaclyn Jose and Julio Diaz. “Many of our films starred the industry’s big stars”...find out who’s who as you read on... “and they are collectors’ items.

ANOTHER REASON TO STICK TO YOUR WORKOUTS?

STOPPING COULD LEAD TO DEPRESSION SYMPTOMS

The relationship between exercise and depression isn’t exactly novel; most people are probably aware of the exercising-gives-you-endorphins relationship at a pretty young age (AKA the first time watching Legally Blonde). But, a newly published review of studies sought to evaluate the inverse situation of how depression symptoms are impacted when a person ceases their sweat-sesh routine.

Published in the Journal of Affective Disorders, the research examined studies that followed 152 adults who worked out for a minimum of 30 minutes three times a week for at least three months. When these participants subsequently stopped working out, researchers were—rather quickly—able to identify shifts in depressive symptoms.

“In some cases, ceasing this amount of exercise induced significant increases in depressive symptoms after just three days.” —Dr. Bernhard Baune, review co-author Bernhard Baune, PhD, head of psychiatry at the University of Adelaide and review co-author, told Science Daily that the results showed that “in some cases, ceasing this amount of exercise induced significant increases in depressive symptoms after just three days” adding that in other studies, participants have seen depressive symptoms after one or two weeks, which, he notes, is “still quite soon.”

While this research is small in scope, and authors note more studies and trials are needed in order to form a totally compelling relationship, the findings may serve as reason enough to stay active as a means to keep your mood boosted. And regardless, since regular sweat seshes are shown to improve eye health, slow the aging process, and bust stress, you really can’t lose.



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Arci gets more from Piolo as leading man + other news



ARCI Muñoz says working with Piolo Pascual in “Since I Found You”, the new Dreamscape soap that just started airing, is a dream come true for her. “He’s the ultimate leading man for any actress so big deal sa’kin na makasama ko siya,” she says. “And he’s so nice kasi walang ere at all. Ako’ng nahihiya pero he’s so sobrang bait. When we had a show sa Paris noong Holy Week, he treated us lahat ng mga kasama niya to a sidetrip to Amsterdam. He’s also the one who chose me to be in this soap kaya malaki ang utang na loob ko sa kanya. No wonder he’s so blessed.”

About her love life, it’s common knowledge she’s now in a relationship with businessman Anthony Ng and she says he’s the man she wants to marry. “Very supportive siya sa akin. Pag may movie ako, he even organizes block screenings. He’s happy that I’m paired with Piolo in my new soap as he knows how much I want to work with Papa P”

Aside from Piolo, Arci gets to work with other stars for the first time in “Since I Found You”, including Alessandra de Rossi, JC de Vera and comedian Empoy. They all play characters who are looking for love.

“It’s about how people fall in love, why they fall in love and how far they’re willing to go for love,” Piolo adds. “But the treatment is very light, hindi overly serious. It’s more of a romantic comedy. Feel good siya.”

Also in the cast are Charo Santos-Concio, Carmi Martin, Michael de Mesa, Isabel Oli,

Cholo Barretto, John Lopus and Vivoree Escrito. This is under the direction of Antoinette Jadaone who comes from two recent hit romantic movies, “Love You to the Stars and Back” and “Never Not Love You”.

Bicol Canada Community Association to hold its’ induction of new officers and board of directors & Ball on May 4, 2018 By Leticia Peralta Toral

The officers and members of the board of directors of the Bicol Canada Community Association headed by newly elected president and chairman Earl Francis Orino Dacara has slated the induction of the new set of officers on May 4, 2018, 6:00 P.M. Friday, at the famous Scarborough Convention Centre located at # 20 Tomham, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.

Dacara is a native of Libmanan, Camarines Sur although his father came from the City of Iriga which is known as the Superstar Nora Aunor birth place.

He is a licensed paralegal, commissioner of oaths, and a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada. In addition, he is now involve in immigration consultancy after given permission by the Canadian Government.

Dacara appealed to all Bicolanos from the provinces of Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Albay, Sorsogon, Catanduanes and Masbate, to participate in this Bicolano event so as to know each other and at the same time, he also called on other Filipinos who have settled in Canada to participate in this Bicolano event.

Dacara will serve for two years as BCCA president and chairman of the Board. He

took over Bicol presidency from Rafael Nebres, the general manager of the Action Honda who has served the association for so many years.

Aside from Dacara, the other officers of the BCCA include Nestor Von Canton, vice president for government relations. He was a popular radio broadcaster in the Philippines and now running PINOY RADIO in Toronto. He is also a medical technology professional; Manolito Aquino, vice president for sports and youth development; Former BCCA president Joseph Redoblado, vice president for membership and public reations Jose Gutierrez, treasurer; Jose Alvarez Dabu, Jr. assistant treasurer; Jennifer Amaranto, secretary; Merle Canlas, assistant secretary; Gidget de la Torre, auditor; Edison Bantayan, assistant auditor; Leticia P. Peralta, press reations officer.

Special projects coordinators include Naina Chhatiani, Isabel de Lima, and Rafael Calayca and outgoing president Rafael Nebres.

The board of directors namely former BCCA Secretary Arlene Maritirez who is also a licensed pralaegal, immigration consultant, and a realtor practitioner; Susan Llanera, president of the Camarines Norte Association of Canada (CNAC), Nanette Virtucio, Carl Sol Froa. and Ronnie de la Gana of KUBO Magazine. (St. Jamestown News Service)

Here’s why Nadine Lustre got pulled out of Jun Lana film

Nadine Lustre was supposed to star in the horror film The Nurse that also features Lorna Tolentino. It seems that Nadine Lustre has been pulled out of a movie.

Director Jun revealed this through his Twitter account on March 26, 2018.

In his response to a netizen, Direk Jun wrote: “#SorryNotHappening #MovingOn.”

Another netizen asked Direk Jun to clarify and he pointed out that Nadine will no longer star in The Nurse due to scheduling problems.

He explained, “Scheduling conflict. Been waiting too long and it’s taken too much of my time. Going to Japan 2x to prep is no joke. Time to move and let go and recast. Thanks for the interest, guys.”

Direk Jun followed this up by posting: “My film. My rules.”

Nadine was supposed to star in this horror film that also features Lorna Tolentino. Produced by the IdeaFirst Company, The Nurse is set to be filmed in Japan.

In January 2018, Direk Jun posted on his Twitter account: “So I just heard that The Nurse is finally happening.”

Direk Jun is the filmmaker behind critically acclaimed films that have been recognized abroad including the Paolo Ballesteros-starrer Die Beautiful. His latest film was the Judy Ann Santos-Angelica Panganiban starrer Ang Dalawang Mrs. Reyes.

Nadine, in a later interview, said she is still keen on starring in the Japan-set movie.

She said Viva Films, which previously collaborated with Lana in 2016’s “Bakita Lahat ng Gwapo May Boyfriend?”, continues to iron out details with the director in order to push through with “The Nurse,” with Lustre still in the lead role

Why Loisa Andalio is Happy

FORMER Pinoy Big Brother (PBB) Teen housemate Loisa Andalio has every reason to feel doubly happy these days.

Not only because she seems to have found her one true love finally kay Ronnie Alonte ng grupong Hashtags na ka-love team niya sa ongoing episode na Gelli In A Bottle ng longest running series na Wansapanataym, but because she has just won the award as 2018 Nickelodeon Kids Choice.

Loisa, who just turned 18, is in the cast din of the malapit nang magwakas pero patuloy na nagte-trending na series, ang The Good Son.

Kasama niya sa series ang four other promising young performers na sina Joshua Garcia, Jerome Ponce, McCoy de Leon at Nash Aguas.

Katrina Halili on being a trusted kontrabida in GMA-7: “Nakakayaman, e!” + other stories

Katrina Halili says she begs off kontrabida roles when it's not for a soap opera. “Kaya ko rin naman ng iba. E, ito ang ibinibigay, happy rin naman ako. Basta yun lang, kapag guesting, ayoko talagang tumanggap na, ‘Ganito pa rin?’”

Tanggap na ni Katrina Halili na mayroong mga manonood na talagang pine-personal ang karakter na ginagampanan niya.

Tulad nga ngayon sa GMA Afternoon Prime teleserye nilang The Stepdaughters, totoong nakakatagap daw siya ng mga hate messages dahil sa pagiging kontrabida ng karakter niya.

Pero sa kabila nito, nakikita niyang mara-mi ring benepisyo ang pagiging kilala niya bilang kontrabida sa Kapuso network.

“Nakakayaman, e! Charot,” natawang sagot niya.

Sabi pa niya, “Nakakatagal ng buhay.

“Pero hindi, yun ang may work, e.

Yun ang ibinibigay sa akin at para sa akin, yung pagiging kontrabida, nae-enjoy ko na.

“Kapag bida, wala kang ginawa kung hindi ang umiyak.”

Kung sa mga teleserye raw niya ay kontrabida na siya, gusto naman daw niya na kung may mga guesting siya tulad sa Magpakailanman, ay hindi na kontrabida ang karakter niya.

Aniya, “Huwag namang kontrabida sana.

“Ayoko ng kontrabida pa rin, ayokong tumanggap.

“Outside soap-opera, ayoko ng same character pa rin.”

Sa isang banda, hindi naman itinanggi ni Katrina na pinapangarap pa rin niya ang makagawa ng proyekto na siya naman ang bida.

Nagawa na niya ito dati bago pa man siya malinya sa mga kontrabida roles.

Ayon sa Kapuso actress, “Ay siyempre, wish ko rin naman yun.

“Wish ko rin na maipakita ang other side kasi, hindi lang din naman ito ang kaya kong gawin.

“Kaya ko rin naman ng iba. E, ito ang ibinibigay, happy rin naman ako.

“Basta yun lang, kapag guesting, ayoko talagang tumanggap na, ‘Ganito pa rin?’”

Kahit daw sa mga pelikula tulad ng indie films, kung kontrabida rin ang gagampanan niyang karakter, tinatanggihan na raw niya.

Katwiran ni Katrina, “Siyempre, gusto ko naman yung makaka-inspire ako ng tao.”

Dugtong pa niya, “Kapag yumaman ako, magpu-produce ako!”

Hindi raw napapanood ng anak niya na si Katie ang mga teleserye niya.

Alam daw ng anak niya kapag may lumalabas na warning sa Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) na Rated SPG o Strong Parental Guidance.

“Hindi, hindi [siya nanonood].

“Takot siya sa SPG na nakasulat.

“Parang noong nanood siya ng isang beses, parang may nagsisisigaw or nag-gulpihan.

“E, may red [logo sa TV]. So parang nasa isip niya kapag may red, takot siya.”

Eksena raw niya ang napanood ni Katie na tila sinusunog siya.

“So kapag nakita niya yung SPG, pinapatay na niya.”

Nagpapasalamat daw siya sa GMA-7 dahil nang isipin daw niya, simula nang

mag-StarStruck siya, hindi naman siya halos binakante ng network pagdating sa trabaho.

“Thankful ako sa GMA na hindi nga ako nababakante. Kung mababakante ko, siguro pinaka-matalagal ang five, six months. Pero madalas ang pahinga ko lang one to two months.”

“Nag-check nga ako ng Wikipedia nung nakaraan, simula StarStruck, taon-taon.

“Despite pa sa nangyari sa akin before ha.

“Kaya sabi ko, grabe, hindi pala ko nawala, taon-taon akong nandito.”

Hirit pa ni Katrina na pinaninindigang ilang taon na siyang single, “Kaya nga work lang nang work.

“Yang mga lalaking ‘yan, makaka-aksaya lang ‘yan sa oras ko.”

Canadian official unable to bring Filipina wife despite city's need for more immigrants



St. John Councillor Sean Casey and wife, Michelle.

JOHN, New Brunswick – A frustrated councillor has been unable to bring his wife from the Philippines to this port city despite its officially acknowledged need for more immigrants to bolster its population.

Ward 2 Councillor Sean Casey has been trying to get his wife, Michelle, who lives in the Philippines, to come to Canada for almost a year.

“It’s been pretty rough,” the Ward 2 councillor says. “Sadly, I’m still in the paperwork phase because everything has been so slow,” Casey told Atlantic CTV News.

St. John, New Brunswick wants more immigrants to reverse population decline.

Casey, who met Michelle in Singapore seven years ago, says her application for a six-month tourist visa was rejected. They married in the Philippines in May in hopes of speeding up the process. But to no avail.

Ironically, Saint John has just launched a plan to attract more immigrants to the steady decline of its population. The new strategy calls for the cooperation of local agencies and the provincial and federal governments to accelerate the immigration process and prevent barriers like Casey is experiencing.

“We need results. The decline in population for the city of Saint John between 2012-2016 of people will cost the city dearly; over \$15 million

in revenue,” Mayor Don Darling told Atlantic CTV News. “We should do everything we can possible to help with that, to streamline the process.”

Duterte approves 6-month closure of Boracay

President Rodrigo Duterte approved the closure of Boracay for six months, presidential spokesperson Harry Roque said.

“Bora closed for six month effective 26 April,” Roque said.

Duterte made the approval during the 24th Cabinet meeting in Malacañang on Wednesday.

In a text message, Senior Deputy Executive Secretary Menardo Guevarra said the proposal of the interagency committee tasked with reviewing the rehabilitation of Boracay was approved.

“DENR/DOT/DILG proposal approved after an exhaustive discussion,” Guevarra said.

He said calamity funds would be activated to help workers affected by the closure.

Roque said the President would declare a state of calamity in Boracay.

Liza Soberano—on a high with ‘Bagani’

Philippine showbiz’ current “It Girl” Liza Soberano says her hairs stand on end whenever she watches prime time TV’s latest goldmine, “Bagani” on ABS-CBN.

One of the month-old program’s five lead stars—along with Matteo Guidicelli, Sofia Andres, Makisig Morales and her on-and-off screen partner Enrique Gil—Soberano has seen the value of a well-prepared series once it goes on air.

“Like our directors have said, we started shooting this fantaserye a year ago, with pre-production starting way back in 2016. Though not a historical account of the indigenous peoples of the Philippines, it is well researched in the sense that it shows the culture of the tribes back then, and the story, heightened by the fight scenes and the sets just really blows you away. Kinikilabutan talaga ako when I watch the show because we never know when we’re doing the scenes they would be jaw-dropping.”

Despite a minor bump with Commission on Higher Education and several groups supporting Indigenous Peoples who are now satisfied the show does not claim to be a historical piece, Soberano—as well as Gil—nevertheless continues to deal with online critics who say they are “too mestizo” or foreign-looking to be cast in Filipino tribal characters.

As “Ganda,” an ordinary girl who receives special powers to fight for her tribe, Fil-American Soberano only has to say to her detractors, “Even if we’re only half Filipino, that doesn’t make us less Filipino. Para sa sa amin Pinoy po kami and we’re proud to be Filipinos. All the same, we respect their comments because they’re entitled to their own opinion, but at the end of the day, we’ll just keep working because we just want to give the public a good show. That’s all we want to do.”

Bagani continues to air weeknights on ABS-CBN after “FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano.”

Alden gives hometown’s new product a big boost

The week that saw the ever popular and in ever busy Alden Richards finding time his tight schedule to give a product proudly made in his hometown Biñan, La-guna a star-powered boost.



Originally a homemade, healthy treat from the kitchen of Richards’ friend Joy Abalos-Yatco—sister-in-law of incumbent Mandaluyong City Mayor Menchie Abalos—as well as the family’s hit Christmas gift to friends, the all-natural, preservative-free peanut butter recipe found its way to commercial shelves with the label Cookie Peanut Butter.

“They named the product after Joy’s husband Cookie Yatco, and the couple decided to make a business out of her specialty to provide the mainstream market a healthy option to peanut butter, while giving many people jobs in Biñan,” Richards’ proudly said of his friends’ endeavor.

“Besides the peanut butter, they also developed Currently, the brand’s flagship products include Cookie’s Peanut Butter, Cookie’s Cashew Butter, and Cookie’s Peanut Butter Pangluto as well as Mani Ni Cookie and Kasuy Ni Cookie, and I really hope Filipino families will support the company,” the top endorser added.

Meanwhile, the Yatcos who brought their entire family to the launch were all praises for their famous kababayan, citing his honesty and wholesome image as his best traits.

“This partnership is worth every centavo,” the Yatcos agreed.

Asked how he remains humble despite his success, Richards meanwhile said, “Talagang ang nagpa-pa-humble lang sa akin is yung asal at paglingon ko sa mga taong tumulong sa akin sa simula na hindi ko kinakalimutan hanggang ngayon. Aminin naman natin at sa hindi, yung iba po talaga minsan, pag nararating yung certain status dito sa showbiz, minsan kinakalimutan yung mga tumulong sa kanila. Siguro yun yung isa sa mga bagay na nagbabalik sa akin sa dating Richard Faulkerson Jr.”

Richards will be busy as ever after Easter to prepare for a new prime time series with GMA Network. He will take a short acting workshop in New York.

“I’m just grateful for all the opportunities that keep coming my way hanggang ngayon,” he ended.

Jollibee, Burger King told to regularize 7,000 employees

MANILA - The Department of Labor and Employment ordered Jollibee to regularize some 6,000 workers as it cracked down on labor contractualization.

The 6,482 workers were deployed by 2 Jollibee contractors. The DOLE said it also ordered Burger King to regularize 704 workers from 3 contractors.

Jollibee holds the master franchise of Burger King in the Philippines.

The labor department also said it set dialogues with officials from other Jollibee brands, Mang Inasal and Chowking.

Jollibee said it would appeal the DOLE order, adding it was “committed to complying with the law” and new department guidelines on labor contractualization.

It said it deals only with “reputable service contractors.”

Jollibee was also directed to refund “illegally collected payments” worth P15.4 million to 426 workers while 5 of its contractors were ordered to return P4.14 million in “unlawful” deductions to 412 workers, the DOLE said.

The DOLE said it would soon inspect McDonald’s and KFC for compliance with labor laws.

This development could have an impact on the cost structure of the company, First Metro Investment’s head of research Cristina Ulang told ANC.

But this “doesn’t change the fact that Jollibee is one of the strongest brands in the market,” she said.



Ms. Philippines Canada PCCF 2018 candidates and former Ms. Teen Philippines titlist and runner-up pose with Rosemarie Ramos and Rosemer Enverga of PCCCF.

RYAN ON HIS FEELINGS FOR KIM:
‘Lilipas din ‘yan’

RYAN Bang still cannot believe that he’s playing leading man to Kim Chiu in the horror-comedy, “TOTGA: The One that Ghost Away”, that opens in theaters today. “Overwhelmed talaga ako when I was informed about it,” he says. “I never expect mangyayari ito sa buhay ko. I got a big offer from SBS, a top company in Korea, to do a variety show, but hindi ko tinanggap kasi di ko na maiwan ang Pilipinas. Medyo nagsisi ako but, then, dumating itong movie with Kim so di na ko nagsisi at sobrang masaya po ako. Dati, lagi lang akong sidekick, kay Piolo Pascual, Coco Martin, Robin Padilla, tapos ngayon, leading man na. So thank you sa Star Cinema for giving me this chance. I think I also owe it to Empoy Marquez kasi siya ang nagpasimula ng mga comedian maging leading man.”

Ryan was the second runner up in PBB Teen Clash of 2010, where James Reid won. He has really come a long way since then. He’s very open in declaring that Kim Chiu, the big winner in the first PBB Teens, is really his crush. “Nage-expect nga ako na may kissing scene kami, pero hindi binigay ni Direk Tony Reyes,” he laments.

What can Kim say about this? “Mabait si Ryan. Very generous sa mga kasama niya. Lahat sa set, pinapakain niya ng pizza. Galante pa. Ang production assistant nga niya, pinapa-hot oil treatment pa niya ng libre.”

So Ryan has a chance to win her heart? “Ah teka, isipin ko muna. Baka sa next life,” she laughs. “Hindi. Sobrang bait talaga ni Ryan. At sobrang galing din niya rito sa movie so don’t miss it.”

Celebrating 15 years
in theater and showbiz
through song

Comedienne Kakai Bautista is a familiar face in supporting roles on TV and the movies, but is first and foremost a singer by heart. And she is ready to tell her story via song as she celebrates her 15th year anniversary with a concert at the Music Museum on April 6.

Bautista first set foot in the performance scene as a fresh college graduate in Biñan, Laguna. Out with friends one day, she went along to audition for community theater group, Tanghalang Biñan, under noted stage director Frannie Zamora and immediately landed the lead role in “Katy the Musicale” because of her singing voice. In fact, her performance had the stamp of approval of Zamora’s friends whose names were Celeste Legaspi and Mitch Valdez, who also watched the provinciana sing her heart out.

“I sang a song from [the musical] ‘Rama-hari’ for my auditions, which I will also sing for the concert,” Bautista revealed.

But while one would think that impressing the likes of OPM señoras assured Bautista of theater projects after Katy in Biñan, no such thing happened to her newly found career.

Zamora, an esteemed in-house director of Gantimpala Theater Foundation, generously took Bautista along to Manila, where she remembers starting out as an “alila” [slave] of the stage.

“I would mop floors, work in costume, until I eventually became Lea Salonga’s wardrobe and wig assistant for 80 shows when she did ‘They’re Playing Our Song’ [with Singaporean Adrian Pang] in Manila,” she elaborated. “Pero ang bait-bait niya; never akong nahirapan kay Manang [Lea] throughout the run and now we’re very good friends.”

Her patience in working odd jobs for the stage eventually paid off as she was finally

cast in such memorable musicals as “Sino ka ba Jose Rizal” and “Alikabok.”

She also clinched her very first audition for TV with noted ABS-CBN director Laurenti Dyogi and found herself among the supporting cast of John Lloyd Cruz and Bea Alonzo’s “Kay Tagal Kitang Hinintay.”

“It wasn’t easy going into TV in the beginning either,” Bautista chuckled. “I had bigger stars looking down on me but I needed a job so I stuck it out.”

As such, the actress-comedienne wowed the crowd with her impeccable performances in “Rak of Aegis” and her impersonations on “Your Face Sounds Familiar.”

FBI investigating Quiboloy’s
Hawaii church for human
trafficking

HONOLULU – The FBI is investigating the local chapter of Apollo Quiboloy’s controversial church for aggressive fundraising in Hawaii and possible human trafficking, says a Hawaii news site.



The investigation is focused on the church’s business manager, Felina Salinas, who was arrested by federal authorities last month on allegations of trying to smuggle \$350,000 in cash out of the U.S., according to a report by Hawaii News Now. Salinas was arrested on a plane leased by Quiboloy, a Filipino televangelist and friend of Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte.

Shortly after Salinas’ arrest, an agent from the FBI’s Los Angeles office spent several days here pursuing the trafficking angle, according to sources of Hawaii News Now.

Salinas has 2015 arrest record for allegedly assaulting a fellow church member, who claimed she was forced to raise money which, experts say, raises the human trafficking angle. The alleged victim and former church member Kristina Angeles said she came to Hawaii in October 2014 on a religious visa. Within days, she claimed, she was put to work on church fundraisers selling “manapua and Krispy Kreme” donuts for hours, “rain or shine.”

Consumers have accused the church’s charity, the Children’s Joy Foundation, of aggressive fundraising and even misrepresentation. Young church members are often seen selling baked goods at the Kapolei Costco and near White Plains Beach.

Angeles ran away from the church in 2015. The church initially filed a missing person’s report. And shortly after that, a 15-year-old female church member filed charges against Angeles, saying Angeles sexually assaulted her. Angeles’ lawyer called the charges retaliation.

Trial was supposed to start next month in that case but was postponed after Salinas’ recent arrest.

Liza Soberano Is the Most
Beautiful Filipina According
to This International DJ

Liza Soberano has caught the attention of another international star. And it’s none other than the DJ responsible for hits like “Clarity” and “Starving”: Zedd!

Zedd was in the country last Friday for a show at Cove Manila. Before he went on stage, MYX asked him who he think is the most beautiful Filipino actress among Nardine Lustre, Kathryn Bernardo, Julia Barretto, Janella Salvador, and Liza Soberano.

“What am I supposed to say? They’re all so beautiful,” he said in the interview. He later chose Liza and said, “Liza, you’re my pick.”

To be fair though, Zedd complimented each actress that was shown to him. So Liza isn’t the only winner here. He thinks they’re all gorgeous after all, and they are! Don’t you agree?

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Mitchell, 23,
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Dina Bonnevie, hindi type ma-ka-May-December affair sina Daniel Padilla at James Reid

Dalawang pelikula kaugnay sa May-December affair ang ginawa ni Dina Bonnevie kung saan pinagnasaan siya ng mas batang lalaki.

Ang mga ito ay Tag-araw, Tag-ulan (1992) with Gary Estrada, at Noon at Ngayon: Pagsasamang Kayganda (2003) with Jericho Rosales.

Sa totoong buhay, naging “stalker” pa sa kanya si Diether Ocampo (na ex ng daughter-in-law niyang si Kristine Hermosa).

Hanggang ngayon, may asim pa rin si Dina at marami pang young men ang nagkakagusto sa kanya.

Gusto nga ni Direk Joel Lamangan na gumawa ng pelikulang Overage, kung saan magre-reunion sila ng Underage co-stars na sina Maricel Soriano at Snooky Serna.

Sa pagganap niya bilang cougar, sino ang bet niyang maging lover?

“Sino sa young actors ang puwede kong ma-ka-May-December affair? Ahhh... Sino ba? May maisa-suggest ba kayo?” pagkunot-noo ni Dina sa intimate interview sa kanya ng piling showbiz press nitong Abril 18, Miyerkules, sa The Frazzled Cook, Sct. Gandia St., QC.

Daniel Padilla, James Reid, Enrique Gil?

“Dapat naman, iyong medyo borta ang katawan,” pakli ni Dina, na kasama sa cast ng Kapamilya teleseryeng The Blood Sisters.

“Yung parang... why not... puwedeng Matteo [Guidicelli]. Puwedeng Enrique Gil. Mga Ejay Falcon. Tom Rodriguez.

“E, kasi, pag si Daniel [Padilla], baka magmukha akong lola niya. Bagets na bagets kasi yung itsura ni Daniel!

“Saka pag si James Reid, masyado siyang maganda! Baka mas maganda pa siya sa akin!

“Kailangan, yung ka-May-December ko, hindi masyadong maganda! Ang ganda-ganda ni James!”

Michael V is loyal as ever

Michael V just renewed his contract with GMA Network on April 4. The multi-talented and award-winning actor, comedian and TV host is loyal as ever and remains a Kapuso.

Bitoy hosts the longest-running comedy gag show “Bubble Gang” and award-winning family sitcom “Pepito Manaloto.” He is also the host of the celebrity competition “Lip Sync Battle Philippines,” along with Iya Villania.

The comedy genius, who has stayed with the network for two decades now revealed why he is happy to renew his contract after all this time.

“I have been with the Kapuso network for 23 years. It’s hard to make people happy if you are not happy where you are, so I can say that I’m very happy to be with GMA because I am able to do what I want to do here. They support my ideas and my desire to bring happiness audiences the way I want to,” said Bitoy.

He said he owes his success to his fans who have continuously supported his shows—Bubble Gang which is celebrating its 23rd anniversary this year, Pepito Manaloto is now on its ninth year, and Lip Sync Battle Philippines just started its third season.

“We can’t afford to let down our supporters. They’re the ones who put us in this position and are the reason why our shows have remained top-raters. Giving them my best is my way of giving back their wholehearted support all these years.”



Glaiza de Castro reacts to comparison of Contessa to Wildflower



Glaiza de Castro (left) reacts to the alleged similarity of GMA-7 drama series Contessa’s revenge story with defunct ABS-CBN drama series Wildflower starring Maja Salvador. Says Glaiza, “Honestly, hindi ko siya nakikitang revenge, nakikita ko siya as seeking for justice para mas positive. Hindi rin naman siya political. So I think malayo dun sa tema ng Wildflower.”

Glaiza de Castro was unfazed by the comparison of her upcoming GMA-7 drama series Contessa to the now-defunct ABS-CBN afternoon drama series Wildflower, starring Maja Salvador.

Initial feedback from netizens noted how both shows center on female lead characters seeking revenge against those who have done them wrong.

Glaiza said that Contessa doesn’t have a political theme and has a different take on her character’s pursuit of justice.

“So, I think malayo dun sa tema nang Wildflower.

“Di ba, may mga stories din naman na halos ganon yung konteksto pero sa iba’t ibang paraan kinukuwento?

“So may element siyang revenge, yes. Pero hindi siya nagre-revolve dun.

“Mas magfocus tayo sa paghahanap ng hustisya kasi feeling ko mas nakaka-empower yun.

“Kasi this is what the show is all about. Women empowerment, seeking for justice, fighting for what is right.”

Glaiza went on to say that her title role Contessa is inspired by the movie Count of Monte Cristo, a 2002 film that tells the story of betrayal and how lead character Edmond Dantès seeks justice when he escapes from imprisonment and amasses wealth from a



successful treasure hunt.

“Ang Contessa ay tungkol sa babaeng inaapi pero bumangon at patuloy na lumalaban.

“Magsisimula tayo sa storya ni Bea at kung paa-no siya magiging Contessa. Abangan nila sa umpisa ng show na ‘to puro hirap, puro pasakit, drama kung drama.

“Umpisa pa lang, greatest challenge na yung pagkawala ng asawa niya on their wedding day. Tapos na-set up siya. Dun iikot storya ng first week at paano niya ilalaban na inosente siya.”

DIFFICULTY WITH HEAVY DRAMA SCENES. Glaiza admitted that she had a hard time adjusting to the heavy drama scenes of the show.

The two-time PEP List Teleserye Actress awardee elaborated, “Umpisa pa lang ng araw mo iiyak ka na agad. Nasanay ako na may buwelo ako, e.

“Coming from Encantadia and The Rich Man’s Daughter, hindi naman ako palaging umiiyak. May mga eksena na mabibigat pero napaghahandaan ko yun. Nakakapag-focus ako sa quality ng eksena namin.

“Pero dito, ang daming scenes na mabibigat, medyo nawawala na yung quality. Kailangan mo na lang tapusin.

“Hindi ako ganun magtrabaho, e.”

There came a point when after doing crying scenes from morning until midnight, Glaiza fell asleep while reading lines with her director and leading man Jak Roberto.

“Dumating ako sa punto na nakalimutan ko na yung lines. Parang, ano’ng nangyayari? “Sobrang drained na ng utak ko. Kasi pag pagod ka na, hindi na nagpa-function ng maigi yung utak mo, e.

“Dumating ako sa punto na na-drain ako first few tapings pa lang.”

Katrina Halili, kasama sa set ang anak

Dahil bakasyon na sa school, isinasama na ni Katrina Halili ang kanyang 6-year-old daughter na si Katie

Katie sa kanyang mga tapings. Ipinost niya nitong bago mag-Holy Week ang mga kulitan nila ng anak sa taping ng The Step-

daughters.

How time flies dahil parang kailan lang ay baby pa itong si Katie pero ngayon ay pwede nang child actress, huh!

This early nga ay nagpapakita na ng signs si Katie na parang magiging katulad siya ng kanyang amang si Kris Lawrence dahil mahilig din ito sa music.



Pero sa ngayon ay ayaw niya raw itong pag-artistahin at gusto niya siyempreng mag-aral muna.

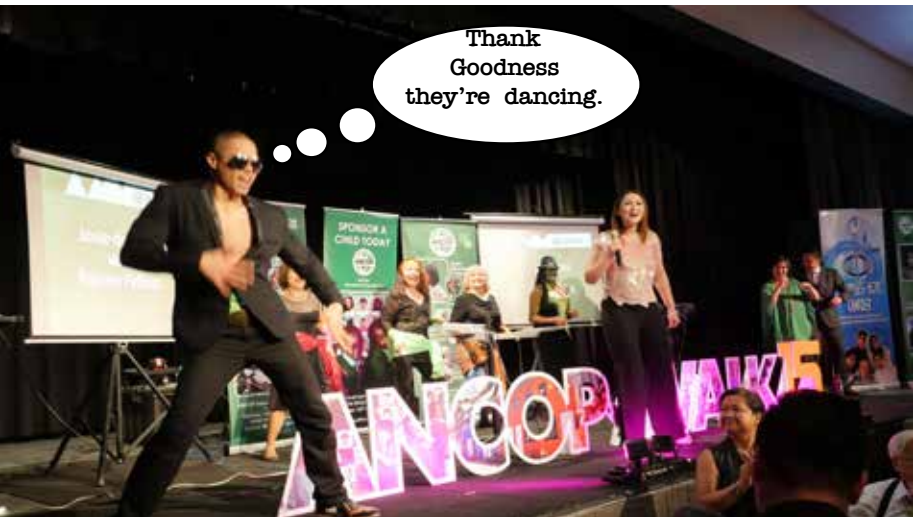
Samantala, happy na-man si Katrina na pinupuri ang acting niya sa The Stepdaughters bilang kontrabida ni Megan Young. Sa kwento ay tuloy pa rin ang kanilang iringan at patalbugan.



GMA Executive Producer Ramon Bravante poses with Derrick Monasterio (ABOVE) and Marian Rivera (BELOW).

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she intimidated. “When they presented the concept to me, I got so excited. It’s something that I haven’t done in a soap before and, as usual, I can’t give details yet but I’m sure the viewers will really like it. Wala pang napipiling ibang artista na makakasama ko pero sobrang gusto ko yung concept.”

So does this mean plans for a second baby will have to wait until she finishes her new series?

“Hindi naman. Dong and I have talked about it and we decided that we will go on with our respective projects, and if God wills that we have another baby, that’s the time when I will take things slowly,” Marian openly replied. “Sa ngayon, we have Zia and we’re very happy. Kung bibigyan kami ng bagong baby, we will be very happy, but kung wala pa, tuloy lang ang buhay.”

Teleserye ni Jennylyn, pinagdedebatehan

Nagbabalik sa primetime block ng GMA-7 si Jennylyn Mercado sa The Cure bilang si Charity na asawa ni Tom Rodriguez. Balik din siya sa drama dahil ang last teleserye niyang My Love From The Star ay rom-com at adapted from a hit K-drama.

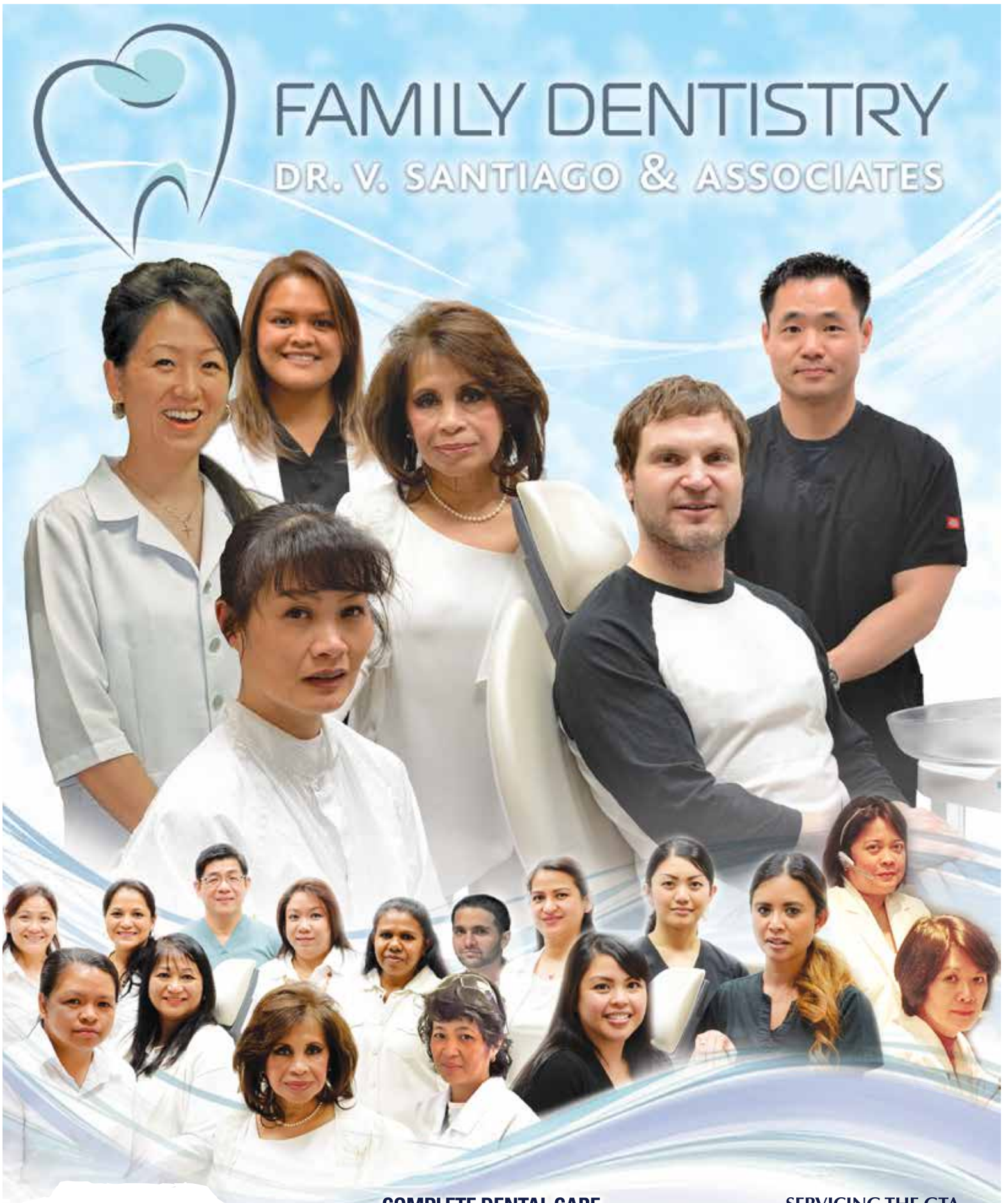
First time rin nilang magtatambal ni Tom at inunahan na ni Dennis Trillo ang mga magtatamong, hindi niya pagseselosan ang pagtatambal ng GF at kaibigan. The same way na hindi nagseselos si Jennylyn kay Lovi Poe na partner ni Dennis sa The One That Got Away.

Matatanong din tiyak si Jennylyn sa engaged issue sa kanila ni Dennis dahil sa suot na singsing sa pinost na picture nila ng aktor. May pahayag na ang aktor sa engagement issue, tingnan natin kung pareho ang sagot nila ni Jennylyn.

Pinag-uusapan at pinagdedebatehan na ang The Cure.

Nakakatuwa lang na marami rin ang nagtatanggol sa sinasabing first post-apocalyptic show on TV ito at hindi tungkol sa zombie. Sakit na Monkey Virus Disease (MVD) ang tema nito.

First teleserye rin ng GMA-7 ang The Cure na gagamit ng canon C-300 camera at makikita ang kaibahan ng texture nito sa trailer pa lang.



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