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New draft Charter removes term limits

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Under Article XVII of the draft charter, the transition period will last from the time the federal charter is adopted until the second Monday of May 2022, when the successors in both positions will have been elected.

Article XVII Section 4 of Resolution of Both Houses of Congress No. 15 states that “in case a vacancy arises by reason of removal, resignation, permanent incapacity or death of the incumbent President, the incumbent Senate President shall act as President until a President shall have been chosen and qualified.”

This is different from the current line of succession provided under Section 8, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution, which puts the Vice President first in the line of succession, followed by the Senate Presi-

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Duterte goes on Revenge as Economy Falters

Political noise could hurt Philippine president in mid-terms

MANILA - A slumping currency, a brewing inflation crisis and one of the world's worst performing stock markets should be enough to focus Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's attention on his nation's economic woes.

But amid mounting concerns over his health, Duterte has at times appeared more interested in punishing vocal critics and drug pushers than lifting people's living standards.

A Social Weather Stations poll released on Wednesday showed that 52 percent of Filipino families now consider themselves poor, 10 points higher than in March, and the highest since December 2014. That could hurt Duterte as Filipino voters look to the May midterms, when half the Senate and all seats in the 297-member House of Representatives will be up for re-election, disrupting his legislative agenda for remainder of his six-year term.

“The inflation issue has really taken hold here,” Bob

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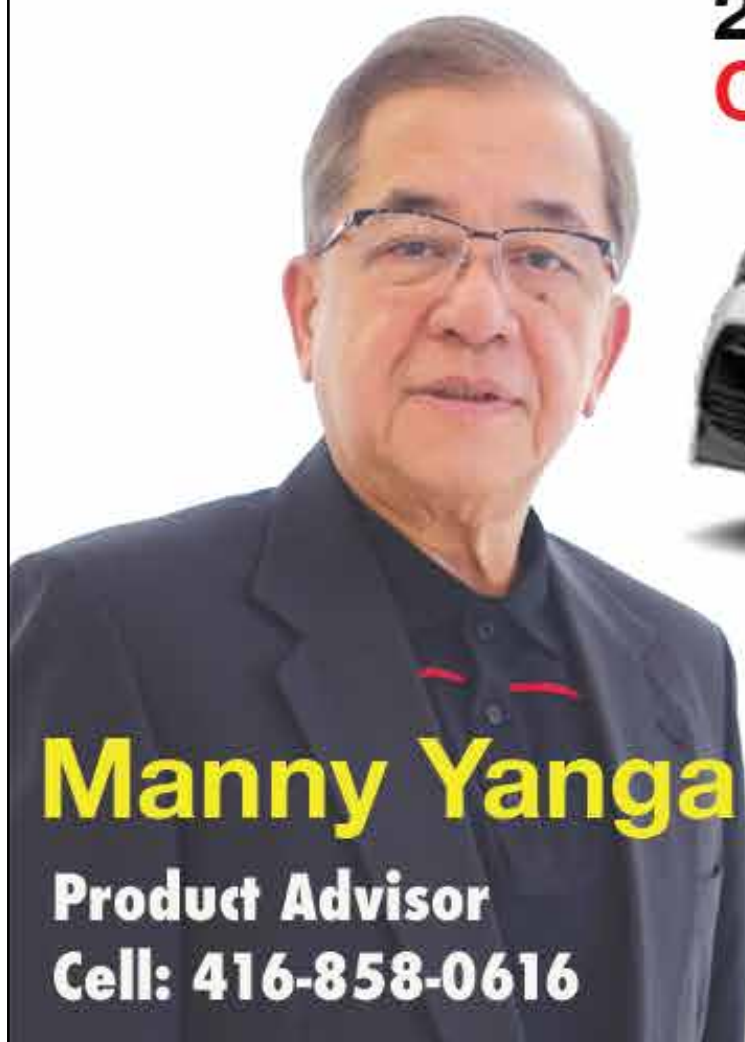
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Nar Cabico believes time has come for young Kapu-so singers to shine brighter



He plans write more songs for other artists. As for other projects, Nar was one of the performers in “Pinoy Playlist 2018” concert. He is working on a vocal group, ala The CompanY. Then there’s the series “Kapag Nahati Ang Puso” and plans on producing an online tambayan musical variety with Jerald Napoles.

Who will sing the most important lines in this year’s GMA Christmas Station ID? In an interview with Nar Cabico recently, he mentioned when asked about it that the bridge part of the song –traditionally the highlight of the song where the highest notes to hit are found — will be sung by himself along with “The Clash” champion Golden Cañedo.

“We already recorded our Station ID, and it was a bit sad because we are so used to hearing Ate Regine (Velasquez’, who is no longer Kapuso) voice there. Still, we made sure we gave our 100% percent to it,” he said in Filipino.

Nar believes GMA has a lot of good singers. Among those he believes could be built as “frontliners” of the show are Julie Anne San Jose and Kyline Alcantara.

“Julie Anne is global sounding. Kyline is very good. She has the rhythm and I think that girl is on fire,” he shared. “Also Golden, she has the potential. I believe she could be developed into a very good singer.”

Nar hopes more opportunities will also be given to Rita Daniela and Hannah Prescillas, saying they are “very talented singers.”

Congrats!

Nar has another award under his belt, clinching the Best Novelty Recording trophy for his original composition “Gaga” at the recently concluded Awit Awards 2018.

His song “Natapos Tayo” was awarded Movie Original Theme Song of The Year at the PMPC Star Awards last February.

Love wins

Nar also talked about his happy married life with Fil-Am VJ Capule.

The two wed in Los Angeles, California August last year. VJ is a nurse abroad and he is eight years older than Nar.

He recalled how VJ proposed to him.

“We were on a taxi. Then he said to me, ‘Why not pursue your music abroad? I can marry you, I don’t mind marrying you.’ He was like proposing a business to me. It turned out that he really wanted to marry me,” he smiled.

The singer said his partner taught him to be kinder.

“Before, I was very aggressive. I want to prove something in the industry. But he taught me to, you know, slow down a bit. He made me see who really I am,” he explained.

VJ and Nar may be in a long distance relationship but no problem as they “fully trust” each other.

Like any other couple, the two have their fair share of misunderstandings but in the end, love wins.

“The good thing about our relationship is that both of our families are very supportive. They accept who we are, they accept everything about us. That’s one of the ingredients to our happy marriage.”

Honey Shot

Sixteen-year old Melanie's favorite game is ultimate frisbee. As for favourite food, she loves everything. She is currently a Miss PIDC 2018 titlist. She is the daughter of Loida and Melchor Lazaro. Someday, she wants to bea peditrician or a peditric surgeon. We wish her all the luck in her future.



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GABBY CONCEPCION comes to Toronto



FIRST, Mini-Pop kids 2018 member Peyton Garcia takes a selfie with GMA7 star Gabby Concepcion. SECOND, Alyssa Escueta performs at gabby Concepcion's concert. THIRD, Gabby's cousin Josie de Leon and Something Sweet's Chalen Lazerna and staff pose with Gabby Concepcion at the sponsor's meet and greet.

Sophie Albert reveals why her stint as Star Magic artist was cut short

Kapuso star Sophie Albert reveals that before she joined TV5's Artista Academy in 2012, she was already launched in Star Magic Batch 15, the same batch as Jessy Mendiola, Bela Padilla, and Martin del Rosario.



Mag-iisang taon na mula nang pumirma ng kontrata sa GMA-7 ang dating TV5 artist na si Sophie Albert.

Sa wakas ay nabigyan na siya ng regular show, ang upcoming Kapuso prime-time teleserye

na Pamilya Roces na magsisimulang umere sa Lunes, October 8.

Sa loob ng isang taon, hindi naman nabakante si Sophie dahil nagkaroon siya ng guest appearances sa mga programa ng GMA-7.

Kabilang sa mga programang nilabasan niya ang mga sumusunod: Magpakailanman, The One That Got Away, Daig Kayo ng Lola Ko, Sherlock Jr., The Stepdaughters, at Victor Magtanggol. Pahayag ni Sophie, "I really believe in timing. "Maybe if I had a show earlier, then I'd probably wouldn't have been ready.

"So it was nice that they were doing it slowly for me.

"I was never nainip because they were always giving me work, hindi lang ako naging part ng regular show ever since I transferred."

Masaya naman ba siya sa takbo ng kanyang career bilang Kapuso? Tugon niya, "I'm starting from scratch again since moving to GMA.

"I'm pretty happy with the things are going now. I feel like the show is really opening, getting me out of my shell.

"That's all I asked for naman—to be continuously working and to be learning."

Jessy bashed, threatened for being 'sexy': Unfollow me

JESSY Mendiola is so proud to have an entry in the coming Metro-Manila Filmfest this December, "The Girl in the Orange Dress" where she is paired for the first time with Jericho Rosales. "It's a feel-good movie about love and friendship, two things that are of utter importance in this world," says Jessy. "I'm really happy to be able to get the chance to work with a great actor like Jericho as he's very generous in our scenes together. I'm sure moviegoers will enjoy watching our movie from start to finish."

Recently, Jessy was bashed for posting her photos wearing skimpy swimsuits in her social media account and her basher threatened to unfollow her. She patiently explained to her basher that her photos were taken while she's on the beach. "Wala naman po akong bikini pics masyado," she added. "Unfollow mo na lang ako. Take

care."

Obviously, the basher is just envious of her whistle bait figure. But as they say, if you've got it, flaunt it. So bashers, eat your hearts out. What with Jessy's career really on the upswing these days. Right after "The Girl in the Orange Dress", she will start shooting a new movie for Regal Entertainment. This is "Stranded", where she will be paired for the first time with Arjo Atayde.

Darren vs JK: Who's gay?

MEANWHILE, "The Voice Kids" winner Darren Espanto felt offended when his runner-up JK Labajo tweeted in his account that Darren is "gayness at its finest" on October 19. JK said he never made such a tweet and someone just hacked his Twitter account. But Darren won't believe him, saying: "Dinelete ng hacker mo 'yung tweet after kausapin ka ng management. Pag nahanap mo 'yung hacker mo, puntahan nyo ako para malaman nyo kung sino ang totooong bakla."

There are other messages but Darren later on apologized for using the word bakla, saying: "I didn't mean to use the word 'bakla' as a derogatory term. I'm sorry if this has offended anyone. And to the people who say I have "fragile masculinity", I've been bashed with this since I was in 'The Voice Kids' (I was 12) pero wala kayong narinig. I'm 17 now, kakapagod na rin."

For JK, he adds: ""Hindi ako lalaban sa'yo pagdating sa bastusan kasi alam ko naman na bastos ka gaya ng sabi mo. 'Wag mo rin sasabihin na tinuring mo akong kapatid nung 'The Voice' kasi ang plastic nun. Sa korte na'lang tayo magkita kung di ka masyadong busy."

Since the parties concerned chose to bring their issues via social media, expect the gossip-hungry public to further feast on them. And let's all hope that it will somehow help forward their careers and popularity.

Rhian, bina-bash ng JM-Barbie fans

Sa presscon ng pelikulang Kung Paano Siya Nawala ng TBA Studios na tampok sina Rhian Ramos at JM de Guzman, matatanong natin si Rhian sa reaction niya na bina-bash siya ng fans nina JM at Barbie Imperial.

Sobra ang pamba-bash sa aktres, lalo na noong mag-post siya ng photo at nilagyan ng caption na "Mag-sorry ka."

Akala ng fans nina JM at Barbie, si JM ang tinutukoy ni Rhian na mag-sorry sa kanya at doon na nagalit ang fans nina JM at Barbie. Tanong ng fan, bakit siya mag-so-sorry, hindi naman sila ni JM? Saka, hindi raw siya gusto ni JM.

Ang maganda kay Rhian, hindi nagalit sa bashers at hindi rin dinelete ang bashing sa kanya, kaya nababasa ng followers ni Rhian. Katuwiran siguro ni Rhian, baha-la kayong ma-stress, basta siya masaya.

Erik Matti's message for Liza Soberano after resigning Darna; new Darna director revealed



Erik Matti on resigning as Darna director: "Things didn't work out..." The film starring Liza Soberano will soon get a new director.

Erik Matti expressed his sentiments regarding his resignation as the director of the Darna movie starring Liza Soberano.

On October 4, Direk Erik confirmed that he will no longer serve as the director featuring the Pinay superheroine.

Through his social media accounts, Direk Erik indicated that "things didn't work out" between him and Star Cinema.

Direk Erik pointed out that this project is close to his heart because he worked on the 1994 movie Darna! Ang Pagbabalik.

The filmmaker who helmed the action films On the Job (OTJ) and Buy-Bust commended Darna lead actress Liza Soberano since he believed that she would be a "kickass Darna."

The official statement released by Star Cinema and ABS-CBN indicated that there were "creative differences" between Direk Erik and the Kapamilya Network.

Here is the full statement of Direk Erik Matti regarding the Darna project: "As it has been announced, I have officially resigned from the movie

Darna. It's been 5 years and how I wish I could have finished it after all the hard work that went into preparing and putting it together.

"Unfortunately, things didn't work out ideally for both parties.

"Darna is personal to me. My first project in the industry was as continuity supervisor for Peque Gallaga's Darna with Anjanette Abayari. And doing this modern reboot of the classic superhero, I feel that I have come full circle in this industry.

"I would like to thank my staff and crew who have toiled through the process bringing forth brilliant design and execution ideas as to how we can bring to life a uniquely modern take of our iconic Filipino superhero that can be relevant to the times.

"To Liza Soberano, thank you for the dedication and commitment. I'm sure you'll be a kickass Darna.

"To Star Cinema, ABS-CBN, and the next director, I wish you all the best for this project."

Earlier today, October 5, ABS-CBN revealed the identity of the new Darna director.

A statement from the Kapamilya Network's Integrated Corporate Communications Head Kane Errol Choa announced that Jerrold Tarog will replace Erik Matti as the director of Darna.

GOLDEN VOICES CONCERT FRONT ACT PERFORMERS

BELOW LEFT TO RIGHT, Gizele Mirasol introduces Edessa Andrada; Jheo Navarro; Mark Rivera from JDL School; Kayleigh Cerezo of Mini-Pop Kids; Melanie Lazaro



\$200,000 scammed From Filipinos in Toronto

Maria Elaine Doble from Oshawa, Ontario stole \$200,000 over the span of a year.

A Canadian woman managed to pull off a seriously elaborate scheme to steal money from the Filipino community in Toronto, and got away with it for an entire year. In total, she stole an astounding \$200,000. However, the scam didn't last forever, and the woman has now been arrested.

Maria Elaine Doble, a 28-year-old woman from Oshawa, Ontario, has been arrested for several offences including fraud, according to a news release from the Durham Regional Police.

So, how'd she do it, you ask? The 28-year-old told Filipinos in the Greater Toronto Area that she worked with an immigration program called the Government Express Entry Compensation Program. She said she would be able to give them grants and help their friends and family immigrate quickly to Canada.

Noble then allegedly faked texts and emails that victims thought were from government officers, before telling them to pay by dropping off money in a mailbox or address. After payment, the victims got nothing in return and none of the promises were ever fulfilled. The woman eventually got caught and arrested.

According to the World Population Review, in 2018, Filipinos made up around 5.1% of the Toronto population, which is around 2.8 million people. Based on those numbers, there are approximately 143,000 Filipinos in the city.

Angel Locsin uses knowledge in fashion design with new bag collection

Angel Locsin is a known actress and advocate for women and children. But the Kapamilya actress also took up a short course in fashion design at St. Martin's School of Arts in London in 2007.

Regarded as an actress, a businesswoman, and an advocate for women and children, Kapamilya actress Angel Locsin can now add the tag "designer" under her belt.

Recently, the 33-year-old actress, in collaboration with the cosmetics and fashion brand that she has long been endorsing, launched a project called Avon Fashions X Angel Locsin, which is a collection of bags that Angel helped design.

Angel expressed her enthusiasm for the project as she gets another chance to apply what she learned from the short fashion design course she took at St. Martin's School of Arts in London back in 2007.

"Akala ko di ko siya magagamit kasi hindi talaga ako ganon, hindi nga ako nagsa-shop-ping masyado.

"Pero awa ng Diyos, napakinabangan ko naman ang pinag-aralan ko don and naga-wa ko yung mga sketches, nagamit ko yung pinag-aralan ko," she explained at the launch held in Taguig City last September 27.

However, this was not the first time Angel applied her education in fashion design.

Previously, she launched a sports apparel line, which did not come as a surprise as Angel has always been known for being athletic.

"Before, nag-try kaming mag-launch ng sports apparel. Nasa SM store siya before, pero ngayon wala na. Hindi na existing."

There was reluctance in Angel's voice when she was asked if she plans to take designing more seriously.



"Siguro sa clothes, hindi talaga ko maano, e... [Mas sa] mga practical stuff siguro, like bags. Mahilig kasi ako sa organized bags talaga."

In the meantime, Angel is now focused on her upcoming ABS-CBN prime time teleserye, The General's Daughter, which also stars Maricel Soriano, Janice de Belen, Eula Valdez, Ryza Cenon, and Paulo Avelino.

She divulged that she also plans to make another movie under Star Cinema right after her next teleserye project.

Nora pinagkaitan na naman ng National Artist award

NASILAT na naman ang National Artist award kay Nora Aunor.

Mukhang mailap sa kanya ang nasabing award dahil taun-taon inaabangan ng mga taga-showbiz na maigawad na ito sa nag-iisang Superstar. Muntikan na niya itong masungkit ngunit diumano'y nilaglag siya sa huling minuto ng noo'y Pangulong Noynoy Aquino. Matatandaan na naging mainit na debatahan ito. Itinurong dahilan ng kanyang pagkakalaglag sa final list ay ang umano'y pagiging malapit niya sa dating pangulo na ngayon ay House of Representatives Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Isa pang dahilan kung bakit di raw siya nailuluklok sa pagiging national artist ay ang mga kasong kanyang kinasangkutan; lalo na ang pagkakakulong niya sa Amerika. Hanggang ngayon, mukhang ito pa rin ang ipinupukol sa aktres. Sa totoo lang, hindi ang personal na buhay ng isang artist ang dapat maging basehan sa nasabing karangalan; kundi ang lawak ng naiambag niya sa sining ng bansa.

Hindi pa ba sapat ang naimbag niya sa pelikulang Pinoy para gawaran siya ng National Artist award? Just asking...

Janella vs Elmo: Negative for their career



JANELLA Salvador vs. Elmo Magalona. Darren Espanto vs. JK Labajo. Current issues being feasted on today by those hungry for scandals and controversial issues.

Janella has confessed that Elmo has physically hurt her twice. The first time, she forgave him after he apologized and promised not to do it again. The next time happened when they had a fight after they came from a party where they were both drinking. Janella fought back and slapped Elmo and that's when he allegedly pushed her out of the vehicle they were riding in. She says she was forced to speak to straighten the lies that Elmo's camp has been spreading about her and he mom, Jenine Desiderio. She also revealed that she and Elmo are seeing a psychiatrist.

Elmo, on his part, seems to have decided to just keep silent. Probably so that it wouldn't be a case of her word against his. When they were first paired, we remember folks predicted that things don't seem promising for them. Janella was formerly paired with Marlo Mortel while Elmo, when he was still with GMA, with Janine Gutierrez. Their careers seemed to be running more smoothly then.

When Elmo moved to ABS-CBN, the two of them were paired in "Born for You", but it was shortlived as the show didn't get the expected high ratings. The two movies they did as Elnella love team also didn't hit it big at the box office, "Bloody Crayons" and "My Fairy Tale Love Story". ABS-CBN bosses have already told them they'll have to work separately. And now, this battered girlfriend issue came out and the effect is undoubtedly negative for their careers. They still do not have any new projects in the horizon.



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Duterte orders Army takeover of Customs

MANILA - Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte will replace all officials at the country's Bureau of Customs with military officers after illegal drugs worth billions of pesos allegedly slipped through the agency.

"It will be a takeover of the Armed Forces in the matter of operating in the meantime while we are sorting out how to effectively meet the challenges of corruption in this country," Duterte said Sunday night in speech at the birthday celebration of his former Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano.

Duterte, who has led an anti-drug war that's killed thousands of people since he took office in June 2016 that has attracted widespread international condemnation, said he is yet to issue a formal memorandum effecting the changes.

Duterte said there were "lawless elements" within the Bureau of Customs, the nation's second biggest revenue earner, and ordered the agency's intelligence unit to report directly

to him.

From now on, three signatures from either navy or coast guard officials, will be required before a container can be released from customs' control. Last month Duterte transferred Bureau of Customs chief Isidro Lapena to another government post after lawmakers launched an investigation into the alleged smuggling of as much as 11 billion pesos (\$205 million) worth of methamphetamine that apparently slipped through the agency in August.

Describing both Lapena and his predecessor Nicanor Faeldon as "honest" men, Duterte said but there has been "continuous play of corruption" within the agency, particularly among the lower levels.

"By openly pushing for the military takeover of a civilian agency, President Duterte is violating the constitutional principle of the supremacy of civilian authority over the military," opposition Senator Risa Hontiveros

said in a statement critical of the takeover, adding that it was was "dictatorial."

Duterte also reiterated his support for Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez, who has overall supervision of the Customs Bureau, saying he was a "very good friend" who "can do wonders for the country." Opposition Senator Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan questioned on Monday the legality of President Rodrigo Duterte's decision to place the Bureau of Customs (BoC) under military control.

"Aside from the fact that placing a revenue-generating agency under the AFP is of doubtful legality, regardless of who manages the Bureau of Customs, if Malacañang itself tolerates and does not punish Faeldon and Lapeña and doesn't show any teeth and outrage against big-time shabu smugglers and drug lords, nothing will come of AFP's transfer because it will only follow Malacañang's orders," Pangilinan, who is also a lawyer, said in a text message.

Pia Wurtzbach is Busy

Ever since she was crowned Miss Universe 2015, Pia Wurtzbach has always had her hands full with work. In an interview, however, she revealed that next year sees her up the ante even more.

Her new projects include a reality show and two movies. "We are planning some things about those but unfortunately, I can't reveal them yet," she said. "But I assure everyone this is going to be exciting. We're still planning and I don't want to jinx anything."

Prodded about her "leading man," Pia said she is not going to be picky.

"Actually I have no idea who it will be or if I will even have one," she said.

Pia has a long list of endorsement deals. Her latest sees her as Ginebra Calendar Girl for 2019.

The brand has always championed the "Never Say Die" mantra, and Pia represents same tenacity in chasing dreams.

She, who lost twice before getting the chance to compete and win the 2015 Miss Universe pageant, joins the likes of Arci Muñoz, Myrtle Sarrosa, Marian Rivera, Georgina Wilson, and Solenn Heussaff, who have also posed previously for the highly sought-after calendar.

Pia's manager and beauty queen-maker Jonas Gaffud was asked at a different event.

Hesitant to give exact numbers, he revealed that so far, Pia has about 20 endorsements under her belt. Wow.

"I don't want to talk about the talent fees. I'm busy," he laughed.

As for Pia's participation to this year's Miss Universe pageant, Jonas said they haven't received any invite just yet.

Being with Pia for years, the beauty-queen maker said he noticed that she has become more mature now as a person. He described her as "makimkim na tao."

"I even don't know about her past boyfriends. All I know is, Pia has goals. She wants to be stable. She knows what she's doing," he explained.

He reiterated that he is not the type of manager who meddles with his talent's personal lives, more particularly, on matters of heart.



88% of Filipinos aware of fake news on social media

In its September 2018 survey, Pulse Asia said 88 percent of Filipinos who use the Internet were aware of fake news on social media, with 79 percent of them saying that they considered fake news to be widespread on social networking platforms.

Meanwhile, 98 percent of the Filipinos use the Internet for purposes of checking their social media accounts, the survey noted.

"Use of the internet is reported by majorities only in Metro Manila (65%) and the best-off Class ABC (66%)," Pulse said.

"On the other hand, only about a third of those in the Visayas and the poorest Class E use the internet (35% and 32%, respectively)," it added.

Malacañang concern more 'poor' Filipinos

"We view with concern the Third Quarter 2018 Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey showing 52% of Filipino families considered themselves as mahirap and 36% rating their food as mahirap," Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said.

Roque cited that the survey, which was conducted from September 15 to 23, happened when inflation hit a record-high 6.7 percent.

"Nauunawaan namin ang sentimyento ng ating mga kababayan," he said.

"For one, the destruction to agriculture and infrastructure caused by Typhoon Ompong in the Cordillera, Ilocos and Cagayan regions contributed to higher inflation. This would explain why self-rated poverty (SRP) in Balance Luzon rose to 47% in September," he added.

He assured the public that the government has "implemented measures to cushion the



Senate passes Universal Health Care Bill

MANILA - Soon, all Filipinos will have access to health services. The Senate passed on third and final reading a bill that seeks to provide adequate healthcare services to Filipinos. All senators voted for the approval of Senate Bill 1986 or the "Universal Health Care Bill."

This comes immediately after President Rodrigo Duterte's call for the proposed measure's passage at the Senate.

Once enacted, all Filipinos will be given universal health care coverage and benefits under the National Health Security Program, which replaces the National Health Insurance Program or Philhealth.

Under the proposed measure, contributors--or income earners--will have to pay for their premiums while the government will shoulder the contributions of non-contributors. Funds for the subsidy will be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. Health Secretary Francisco Duque also previously said that sin taxes from cigarettes will also be a major source of funding for the policy.

Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque, who authored the bill when he was Kabayan partylist representative, thanked the Senate for passing what he considers to be a "groundbreaking" law.

"I consider this measure groundbreaking because beneficiaries will be entitled to health coverage simply by virtue of their citizenship as Filipinos," he said in a statement.

Roque said the President's move to certify the bill as urgent shows the administration's "unrelenting commitment to provide the marginalized and disadvantaged with sufficient and better health care services."

The House of Representative had previously passed a version of the bill (House Bill No 5784) in September 2017.

impact of inflation and bring food on the table of poor families."

Roque was referring to the order of Duterte on approving the "unimpeded" rice importation in the country to tame inflation.

The government, Roque said, would ensure that no Filipino family should go hungry.

"Walang pamilyang Pilipino ang dapat magutom. Iyan ang atas at hangarin ng Pangulo," he said.

Regine Velasquez tells ABS-CBN guard: "Hindi na ako illegal!"

Regine Velasquez has already taped her upcoming guest appearance in the late-night talk show Gandang Gabi Vice.

The teaser showed that Regine and Vice Ganda will have a special announcement during one of the special's episodes.

On her Instagram account, Regine posted her photo with Vice Ganda and her husband Ogie Alcasid, who made a special appearance during their taping.

On the same day of her Gandang Gabi Vice episode, Regine's first appearance in ASAP will also be aired.

Her ASAP welcome happened during the Sydney show last October 20.

REGINE NOT "ILLEGAL" ANYMORE IN ABS-CBN Meanwhile, ABS-CBN business unit head Lui Andrada posted an Instagram video of Regine entering the premises of ABS-CBN using her ID.

As Regine used her ID to enter the studios, the staff cheered for her.

She then told the marshall, "Hindi na ako illegal, pards!"

In the past, Regine entered the ABS-CBN compound to watch Ogie in his shows with ABS-CBN.

Is Cebuano race car driver Daniel Miranda the new boyfriend of Sofia Andres?

Sofia Andres posts sweet photo with rumored boyfriend Daniel Miranda on Instagram.

Kinakiligan ng maraming netizens ang bagong Instagram post ng aktres na si Sofia Andres ngayong Lunes ng hapon, October 29.

Ito ay dahil kasama niya sa larawan ang kanyang rumored boyfriend na si Daniel Miranda.

Walang caption sa post ng 20-year-old Kapamilya actress ngunit mukhang nasa bakasyon ang dalawa.

WHO IS DANIEL MIRANDA?

Si Daniel, 21, ay isang race car driver mula sa Cebu. Pitong taon na sa racing si Daniel. Nagsimula siyang mag-aral sa go-karts noong bata pa siya.

Ngayon, lumalaban na siya sa international tournaments sa Singapore, Indonesia, Macau, at iba pang Asian countries.

Noong October 8, nag-post na rin si Sofia ng litrato ni Daniel sa Instagram ngunit hindi nito ipinakita ang mukha ng racer.

Samantala, noong October 14, nag-post din sa kanyang Instagram si Daniel ng larawan nilang dalawa ni Sofia.

Sabi niya sa caption, "I miss you."

Kahapon, October 28, nag-post muli si Daniel ng larawan nilang dalawa ng rumored girlfriend.

Caption niya sa post, "Won all 3 races today."

Sa bago namang post ni Daniel sa Instagram ngayong araw rin, isang "heart" emoji ang ikinomento ni Sofia sa larawan ng rumored boyfriend.



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Dion admits he's now a father

DION Ignacio now confesses that he's the father of a baby girl who's 1 year and 4 months old named Dylan Jailee, with his longtime girlfriend as the mom. "Wala na namang dahilan para itago ko siya kasi halos lahat kami sa mga ka-batch ko sa Starstruck 1, puro may anak na, starting with the winners na sina Jennylyn Mercado and Mark Herras," he says. "Also, hindi na rin naman ako teenybopper gaya noong araw dahil 32 na ako ngayon."

Other Starstruck batchmates of his who are now mom and dads include Yasmien Kurdi, Katrina Halili, Cristine Reyes, Nadine Samonte and Alvin Aragon. He says his baby's mom was his girlfriend when he was only 20 years old and was just starting in showbiz.

"Nagkahiwalay kami at hindi kami nagkita

for 8 long years. I had other girlfriends but every now and then, naiisip ko pa rin siya. Then we found each other again in social media at nag-message ako sa kanya. Ayun, nagkabalikan kami two years ago at ngayon, may baby na. We're not yet married. Pareho kaming gusto munang paghandaan at pag-ipunan itong mabuti."

Dion is now part of the GMA-7 primetime telefantasya, "Victor Magtanggol". He plays Percival, the husband of Chynna Ortaleza who is the sister of title-roler Alden Richards. "It's great to be part of this show kasi ang dami talagang nanonood," he says. "Everywhere I got, alam nila ang mga latest ng pangyayari sa 'Victor Magtanggol'. Happy kaming lahat sa show sa patuloy na magandang feedback that viewers give to us and also the advertisers dahil lagi pa rin kaming punumpuno ng commercials."

Andre Paras close to brother Kobe despite rumored rift

Andre Paras strongly denies rift with younger brother Kobe Paras: “Hindi naman kami nag-aaway, okay naman kami.”

Aminado si Andre Paras na tuwing haharap siya sa media ay hindi nawawala ang tanong tungkol sa kanyang pamilya.

Lalo na’t naki-pag-ayos na ng kanyang naka-babatang kapatid na si Kobe Paras sa kanilang ina na si Jackie Forster pagkatapos ng maraming taon. Paano hinihahandle ni Andre ang mga sensitibong tanungan dating sa pamilya? Gon ng 22-year-old host-actor, daming tanong tungkol diyan, so if our family, which is...

“Okay naman kami, pinagtatawanan na lang namin yung mga isyu na ganun, kasi never naman kami nag-away ni Kobe.

“I mean, siguro nung bata kami, normal iyan sa mga bata. UNFOLLOWED?

Isa ring isyung pinag-uusapan ng netizens ay ang pag-unfollow niya sa Instagram account ni Kobe.

Bakit niya ito ginawa? Paliwanag ni Andre, “I mean, I understand ganun [may mga magtatanong]. Kasi, accidentally na-unfollow ko.

“Pero meron kaming mga private accounts. I mean, marami, uso na ngayon yun, e, private accounts.

Naapektuhan ba silang dalawa sa mga pang-iintrigang ito ng netizens? Sagot niya, “Never, wala naman.

“Naano lang ako, ayaw ko lang ma-misunderstood ng mga tao na magkaaway kami. “Okay na okay na kami, ever since na nag-simula yung issue.”

BLESSED CAREER Sunud-sunod ang proyekto ni Andre sa GMA-7.

Kasama naman siya sa bagong prime-time series ng Kapuso Network, ang Pamilya Roces. Sabi niya tungkol dito, “Sobrang thankful and gagawin ko naman ang lahat na ipapagawa sa akin.”

Why is Nora Aunor not yet been honored as a National Artist

Lea Salonga expressed her concern over Nora Aunor being dropped anew in the National Artists’ list despite her contributions to the Philippine arts.

Despite Nora Aunor’s considerable contributions to the entertainment industry over the last five decades, it has left everyone wondering why she hasn’t received yet the prestigious National Artist Award which honors those “having made significant contributions to the development of Philippine art.”

Among those who expressed concern over the country’s Superstar’s case is Tony Award-winning actress Lea Salonga who believes that Nora Aunor qualifies as a National Artist notwithstanding the truth that she has had her fair share of ‘troubles’ in the past.

“Here’s a question for you all: Why hasn’t Nora Aunor been honored with the National Artist Award? I ask sincerely, because, given her talent and body of work, I’m surprised it hasn’t happened yet, her previous troubles aside. Thanks,” she wrote.

Administered by the National Commission for the Culture and the Arts (NCCA) together with the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), National Artist Awards were given recently to filmmaker Kidlat Tahimik, playwright Amelia Lapeña Bonifacio, and Maestro Ryan Cayabyab among others.

Having been dropped in the list of National Artist nominees for the second time in a row, the public still recognizes Nora Aunor as the ‘People’s National Artist’.

Marco Gumabao keeps mum on cousin Gretchen Fullido sexual harassment charge

Marco Gumabao says their whole family supports cousin Gretchen Fullido, who recently filed a sexual harassment case against former ABS-CBN executive Cheryl Favila and TV Patrol segment producer Maricar Aspreo.

Iwas magbigay ng pahayag si Marco Gumabao tungkol sa sexual harassment at libel complaints na inihain ni Gretchen Fullido laban sa former executive at employee ng ABS-CBN news department, at libel cases laban sa ilang kapwa reporters.

Kapatid ng ama ni Marco na si Dennis Roldan ang ina ni Gretchen, kaya magpinsan ang dalawa.

Pahayag ng Kapamilya actor, “Well, I don’t want to talk to her about the issue because I don’t want to stress her out.

“Ayokong magmukhang tsismoso lang na nakikitsismis lang.

“Basta ako, I don’t wanna comment about the whole issue.

“Basta I’m here for her, I’m here to support her, and kung may kailangan siya sa akin, nandito lang ako para sa kanya.”

Pero buo raw ang suportang ibinibigay ng kanilang angkan sa ipinaglalaban ni Gretchen.

“Oo naman siyempre,” sambit niya.

STILL A KAPAMILYA Napabalita noong lilipat si Marco sa bakuran ng Kapuso network, kasabay ng pagpirma niya ng kontrata bilang exclusive talent ng Viva.

Marami tuloy ang nagulat nang mapanood siya sa trailer ng Los Bastardos, kung saan isa siya sa nawawalang anak ni Ronaldo Valdez sa istorya.

Muli namang nilinaw ng aktor na kahit kailan ay wala siyang sinabing lilipat siya sa GMA-7.

Aniya, “Never akong nagsabi na lilipat ako ng Seven, it’s just that lumipat ako ng Viva.

“Lumipat ako ng Viva, which is neutral, you can go both ABS and GMA.

“At that time lang, nagkaroon lang ako ng guesting sa GMA at tinanggap namin because it was work, pero I never said anything na lilipat ako ng GMA.

“They never offered anything naman.”

Sa magagandang nangyayari ngayon sa kanyang career, naniniwala si Marco na “perfect timing” lang ang nangyari sa kanya.

“Ngayon, I’m really happy and thankful ako kila Mr. M [Johnny Manahan], Ms. Mariole [Alberto] na they allowed me to transfer to Viva, and now I’m in Viva and my career is just kicking off.

“I can say na it’s also God’s blessing and it was timing also.”

FIRST LEAD ROLE Bilang isa sa lead actor sa Los Bastardos, na mapapanood na simula sa Lunes, October 15 sa Kapamilya Gold ng ABS CBN, masayang-masaya si Marco sa napakalaking oportunidad na ipinagkatiwala sa kanya.

Saad niya, “It’s very overwhelming and it’s a big privilege to be part of this show.

“Unang-unang lead role ko ito sa teleserye ng ABS-CBN, so maraming-maraming salamat ABS-CBN, sa mga bosses for accepting me and casting me.

Sexy, daring, at mature ang tema ng Los Bastardos kung saan balitang maraming kissing at love scenes na mapapanood.

Kahit kumportable at kampante si Marco sa ganitong mga eksena ay aminado ang aktor na nandun pa rin ang kaba sa tuwing nagpapakita siya ng abs onscreen.

Dagdag niya, “But at the end of the day, you have to be confident in yourself, with what you’ve work hard for.”

Naniniwala si Marco na marami siyang matututunan mula sa mga kasama niya sa teleserye, gaya nina Jake Cuenca, Albie Casiño, Joshua Colet, at Diego Loyzaga.

Kuwento niya, “Si Jake first time ko makakatrabaho and



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based on all his recent shows, movies, alam ko magaling si Jake.

“Excited ako na marami akong matutuhan sa kanya, and also sa other three na kasama ko—Diego, Joshua, and Albie. “I am also excited to get stuff from them.”

Dagdag niya, “Acting is a never-ending learning experience. Especially kila Tito Ronaldo din, sa lahat ng ibang kasama din.

“Excited ako sa puwedeng mapulat na lessons or tips na makukuha ko sa kanila.”

Sa ganda ng kanyang katawan at sa sexy theme ng Los Bastardos, walang kaso kay Marco kung maging pantasya man siya ng mga manonood.

Aniya, “Wala namang problema sa akin as long as they don’t cross the line.

“Mayroon naman kasing temptations na ganyan, pero so far, wala namang nagko-cross ng line, wala namang bastos pa, so okay lang.”

Lea natuwa, super proud kay Ryan as National Artist

Ipinagmalaki talaga ni Lea Salonga ang kanyang kaibigang composer-musician na si Mr. Ryan Cayabyab matapos itong parangalan bilang National Artist for Music.

Ayon nga sa kanya, kay ganda ng ating musika dahil sa kanya. Walang duda na well-deserved ito ni Mr. C dahil napakalaki nga naman ang naging kontribusyon nito sa music industry.

Walang dudang isa talaga siya sa icon ng industriyang ito na well-respected at marami ang nagawa sa ikakaangat ng music industry.

Ang kanyang mga musika ay classics na at walang kilalang singer ang hindi niya nakatrabaho at maging ang lahat ng baguhan ay nangangarap na makatrabaho siya.

Samantala, isa namang Oragon ang ginawaran din ng parehong parangal sa larangan naman ng Visual Arts.

Ang yumao nang taga-Daraga, Albay ay nakilala dahil sa kanyang mga cartoon at illustration na naging bahagi na ng kultura ng

ating bansa. Sikat na sikat ang kanyang comic strip na Mang Ambo noong kapanahunan niya na marami ang naka-relate sa kanyang mga obra. Congrats!

Bea binantaan ng multo: I Will Kill You

Dahil malapit na ang All Soul’s Day, may kanya-kanya na ngang kuwento ang ating mga celeb tungkol sa kakaiba nilang karanasan na nakakatakot.

Isa na nga ay itong si Bea Alonzo na naikuwento sa ating mga kasamahan ang kababalaghang nangyari sa kanya sa isang hotel. Kaka-check in pa nga lang daw nila nang maisipan niyang mag-shower.

At habang naliligo siya na naka-hot and cold, ay nagulat na lang daw siya dahil unti-unting namumuo sa moist ng shower ang mga letra na ang nakasaad ay, ‘I will kill you.’

Dahil nga sa takot ay talaga raw tumakbo siya palabas ng shower naka-nude at mabuti na lamang ay ang manager niya ang nasa room na nabasa rin ang nakapormang mga letra.

Imposible naman daw na may nagsulat doon upang ma-form ‘yun dahil kakapasok pa lang nila sa kuwento na ang ibig sabihin ay kalilinis pa lamang nito.

Hindi raw talaga natulog doon si Bea at nagpalipat na lamang ng room.

Naku, kahit sino naman, noh! Mas mabuti na ngang nagpalipat siya kaysa namang walang magising sa kanila dahil pinatay na pala sila. Kalokah, devah?

May iba pang kuwento ng kababalaghan ang iba pang celeb na maisusulat dito sa mga susunod pang araw.



Matteo handa nang pakasalan si Sarah

Sa Japan magpa-Pasko ang pamilya ni Matteo Guidicelli, kaya ngayon pa lang daw ay busy na siya sa pagsa-shopping para ipanregalo sa mga mahal niya sa buhay. Pero siyempre, una si Sarah Geronimo sa mga naibili na niya ng regalo.

“Pero secret muna kung ano ‘yon. Ha-hahaha!” natatawang sey ni Matteo nang makatsikahan ko after ng presscon ng MatteoXCarlo concert na magaganap sa Nov. 17 sa Music Museum.

Anyway, kapansin-pansin nga na parang hindi tumatanda si Matteo, ha! Kumbaga, mula nu’ng pinakilala siya 13 years ago, halos ang buhok lang niya ang nagbago, pero ang face niya, super pang-bagets pa.

Ang pagiging happy nga raw ang sikreto niya. Bukod pa sa ang mga ini-endorse raw niya ay swak na swak sa kanya.

“Pero siyempre, dapat lagi kang happy. Hindi naman tayo lagi happy, pero you try to be happy. Dapat, ‘di ba? You look at life, situation on a positive aspect, all the time, as you can.

“Kung lagi kang negative, nothing will open for you. So, dapat positive ka palagi,” sey ni Matteo.

So, ang baby face niya ba ay puwede nang mag-asawa talaga? “Puwedeng puwede naman. Bakit hindi? Ready na ako! Tingnan natin!”

Anyway, ang venue nga presscon nga pala nina Matteo at Carlo Aquino na R20 Events Place ay malapit sa lugar na kung saan ay nakatira si Sarah Geronimo.

“Siyempre may date ako ngayon! Malapit lang ang bahay ni Sarah dito,” sabi ni Matteo na patawa-tawa. “Hindi biro lang! Hahaha-ha! Familiar sa akin ang place na ito. Haha-ha!” natatawang sey pa rin ni Matteo.

Anyway, sa mga susunod na kolum ko ay isusulat ko naman ang mga pasabog na gagawin nina Carlo at Matteo sa concert nila.

Kim Chiu still ecstatic over unexpected acting award

Kim Chiu still feels ecstatic after her unexpected Best Single Performance by an Actress award at the recent 32nd PMPC Star Awards for TV: “Ang saya, ang sarap pala ng feeling. First tine kong nakatanggap ng

ganitong award.”

Memorable para kay Kim Chiu ang pagkakapanalo niya ng Best Single Performance By An Actress award sa katatapos lang na 32nd PMPC Star Awards for TV na ginanap sa Henry Lee Irwin Theater nung nakaraang October 14.

Ito ay para sa kanyang guest appearance sa 4th anniversary episode ng Ipaglaban Mo, na nanalo rin ng Best Drama Anthology award noong gabing iyon.

Ayon kay Kim, ito raw ang kauna-unahang award na kumilala sa husay niya sa pag-arte.

Sa panayam ng PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) at Cinema News kay Kim, overwhelmed ang aktres sa natanggap na pagkilala sa kanya.

Lahad niya, “Ang saya, ang sarap pala ng feeling.

“First tine kong nakatanggap ng ganitong award.

“Masaya! With the support of Ipaglaban Mo team, sobrang happy ako.

“First time ko nag-Ipaglaban Mo, it’s my super first time and it’s their 4th year anniversary.”

UNEXPECTED

Pagkukuwento sa amin ni Kim, di niya inasahan ang natanggap na award kaya nagulat siya nang tinawag ang pangalan niya.

Dagdag niya, “Nagulat ako, di nila ako pinapauwi.

“Kasi tumanggap lang ako ng Hall of Famer award for ASAP, ‘tapos mayroon pa raw spiels or something.

“Maya-maya, ‘Kim, ikaw na,’ ‘tapos tinawag ang pangalan ko. ‘Tapos, nakita ko pa sila [fans].”

MMFF ENTRY

Pasok ang pelikulang One Great Love nila Kim at Dennis Trillo bilang isa sa entries sa 2018 Metro Manila Film Festival.

Masaya ang aktres na napasama sila sa nasabing film festival na inaabangan ng mga Filipino tuwing Pasko.

Aniya, “Yes, sa araw.ng Pasko, regalo na lang ninyo sa akin.

“Isamg napakagandang pelikula from Regal Films.

“Kinakabahan pero pinagdarasal na sana makapasok since maraming entry yung nagpasa ngayon nga raw this year.

“Masaya naman na nung time na in-announce yun, sobrang happy and excited ako.”

May bali-balitang matured at may pagka-daring ang tema ng One Great Love.

Puring-puri ni Kim ang mga kasama sa

pelikula.

Pagmamalaki niya, “Matured siya, it’s about love and sa mga ka-edaran ko na di pa kinakasal.

“Si Dennis, sobrang tahimik siya pero magaling siya.

“Actually, both si JC [de Vera] at si Dennis, sobrang galing, ‘tapos si Direk Erik Quizon ang direktor namin.

“Magandang materyal, panoorin niyo na lang sa araw ng Pasko.”

LOVE LIFE

Tahimik at masaya ang tinatakbo ng relasyon ni Kim at ng kasintahan niyang si Xian Lim, kahit na wala na sa bakuran ng ABS-CBN ang dating kapareha.

“Okay naman, happy.

“May movie siya ngayon, yung Love Story na siya ang nagdirek din,” pagtatapos niya.

Sharon ipinalit kay Liza ni Direk Erik

Napurnada man ang pagdidirek ni Erik Matti kay Liza Soberano, pumalit naman si Sharon Cuneta na ididirek niya sa bagong project na gagawin under Reality Entertainment.

Ayon sa aming nakuhang impormasyon, isang horror film ang gagawing movie ni Shawie at sa Disyembre niya ito nakatak-dang simulan after ng pelikula nila ni Richard Gomez.

Eh, naging blessing in disguise rin ang paglayas ni Direk Erik bilang direktor ng Darna. After Sharon, ‘yung pelikula naman ni Jennylyn Mercado ang isa pa niyang gagawin, huh!

Marian, Rhei pamilya ang turingan

Itinago ni Marian Rivera ang negosasyon nila ni Rhei Tan ng BeauteDerm Corporation bago niya tinanggap ang maging unang celebrity endorser ng bagong line of products ng kumpanya, ang Reverie by BeauteDerm Home.

“Ang tagal ng bonding namin as family kasi sabi ko nga, ‘yun ang laging bonus sa akin. Kapag ang isang produkto, hindi lang inendorso mo siya, binabayaran ka nila, at the same time, nagiging pamilya mo sila. Literal talagang pamilya ko sila,” pahayag ni Marian sa launch niya bilang endorser.

Ayon naman kay Rhei, ipinakilala sa kanya ni Shyr Valdez si Marian nu’ng magkasama pa ang dalawa sa Kapuso series na Super Ma’am.



Plan B for Sharon Cuneta?

Will Sharon Cuneta have a last-minute change of heart as the filing of COCs (Certificate of Candidacy) for next year’s local and national elections begins two days from now and until the 17th?

Known to the residents of Pasay City, it’s the Megastar’s elder and only brother Cesar—or Chet—who’s running for mayor.

At 57, Chet—a pilot of more than 30 years—is willing to embark on an early retirement to follow in the footsteps of his late father.

“It’s kinda tough considering that Chet will be up against the congresswoman-sister of the incumbent mayor and a fiscal,” a source pointed out.

This is not the interesting twist though. A Vignettes source, identified with Chet’s camp, is reportedly cooking up Plan B should the local survey prove unfavorable to Sharon’s brother.

“Although tsismis lang naman but it’s all over the city. Remember when Martin Diño filed his COC for the presidential election in 2016 only to withdraw? Yun pala, si Davao City Mayor Digong Duterte ang tatakpong Presidente,” the same source said of the likely switch that might occur in the siblings’ case.

In the July 31 issue, Vignettes featured an interview with Chet days after registering with the Comelec. Clearly, he stated that his sister Sharon has a heart but not the stomach for politics.

In a casual phone chat, Chet, however, denied the “tsismis”: “It sure is the handiwork of our opponents. No, it isn’t true that I’m backing out in the middle of the race. Panloloko yun sa tao most especially to the ones behind me.”

In fact, he added, he’s scheduled to file his COC on the first day. “Sharon will accompany me (to the Comelec). That’s the only day she’ll be free from work as she’s busy doing a film, nagpaalam daw siya sa Star Cinema if she could be excused,” Chet clarified.

So there.



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Filipinos still enjoy books

National Book Development Board reports 80 percent of adults still read books—even as e- and audio-books gain acceptance

Even with the massive amount of entertainment and other distractions around them, Filipinos still savored reading, according to the latest nationwide reading survey. The 2017 National Book Development Board (NBDB) Readership Survey indicated that 80 percent of Filipinos age 18 and older read books.

The Readership Survey results were presented last Sept. 28 at the Luxent Hotel in Quezon City by research project consultant Dennis Mapa, dean of the School of Statistics, University of the Philippines Diliman.

In her remarks, Chair Flor Marie “Neni” Sta. Romana-Cruz of the NBDB said the 2017 survey was special because this was the first survey completely commissioned by the NBDB as the previous survey consisted of rider questions added to another survey. in the last year. In the new survey Filipinos said the book they read most often was the Bible, at 72.25 percent, up from 58 percent in 2012. Romance books came in second (25 percent) and books on cooking came in third (21 percent).

Filipino adults still read newspapers (69 percent, up slightly from 2012’s 67 percent) and magazines (48 percent, up from 2012’s 43 percent).

The 2017 Readership Survey was also the first to track readership of alternative reading formats such as e-books and audiobooks. While 11.83 percent of adults have read an e-book in the last year, 3.58 percent listened to an audiobook.

Book prices a major concern
Price remained a concern for readers as the vast majority of respondents (72 percent) said they preferred to purchase print books only up to P199.

Why do Filipinos read? The new survey stated most Filipinos read to expand their knowledge (43.83 percent) or to keep up with current events (20.26 percent).

Perhaps the most encouraging result from the 2017 NBDB Readership Survey was that Filipinos said they still enjoyed the experience of reading, whether they were young (96 percent) and grown up (94 percent).

WHAT I’VE LEARNED

“I’m not a dreamer. I’m a realist.”—Eddie Garcia

The legendary actor-director on women, money, discipline, and playing the villain.

I started in 1949, after I got discharged from the Philippine Scouts in the U.S. Army. I was stationed in Okinawa for three years, as [part of the] occupational troops. In 1949, the Philippine Scouts were disbanded by President Quirino. He wanted his 29,000 men back, so the Philippine Scouts were disbanded. But I had a choice to re-enlist in the U.S. Army. So I said I’ll just goof off for about two months in Manila and then go back to Okinawa to re-enlist. And then my commanding officer said, “You come back, you re-enlist, then I’ll send you to officer’s candidate school.” When I was here, I met a guy, George Sanderson, and he said, “Ed, let’s try the movies. Manuel Conde needs seven guys to play in Siete Infantes de Lara.” It was a sword-slash-buckling film. I said, “No, I have to go back and re-enlist.” He said, “Come on, let’s try it.” So I said okay. We went to see Manuel Conde, he said, “Come back in three days—we’ll give you a screen test.” So when we went back, there were about forty guys who were screen tested. He said “Come back after ten days and I’ll choose seven.” So we did. After ten days, we came back, and he chose seven—and we were chosen. The late Mario Montenegro, Johnny Monteiro, Albert Madison, George Sanderson, Terry Campillos, and Jimmy Castellvi. So I wrote, to my commanding officer, I said “Sir, I’m sorry, I cannot come back to re-enlist. I’m going to join the movies.” He answered back and said, “Good luck, Garcia.”

If I didn’t join the movies, probably I’ll be, dead, six underground in Korea, because that [was the start of] the Korean war. And if I survived that, in Vietnam. If I survived that, I’d be a retired colonel. So that’s destiny.

I never dreamed of being an actor. I always wanted to be a soldier—I wanted to make it my career. Everybody has a dream. Somebody says “I want to be a lawyer,” “I want to be a doctor.” And me, it happens to be “I want to be a soldier.”

In Sampaguita, it was very disciplined—they were very specific about time. There was one actor, his weekly allowance went to fines, because every minute you’re late, you’re fined. If your call time was eight o’clock, you’d be there before, or at eight sharp. Because if you go in at 8:10, you’re fined. Punctuality is very important.

I’m usually earlier than the call time. Because my motto is, “What you could

Eddie Garcia became an actor by chance.

His original plan was to re-enlist in the US Army after the war.

do today, do it now, so you could do something else tomorrow.”

“I play villain roles. When I’m hated, that means it was a good job.”

Whatever I do, there’s passion in it. That’s important. If there’s no passion... you get out of it and find another job. For 69 years, I continuously did movies, because it’s a job that I like.

If you have an office job, every day, you sit at the table, blah blah blah, blah blah blah. It’s boring. As an actor, you go to different places, you meet different people.

I don’t have a handler. I could handle myself. I’ve noticed some stars I’ve worked with, especially the beginners, sometimes they come on the set, they’re so tired, because the handler booked them in a fiesta in some town, you know. I don’t need that.

I play villain roles. When I’m hated, that means it was a good job. One time, during my Sampaguita days, I did a film with Gloria Romero, and in the film, I raped her. I was the villain. Then on the opening day, all the actors, they go and sign autographs, and then after that, they go to the launch to view the film. So I went there and when the lights [went] on, there was an old woman with an umbrella, socked me on the head. Then I look at her [and she says], “Ito palang walang hiya oh!” That means I did a good job.

To me, an award is a bonus for a job well done. You do it well, maybe you win an award. That’s it.

Moviemaking is just a job.

When you’re given a role, it’s the best recommendation for your next project. So if you do it well, the casting people will say, let’s cast him.

I was not involved in the Martial Law era. But the first two years were very good—people were disciplined. Even jaywalking—you can’t see people jaywalking. They cross on the pedestrian lane. The streets were very clean and there were less crimes...for the first two years. But after that, it got a little haywire.

I always observe people. I see how they react to certain things, like if I see a guy on the street, he crosses and then he is run over by a motorcycle...See what happens when you don’t cross on the pedestrian lane? That happens because you were stupid.

A disciplined person helps other people. If you are disciplined, you’re supposed to be there on time. If you’re a prima donna and you come late, I mean, what will these other people say?

[Coco Martin] is very disciplined. He comes on the



time, he knows what to do, he’s prepared, and he treats people squarely. As a matter of fact, in this TV series we’re doing, Probinsyano, he has casted actors who did not have jobs in the past...oldies. And he brought them back. He’s very compassionate. He’s helped a lot of people.

Before, when I was directing, suppose the prop man forgets about something that’s very important on the set, and I’m ready to shoot that scene. I don’t get mad. I just don’t break for lunch and everybody goes hungry till four o’clock in the afternoon. When I suffer, everybody suffers. I don’t shout, I don’t get mad...I just don’t feed them.

In film, because negatives are very expensive, you’re budgeted—you’re given 25 rolls only. In digital, you can do it over and over again. When I direct, I pre-edit my shots. I only take shots that are what I want. I’m not the type who will take one from this angle, one from that angle, then pag-pipilian. Ako, I’m definite.

Courage is taking risks. One time, I was in a club, there were... hoodlums, drinking in one table. And then they invited me for a drink. So I went to the table. They were drinking beer. So they poured beer in my glass. Then one of the

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Steps taken to ease Inflation

MANILA - Malacañang is keeping its fingers crossed that the recent administrative and memorandum orders signed by President Duterte will help ease the effect of inflation on the ordinary Filipino.

Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque made the statement after it was reported that the country's inflation surged anew from 6.4 percent in August to 6.7 percent in September.

In a statement, Roque said the Palace is aware that the rising prices of goods is taking its toll on the ordinary Filipino.

"Alam namin na ramdam ng ating mga kababayan ang pagtaas ng presyo ng bilihin kaya naman po gumawa na ng mga hakbang ang pamahalaan para matugunan ito (We know that our fellowmen are feeling the increase in the price of goods that's why we are taking steps to address it)," he said.

"Umaasa kami na ang mga hakbang na ito ay makakatulong sa pagbaba ng presyo ng bilihin sa pamilyan (We expect that these steps will help lower the price of goods in the market)," he added.

Roque then enumerated the recent measures taken by the government to address the issue of inflation.

Last September, President Duterte signed Administrative Order (AO) No. 13 to streamline procedures on the importation of agricultural products, including rice.

"This will lower the price of basic food products for Filipino consumers since certain administrative requirements unduly add to the cost of importation and limit food supply," he said.

Duterte has also signed Memorandum Order Nos. 26, 27, and 28, which seek to stabilize prices of basic agricultural commodities at reasonable levels,

maintain their sufficient supply in the domestic market, and provide effective and sufficient protection to consumers against hoarding, profiteering, and cartels with respect to the supply, distribution, marketing, and pricing of said goods.

On October 4, President Duterte assumed full responsibility over the still rising prices of oil and other basic commodities. He said he cannot make any excuse while explaining inflation to the people.

"Wala man akong masabi (There's nothing I can say) but I assume responsibility for the rising prices because I am the — I am here. I am the worker assigned here to answer for all of these things," he said.

"Wala man rin akong magawa na (There's also nothing I can because) every time there's a rise of oil, everything also rises," he added.

Nadine Lustre is not a brand-conscious shopper

Nadine Lustre likes to keep her fashion style different from the rest: "My outfits are not very girly, it's always street."

It's no secret that Nadine Lustre loves to dress up, and is not the type to say no to an edgy or avant-garde style.

Just take a look at the Garimon ensemble that she wore to ABS-CBN Ball 2018.

Nadine said she took inspiration from UK singer FKA Twigs.

"I listen to her a lot. She's an artist na medyo weird yung aest-niya," the actress-performer said. "Medyo weird aesthetics Parang beautiful but very sharp edges, something like that."

"Because I've been listening to Twigs a lot, the concept kind of from her and also watching Drag Race."

Drag Race is the Emmy award-winning U.S. reality competition RuPaul's Drag Race, a show that celebrates drag queen fashion and talent.

But when it came to Nadine's off-duty look, she identified her style "street...something that a lot of people can relate to."

Sneakers, she said, easily fit her usual OOTDs.

"Street kasi, you think sneakers—something comfortable but stylish."

"Athleisure is more polished. It's more put-together...street kasi very comfy."

Was Nadine ever conscious about brands?

She immediately answered, "I'm not. I'm actually not."

"As long as I know that the piece suits me well, it doesn't matter what brand it is."

Nadine mostly shopped for clothes online, where there were much more unique street-style finds.

"I'm not really the girly type. My outfits are not very girly, it's always street. I like to be different with the clothes I wear."



Albie natutong mandedma dahil kay Andi

Masasabi nga na naibalik na ang kinang ng bituin ni Albie Casiño. Minsang lumamlam ang karera niya matapos akusahan na siya ang ama ng anak ni Andi Eigenmann.

Sa pagbisita niya sa "Magandang Buhay" kasama ang kanyang ina at kapatid, hindi niya itinanggi na isa iyon sa pinakamalaking pagsubok niyang hinarap.

"After all the bad times that happened, mas masaya na 'yung mga pangyayari ngayon. Now, we're just always thankful na tapos na lahat 'yun," sabi ng bida ng "Los Bastardos."

Choice rin talaga ng binata na hindi magsalita noong kasagsagan ng issue, dahil alam niyang lalabas din ang katotohanan. "Since babae rin kasi, automatic ang sympathy nasa babae. Ako rin bilang lalaki I don't wanna badmouth a female. Doon ko na po nasimulan 'yung pag-practice ng art of dedma," paliwanag niya.

Sabi naman ng nanay ni Albie na si Rina, naging matibay ang kanilang pamilya sa tulong na rin ng kanilang paniniwala sa Diyos.

"Having two boys, sabi ko nga, our family will stand strong together because we draw our strength from the Lord. There will be a lot of challenges, hindi mawawala 'yun. But if you have faith, God will see us through," sabi naman niya.



Kyline Alcantara gets second GMA-7 series; three '90s stars join forces



Meet the cast of GMA-7's upcoming drama series Inagaw na Bituin (L-R): Renz Valerio, Therese Malvar, Kyline Alcantara, Angelu de Leon, Marvin Agustin, Sunshine Dizon, Gabby Eigenmann, and Angelika Dela Cruz.

Kyline Alcantara is set to star in a new show in GMA-7, which serves as the follow-up for her first Kapuso teleserye, Kambal Karibal.

This time, she will top-billing the series with award-winning teen actress Therese Malvar in an upcoming Afternoon Prime series titled Inagaw na Bituin.

Playing important roles in the story are former teen stars Sunshine Dizon, Angelika dela Cruz, and Angelu de Leon.

This is the first time that GMA-7 will bring together their original, home-grown drama princesses who top-billed their own successful prime-time teleseryes from the late '90s to the early 2000s.

Apart from being the lead in the youth-oriented series TGIS, Angelu also played the central character in the 1997 series Ikaw Na Sana with Bobby Andrews, which GMA co-produced with VIVA Television.

Angelika top-billed the 2001 drama series Ikaw Lang Ang Mamahalin, which is known to be the first network-produced teleserye under the GMA Telebabad block. Sunshine portrayed Angelika's rival before the latter left the show.

In 2002, after leaving Ikaw Lang Ang Mamahalin, Sunshine was given her own teleserye titled Kung Mawawala Ka, together with Cogie Domingo.

After doing lead roles in teleseryes, Angelika, Sunshine, and Angelu became effective kontrabidas in their past teleseryes.

Inagaw na Bituin is the fifth teleserye of Sunshine and Angelika together. Their previous shows were: Umulan Man O Umaraw (2000), Ikaw Lang Ang Mamahalin (2001), Mundo Mo'y Akin (2013), and Ika-6 Na Utos (2016-2018).

'90s teen actors Gabby Eigenmann and Marvin Agustin, and former child actor Renz Valerio are also part of the upcoming afternoon series Inagaw na Bituin.

The show also serves as a reunion for Angelu and the show's director Mark Reyes, who first worked with each other in the iconic youth-oriented series TGIS.

Angelu wrote in her Instagram post, "Grateful to be doing an afternoon soap again with an awesome cast @m_sunshinedizon, @gabbyeigenmann, @marvinagustin, @angelikadelacruz, @renzvalerio, @theresemalvar and @itskylinealcantara. Plus great bonus to be working with @direkmark again."

An airing date for Inagaw na Bituin has yet to be announced.

Migo Adecer in numbers

"Starstruck" winner Migo Adecer's career seems to be in full throttle three years since winning the talent search. Suddenly, he's been cast in two shows on GMA Network, both titles of which coincidentally include numbers.

Migo is officially part of the new musical variety show "Studio 7," as well as the voice of first Filipino anime "Barangay 143's" male lead.

Asked how he feels his career is finally taking off, the 18-year-old celebrity humbly confessed now is just the right time for these projects since he wasn't serious about his career before.

"It took me three years to realize that I really want to be in showbiz. There's no turning back now," Migo promised.

An anime fan himself, he can't wait for Barangay 143 to premiere on October 21, promising youngsters like him a really cool show. Voicing Bren Park, his character is a young, rising basketball star in Korea whose life suddenly changes, forcing him to live with his former nanny in Manila's gritty neighborhood of Barangay 143.

On the other hand, Studio 7 will give his music a space to grow, especially since he is set to record his first single before the year ends.

Asked what he sees himself doing in showbiz following these two prime shows, Migo said he'd like to take on a new persona as a "bad boy" believing the boy-next-door-type is already very crowded.



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FROM LEFT, Councillor Michael Thompson, Roadsport Honda General Manager Craig Cowling, Roadsport Honda Vice-President Aneta Gauthier, and former councillor Norm Kelly pose in front of the banner Automotive News Best Dealerships to work for 2018.

Reese on Alden: Honestly, he's not my type

REESE Tuazon is one of the most promising new female stars at the Kapuso network today. She's currently getting good feedback for playing the role of the best friend of Alden Richards' sister in "Victor Magtanggol" and she has a big crush on Alden as Victor. The first time they got to work together was in an episode of "Magpakailanman" and Reese got a lot of bash-

from AlDub fans. "Nagulat ako noon kasi ni hindi naman kami nali-link ni Alden, but now, I'm used to it," she says.

"I think the fans should realize na trabaho lang naman ito and we're just doing our job."

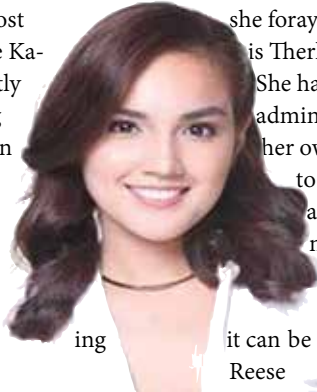
How does she find Alden? "He's very warm, winelcome niya ako talaga as a newcomer at mahusay siyang makisama sa lahat. He's a kind and very decent guy. But no offense meant, ha. Honestly, hindi ko siya type. Masyado siyang

tisoy for me. I prefer 'yung Filipino-looking guys na moreno, like Richard Gomez. Also, may boyfriend akong non-showbiz and he comes from a political family. Since high school pa kami."

Reese started as a commercial model before she forayed into acting. Her real name is Therlyn Anne Mendoza Alcuatas. She has a master's degree in business administration and has also put up her own business, a gas station. "Gusto ko lang talagang subukan ang acting kasi noon pa, maraming nagsasabi sa'kin, mag-artista ka."

Now that I'm here, enjoy naman ako. Masaya and it can be very fulfilling," Reese also got positive feedback for her portrayal of the young Snooky Serna in the dramatization of Cook

ie's life story in "Magpakailanman". Some quarters say she looks like Gal Gadot of "Wonder Woman". "Oo nga. I admire Gal Gadot, but mas gusto ko yatang makilala on my own."



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Josie de Leon pose with Rafael Nebres of Action Honda and GMA7 star Gabby Concepcion at Something Sweet.



LEFT & RIGHT, The Esquerro family and others have a Thanksgiving dinner at their place. Their daughters, in-laws joined them in the celebration.



Daryl Ong hin-amon ang mga artista na ilantad ang kabaklaan

Uy, tila mas nagiging vocal naman ilan sa pagdedepensa

sa isyu ng kabadin-gan sa ilang showbiz people.

Sa naging tarayan (alangan namang ‘pasarigan’ lang?) nina JK Labajo at



Darren Espanto, gamit na gamit talaga ang usap-ing “bakla.” Ang latest ngang nasagap namin, baka daw umabot ito sa korte

bilang merong isang pan-ig na ayaw magpaareglo at tumanggap ng “brotherhood” apology.

Then here comes singer Daryl Ong, defining and de-fending our league na siyem-

pre pa ay hinangaan ng lahat. Ang nakakabilib sa singer, tal-agang nag-pose ito ng hamon sa mga hindi pa naglaladlad kaya’t nagkakaroon daw ng kakaibang stigma sa isyung “bading” sa showbiz.

Perfect na perfect din a tinuran niyang ang talent dapat ng isang artist ang dapat na ilabas, ipagmala at paunlarin at hindi ang kanyang sexual orientation preference.



FDSO Officers get inducted. From left, Vice-President Dr. William Rodriguez, Secretary Dr. Maria Ana Marcelo-Abogado, Treasurer Dr. Annette Simbulan and President Dr. Victoria Santiago-Liu



LEFT TO RIGHT, Dr. FDSO President Victoria Santiago-Liu, Ontario Dental Association President Dr. David Stevenson, FDSO VP Dr. William Rodriguez

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Nostalgia can be a wonderful thing. You look at the past through rose-colored

glasses. The times were simpler, your life was more relaxing and you see your friends

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Dr. Annette Sim

Clem Cabillan

Wife and husband Dr Josephine Ado Guzman and Dr. Salom Guzman w Dr. Ellen Felaire.



FDSO from page 14 more often or at least, regularly.
Why do people suddenly remember the past?

Sometimes, success has a way of getting in the way of the life you used to have. You start a family, you get so busy with your career that you start seeing less of

your friends. The growth of your career happens little by little that is why you don't notice it. As a TV show title says, "a million little things" sums it up.

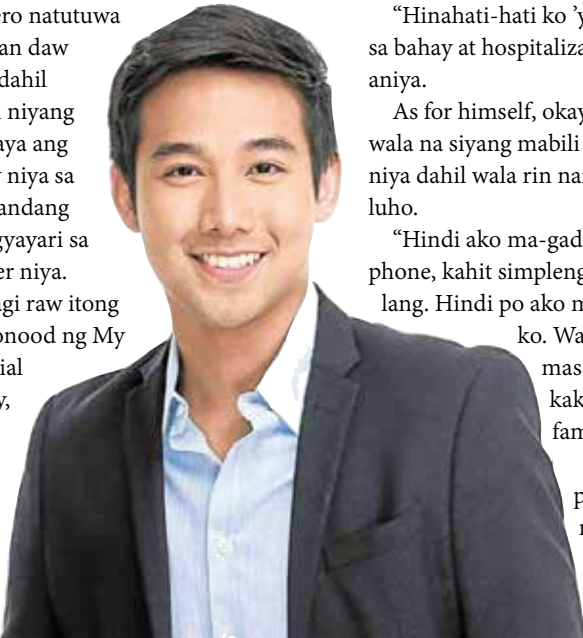
In the case of these circle of dentists, it was the question, "whatever happened to the Filipino

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Pera ni Ken, in-uubos sa ama

Willing si Ken Chan na gawin ang lahat para lang gumaling ang amang na-diagnose ng cancer of the esophagus at nasa stage 2.
"Nagki-chemo na po si Papa ngayon," pagbabahagi ni Ken nang makausap namin sa pocket presscon nila ni Arra San Agustin para sa My Special Tatay last Tuesday.
"Sa loob ng six months, 12 sessions po siya, so, twice a month po siya nagki-chemo. He's getting better naman, kaya lang, siyempre, kidney transplant 'yung tatay ko, eh. So kailangan din naming i-monitor 'yung kidney niya.
"Mahirap, mahirap talaga. Hindi mo na iindahin 'yung pera, eh. Basta lahat ibibigay mo, kung ano ang sinasahod ko, ibibigay ko sa tatay ko, eh. Basta gumaling lang. Wala na akong pakialam sa pera, eh. Basta gumaling lang 'yung tatay ko. 'Yun 'yung mindset ko ngayon, eh," pahayag ng

Kapuso actor.
Pero natutuwa naman daw siya dahil alam niyang masaya ang tatay niya sa magandang nangyayari sa career niya.
Lagi raw itong nanonood ng My Special Tatay, ang on-going



drama series niya sa GMA-7.
Timing nga rin kasi na may "tatay" ang titulo ng serye kaya noon pa ay talagang sinabi na ni Ken na alay niya ang seryeng ito sa kanyang ama.
Si Ken ang breadwinner sa kanila, kaya halos lahat ng kinikita niya ay

napupunta sa pamilya niya.
"Hinahati-hati ko 'yung gastos sa bahay at hospitalization ni tatay," aniya.
As for himself, okay lang daw kahit wala na siyang mabili para sa sarili niya dahil wala rin naman daw siyang luho.
"Hindi ako ma-gadget. Basta may phone, kahit simpleng phone, okay lang. Hindi po ako maluho sa sarili ko. Wala talaga. So, masaya ako na nakakatulong ako sa family ko," he said.
Hanga kami sa pagiging mabait na anak ni Ken kaya naman siguro isa rin ito sa mga dahilan kung bakit

binibiyayaan siya ni Lord.
Tulad nga ngayon, ang ganda ng feedback sa My Special Tatay at mataas ang ratings na nakukuha nito kaya naman masayang-masaya ang aktor.



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Burning question to Kylie Padilla and Aljur Abrenica: Is it true they're getting married in November. He did not quite answer, but hinted, "Malapit na, malapit na."

Wedding plans for Aljur Abrenica, Kylie Padilla?

Aljur Abrenica had his first black-tie event at his new home network after his transfer from GMA-7 in July 2017. He and his long-time partner, Kapuso actress Kylie Padilla, were among the new faces at the ABS-CBN Ball last Saturday, September 29, at the Makati Shangri-la Hotel.

"I'm just very grateful and excited sa mangyayari tonight and [to] support Bantay Bata.

"And I'm privileged enough to be invited sa ABS-CBN ball. "Wala na akong ipagpapasalamat pa... wala na akong naipi-picture na iba na mas gaganda pa sa gabing ito kasi kasama ko yung fiancée ko.

"And, nagpapasalamat din ako sa network niya na pinayagan siya to be here," Aljur said.The word "fiancée" prompted PEP.ph to ask about the report on their plan to get married in November.

The question caught both Aljur and Kylie off-guard. Aljur spoke for both of them, "Nagpapasalamat kami sa mga tao na nagtatanong, di ba, na interesado. "Ibig sabihin, talagang sinusundan nila yung love story namin ni Kylie so sobrang grateful lang kami."

And then he said, "'Wag kayong mag-alala, malapit na, malapit na."

The couple got engaged in January 2017. They have a one-year-old son, Alas.

Dingdong Dantes finally

closes door to politics

Dingdong Dantes defers plans of running in 2019 mid-term elections for his family. Hindi na tatakbo sa anumang posisyon sa darating na 2019 mid-term elections ang Kapuso PrimeTime King na si Dingdong Dantes na nauna nang na-pabalitang tatakbo bilang senador sa ilalim ng Liberal Party [LP]. Sinabi niyang ang pamilya muna ang aasikasuhin niya lalo na't buntis na sa kanilang magiging pangalawang anak ang asawang si Marian Rivera.

Maiksing sabi ni Dingdong, "Pagiging ama at asawa muna."

Nauna na ring pinabulaanan ni Dingdong ang kanyang pagtakbo sa senado noong nakaraang Setyembre.

Tinanggal sa primetime: Mga fan ni Kyline magra-rally sa GMA

Kaka-release pa lamang ng mga litrato ng storycon ng upcoming GMA teleserye na "Inagaw Na Bituin" na pagbibidahan ng dalawang award-winning young actresses na sina Kyline Alcantara at Therese Malvar, aba, sumasabag sa social media ang mga request ng sunflowers ng La Nueva Diva.

Ayon sa clamor ng mga sunflower, bakit dahil nasa Afternoon Prime ito ilalabas, eh, ang milyung-milyon na fans ni Kyline ay mga estudyante. At sabi nga nila, hindi nila ito masusubaybayan nang husto katulad nang ginawa nilang pag-suporta sa "Kambal Karibal." Kaya, imbes na afternoon prime, dapat raw ay ilagay ito sa primetime kung gusto ng GMA na maging maganda ang ratings nito. Well, sa palagay namin ay may punto ang clamor na ito ng mga sunflower dahil, oo nga naman, karamihan sa mga gustong manonood nito ay mga nasa loob ng paaralan na tiyak na malaking kabawasan sa viewership ng upcoming show.

Tanggapin natin na si Ky at ang kuwento ng "Inagaw Na Bituin" ang selling point nito dahil among the cast, siya naman talaga ang may pinakamalaki at pinakamalakas na fandom, devah? Handa raw ang mga sunflower na mag-rally at mag-signature campaign para mailipat sa primetime ang susunod na project ng kanilang prinsesa. Bongga!

Pero, in fairness din naman sa think tanks ng Kapuso network, baka tinitimpla-timpla muna nila kung kaya na ba nina Ky at Therese ang primetime.

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Maja Salvador: nice things nice boys did for her

Maja Salvador candidly talks about the men who have become close to her through the years, and the grand gestures they made to make her feel special.

Maja Salvador, a star as talented as she is sexy, opens up about the boys in her life—and their grand gestures to make her feel special.

But first: Is Maja dating now?

The very frank ABS-CBN star says, "Hindi. Mga eight months na akong single. May mga nagpaparamdam, may mga nagyayaya, pero wala pang amor."

She is in no hurry to even go out on a date. "Okay naman ako. Pero wala pang butterflies sa stomach ko to say yes na lumabas."

Is she open to entering a new relationship with a fellow artist?

Without pausing, she answers, "Hindi natin alam, e. Na-try ko na yung showbiz, na-try ko na yung hindi showbiz. Kung ano ang para sa iyo, yun na."

One fine afternoon in September, Maja plays nice to PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal), and talks candidly about the boys, the men, the stars, who became close to her through the years.

MATTEO GUIDICELLI

Maja recalls the high point of her relationship with Matteo Guidicelli, which lasted two years.

"Ano bang pinaka-bonggang ginawa ni Matteo? Siguro yung Post Its.

"May kasalanan siya, 'tapos yung buong room ko pinuno niya ng Post Its. Ginaya niya si John Lloyd sa My Amnesia Girl."

In the 2010 movie, the character of John Lloyd Cruz fills up the room of Toni Gonzaga with Post Its declaring his love for her.

Maja continues: "Napanood niya, 'tapos ginaya niya. Maa-appreciate mo kasi buong room naka-cover ng Post Its.

"Kaya ang feeling ko nun, ako si Toni Gonzaga," she says with a smile.

PEP.ph asks, almost irrelevantly: Who cleaned up the walls after?

Maja grins, "Ako rin!"

CARLO AQUINO

Maja will always be grateful to Carlo Aquino for being there at a difficult time in her life.

"Si Carlo ang nandiyan nung namatay ang daddy ko.

Panahon niya yun."

Actor Ross Rival, from the famous Lou Salvador Sr. clan and the father of Maja, died on November 16, 2007.

"Siya ang nagdala sa akin sa ospital papunta sa daddy ko. Sa kanya ako nag-MMK," she says, mentioning the Kapamilya anthology Maalaala Mo Kaya famous for its weepy dramas.

"Totoo pala yung mga napapanood natin sa MMK na lupasay. Nung namatay ang tatay ko, ganun."

Carlo was there for her.

"Siya yung nandun. Kaya kilala rin siya ng mga kapatid ko."

Carlo courted Maja after ending his relationship with Angelica Panganiban, and although they never became an item, she will always remember him for seeing her through those dark days.

GERALD ANDERSON

Maja and Gerald Anderson were a tight couple for two years. They picked up a relationship in 2013, and broke up in 2015.

She recalls for PEP.ph their much-talked about date when Gerald rented a helicopter to bring her to Tagaytay.

"Nakasakay na ako ng eroplano pero hindi pa ako nakasakay ng chopper noon.

"Valentine's Day nun. Sabi niya, mayroon kaming lunch.

"Akala ko sa rooftop ng isang hotel. Pagkabukas ng mga guards, may chopper. Tumakbo talaga ako—palayo!

"Tapos hinila niya ako. Nag-chopper papuntang lunch date."

Maja on John Lloyd: "Kung anong meron ang mga dyowa niya, meron din ako! At mas bongga pa!"

JOHN LLOYD CRUZ

John Lloyd Cruz was the leading man to Bea Alonzo and Maja in the 2007 movie One More Chance.

Maja makes clear: "Si Lloydie, hindi ko man siya dyowa, pero ang tawag ko sa kanya Tatay.

"Siya yung kapatid ko na sana kapatid ko talaga.

"Siguro hindi ako ganito ka-inspired sa trabaho ko kung



hindi dahil sa kanya.

"Hindi ko siguro napahalagahan ang trabaho ko kung hindi dahil sa experience niya, sa mga kuwento niya."

She trills: "Ang sarap niyang kausap tungkol sa buhay. Sobra."

When asked what John Lloyd did for her that she finds most memorable, she exclaims: "Ang sosyal nun! May makita lang ako..."

"Kritiko ko yun. Hindi kasi ako mahilig sa watch. Sabi niya, 'Ano ba iyang relo mo?'"

"May budget ka pambili ng sapatos at bag pero yung relo mo ganito. Inokray niya.

"Tapos isang araw, walang okasyon, binigyan niya ako ng Cartier na watch. Limited edition.

"Yan ang John Lloyd Cruz!"

She says playfully, "Kaya kung anong meron ang mga dyowa niya, meron din ako! At mas bongga pa!"

Maja adds that John Lloyd is such a generous person.

"Kulang na lang tumira ako sa bahay niya sa Batangas."

JOHN PRATS

"Si Pratty, crush ko yun dati. Sa It Might Be You yun, bagets-bagets pa kami."

That was 2003. But John was courting Heart Evangelista then, and as he would tell PEP.ph years later, in February 2013, "We were really young...at masyado akong nasakal."

So John Prats remained just a crush for Maja.

COCO MARTIN

Maja brought life to SPO1 Glenda "Glen" Corpuz, one of the leading ladies of Coco Martin in the ABS-CBN prime-time series FPJ's Ang Probinsyano.

"Si Coco, nung concert ko, nagpadala siya ng sobrang tangkad na bulaklak—sa concert ko sa MOA Arena."

That was a big thing coming from Coco, laughs Maja.

"Kasi kahit anong hingi ko ng regalo sa kanya, hindi niya ako binibigyan! Napakayaman, pero hindi ako binibigyan.

"Birthday ko, Christmas, wala. Kahit love letter wala.

"Ang explanation niya, kaya niya ako hindi nireregaluhan, kasi gusto pa niya ako makatrabaho."

Maja says she wanted to tease him.

"Gusto ko nga sabihin, 'So, lahat ng binigyan mo ng regalo, ayaw mo na katrabaho?'"

Then she muses mischievously, "Sana this 30th [birthday] ko, regaluhan na niya ako: 30 bags!"

Maja turned 30 on October 5, 2018.

PIOLO PASCUAL

Piolo and Maja often travel abroad for ASAP, the Kapamilya noontime show.

"Si Papa P, every time na out of the country, hindi ka niya pagbabayarin sa kainan. Kunyari, lalabas sa gabi, siya [magbabayad]. Bawal ka maglabas [ng pera]."

"Kulang na lang, hindi na ako magdadala ng bag pag aalis kami. Hindi lang sa akin, sa lahat ng kaibigan niya."

She points out, "Kung sa regalo, I'm happy sa love na binibigay niya. Wala mang regalo na material, bilangin niyo lahat ng concert ko, nandun siya."

MAJA, THE STAR

The daughter of the late actor Ross Rival and Thelma Andres was dubbed the Dance Princess by ABS-CBN.

And, through her 15 years as a Kapamilya, Maja has proven herself worthy of the title—and more.

For her acting skills in the horror film Sukob (2006), she received the Breakthrough Performance by an Actress trophy at the 2007 Golden Screen Awards and another as the New Movie Actress of the Year at the 2007 Star Awards for Movies.

Just four years later, the Gawad Urian and the Film Academy of the Philippines hailed her as their 2012 Best Actress for bringing life to a track runner in Thelma (2011).

On the personal front, Maja always thought she would get settled by age 25.

She is now 30, has just passed her 15th anniversary in showbiz, and is still single.

Settling down seems farthest from her mind.

"Hindi ako nape-pressure," she says. "Dati, pangarap ko twenty-five makapagasawa na, settled na."

"Pero pag nakarating ka sa age na yun, parang hindi. Ang dami mo pang gustong gawin.

"Saka ang dami pang nagmamahal sa akin. Ang dami pang gustong makita ako. So, huwag muna."

The star of the movie To Love Some Buddy adds matter-of-factly, "Saka wala pa kong dyowa."



Myrtle a silent bombshell, reveals experience with Luigi

MYRTLE Sarossa donned a sexy and revealing superhero costume in her last movie, “Wander Bra”. More recently, she posted in her social media account photos of herself in a swimming pool wearing a skimpy two-piece bikini that shows off her cleavage to great advantage. She remarked that she doesn’t have a perfect body and she’s flawed in many ways, but netizens quickly contradicted her, saying she has an awesome and flawless figure.

Some even suggested that she must have sought cosmetic surgery like breast enlargement for her to obtain such a great body. Some folks also said she’s obviously just fishing for compliments as she really looks okay. Whatever her reason might be, Myrtle really got noticed because of her sexy photos. But in her new movie, the action trilogy “Tres”, where she appears in the “Amats” episode with Luigi Revilla, she says she plays a totally different role.

“Hindi ako sexy at all dito kundi manang na manang ako,” she says. “Sobrang mahinhin, conservative at ‘di makabasag-

pinggan. Pero mai-in love ako kay Luigi in the story kahit alam kong may masama siyang bisyo. Ako ‘yung pambalanse rito kay Assunta de Rossi na bad influence sa kanya at nagturo sa kanyang mag-drugs. Ako naman ‘yung good influence na tutulong sa kanya para magbago siya and go straight.”

How is it working with the Revilla Brothers in



“Tres” that also stars Jolo and Bryan Revilla and opens today in theatres nationwide? “Malaking karangalan po na makapagtrabaho ako para sa film company nila, Imus Productions, and to work with their family. Mababait silang lahat. Maasikaso sa set. Hindi ka gugutumin sa dami ng pagkain. First time ko rin to do an action-drama at

nag-enjoy talaga ako and also learned a lot from our director, Dondon Santos. I’m proud to be part of a film like this that carries a good message for the viewers, specially the youth. It shows how drugs can destroy a person but there’s always hope, no matter how dark your life is, basta may mga taong tutulong sa’yo para ka makapagbagumbuhay.”



Nash Aguas confirms Mika dela Cruz is now his girlfriend

Hindi itinanggi ni Nash Aguas ang pagkakaroon na nila ng romantic relationship ni Mika dela Cruz.

Sa presscon para sa lababas na pelikula ni Sharlene San Pedro, ang “Class of 2018” na dinirek ni Charliebebs Gohtia para sa T-Rex Productions, buong ningning na sinabi ni Nash na finally ay sinagot na siya ni Mika.

Bago pa umamin si Nash, una na ngang nagkuwento si Mika tungkol sa pagsagot niya ng “OO” sa panliligaw ni Nash.

Hindi nagawang ilihim ni Mika ang relasyon nila ni Nash na noon ay tatlong araw pa lang.

Sa presscon ay abot hanggang tenga ang saya ni Nash habang sinabi nitong sinagot na siya ni Mika. Ayon kay Nash, isang taon siyang nanligaw kay Mika bago niya ito napasagot.

Kuwento pa niya, pang-MMK nga raw ang hagulgol niya sa pagtanggap ni Mika ng pag-ibig nito sa kanya.

Gumawa muna ng 15 pages handwritten journal si Mika nu’ng sagutin niya si Nash.

Ayon kay Nash, isa sa dahilan kung bakit siya naiyak sa pagbabasa ng letter ni Mika, ay ‘yung parteng na-appreciate daw ng kasintahan ang pagsama nito sa kanya sa isang awards night kahit may taping ang una at alam niyang hindi siya mananalolo.

Agos-agos daw ang luha ni Nash dahil nalunod ang puso niya nang malamang na-appreciate pala ni Mika nu’ng mga panahong ‘yun ang gestures niya.

Tumawa nang malakas si Nash nu’ng i-share sa amin kung paano sinabi ni Mika na sila na.

Sa last words ng letter, nakalagay roon, “Tayo na Gago!”

Sey ni Nash, talagang magkaibigan sila ni Mika kahit pa noong mga bata pa lang sila.

Anyways, kaya malayang naikukuwento ni Nash ang tungkol sa kanila ni Mika, dahil naniniwala siyang hindi maapektuhan ang pelikula niyang “Class of 2018” kung saan ka-love team niya si Sharlene.

Cookies ni Jennylyn, dinadagsa!

Sa kauna-unahang pagkakataon ay si Gabby Concepcion at Jennylyn Mercado ang magtatamabal sa isang upcoming romantic-comedy (romcom) series ng GMA-7.

Sa recent post ni Gabby, makikitang super-excited ang aktor sa ginanap na meeting niya sa GMA-7 para sa nasabing soap.

“Last night we had a story conf. for new Romantic Comedy (Romcom) with new leading lady @mercadojenny. Babalik na si ROME! Mag teleserye na. Malapit na! Excited!” ang caption ni Gabby sa larawan nila ng Kapuso Ultimate Star.

Maging ang manager ni Gabby na si Popoy Caritativo ay nagpost din ng larawan na kuha sa nasabing meeting at sa caption, aniya, “Meeting for Gabby Concepcion’s new primetime show co-starring him with Jennylyn Mercado. Starting soon!”

Kinumpirma naman sa amin ng manager ni Jen na si Becky Aguila na may bagong drama series nga ang dalawa at malapit nang magsimula ang taping na eere raw sa January, next year.

Huling serye ni Jen ang The Cure na natapos last July habang si Gabby naman ay huling napanood sa Ika-6 na Utos na natapos naman last March.

At habang wala pang ginagawang bagong proyekto, sinamantala naman ito ni Jen na magbukas ng kanyang bagong negosyo, ang Chunky Dough na isang online cookie shop.

Si Jen mismo ang nagbe-bake ng mga cookies na kasalukuyang dinadagsa ng orders.



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guys started getting peanuts and putting them in the glass, so you could see the balat of the peanuts floating. I said, “Aba, palabas ito ah.” I drank it. Then I ordered a round. “O, akin naman ito.” So I got the clip of my .45, I got the bullets and put them in the glass. After that, they paid the bill and then they left. Palabasan eh. Mga pasikat.

“Women should be treated delicately. They should be put on a pedestal. She should be worshipped.”

Money earned but not spent is not your money. You make money, you just put it in the bank without touching it. What does it do to you? Nothing. The reason you earn is because you want to spend it. You can’t bring it to the grave. What I earn, I spend.

If you’re going to the gallows and you have a hearty meal, what does it do to you? Nothing. You savor it, then you’re going to die anyway. They should give that good meal to somebody who’s living—somebody who’s not [about] to die.

Women should be treated delicately. They should be put on a pedestal. She should be worshipped. I’m a one-woman man. Having so many love affairs at the same time...it’s a headache! You waste your time lying and cheating.

I don’t want to waste time scratching that phone. As you can see, every day, people with that kind of phone [a smartphone], they’re in a corner, (makes swiping noises). It’s a waste of time! I’ve had [my] phone for about 20 years.

No regrets. Because when I want something, I think about it—could it be achieved? If it could be, I work for it, to achieve it. And if it’s impossible, I scrap it. There are no regrets. I only set goals that can be achieved.

My belief is, when you’re dead, you’re dead. Nobody could tell how it is to be in purgatory, nobody to relate [that] story. But I believe in God for sure. If your time is up, that’s it. When is up, you’re dead, people forget about you. Frankly, I don’t give a damn. The first few months, they remember you...after that, they forget about you. I don’t care about legacy.



Tall and pretty Isabela Vinzon considers joining beauty pageants

Former The Voice Teens Philippines finalist Isabela Vinzon on joining beauty pageants: “Pumasok po pero biglang pumasok din po yung The Voice so nag-focus ako nun sa The Voice muna. Sabi ko sa sarili ko, kapag tumanda na ako...”

Isabela Vinzon, who has joined singing competitions, is also a beauty-queen material.

A former The Voice Teens Philippines finalist, Isabela, fondly called “Lala” at home, is the daughter of veteran action star Roi Vinzon and former band vocalist-turned-talent manager Jeaney David.

Standing at 5 feet 7 inches, Isabella had already thought about joining a pageant.

Lala narrated, “Pumasok po pero biglang pumasok din po yung The Voice so nag-focus ako nun sa The Voice muna.

“Sabi ko sa sarili ko, kapag tumanda na ako, and kapag nakapag-train pa nang sobra-sobra.

“Being a beauty queen—it’s a lot of guts and training so hindi minamaliit yung pagiging beauty queen.”

Former The Voice Teens Philippines finalist Isabela Vinzon previously considered joining beauty pageants. IMAGE NOEL ORSAL

Who are the beauty queens she looks up to?

Lala answered, “Miss Gloria Diaz, Megan Young, of course, the classic Pia Wurtzbach...”

The 17-year-old singer and ASAP performer jokingly added, “and Miss Mags [Cue].”

Mags Cue is a model-turned-entrepreneur and the owner of Mags clothing, which recently launched Lala as its latest endorser.

BECOMING A BEAUTY QUEEN

Has she joined a beauty pageant before?

“Nag-pageant po ako noon, dalawang beses sa Pampanga po.”

She later quipped, “[I won] po sa dalawang pageant na nadaya ko siguro yun, hindi ko alam! Miss Pampanga Private School po and parang Miss Arayat.”

Lala admitted that winning these two pageant titles was not a walk in the park.



“Yung mga oras na po na yun, siyempre nahirapan po ako lalo na yung poise, yung discipline, yung personality development ng isang beauty queen, napakahirap i-[train] yun.

“At saka yung utak nila, mabilis mag-isip. Mahirap sumagot sa mga tanong na siyempre hindi ka rin handa minsan.

“Katulad ngayon, di pa masyado challenging ‘to pero pag nasa entablado ka na kasi nabubulol ka especially medyo English pa.

“English is not my first language, inaamin ko yun.”

The biggest challenge among beauty contestants is to stand out in a pageant.

She said, “May mga beauty queen din kasi na hindi nag-title pero napapansin mo rin, e.

“Sadyang hindi lang sila nabigyan ng... sa isang gabi kasi talagang jina-judge yung personality mo sa stage.

“Mahirap din na may isang babae nagshashine sa ilang girls sa stage.

“So para mag-shine ka sa gabing yun, iba ka.”

Ads in Chinese in Makati



Posters and billboards in Chinese have been spotted at the Ayala underpass in Makati City. Thousands of Chinese nationals are believed to be working in Metro Manila in offshore gaming operations that cater mainly to mainland Chinese. Offshore gaming has provided support to the demand for commercial real estate amid slower growth from the business process outsourcing sector. The influx of Chinese workers however has stirred concerns that foreigners may be taking away jobs from ordinary Filipinos and causing a property surge in developed areas.

Luis Manzano, Alex Gonzaga on dealing with bashers: “Sabihin mo sa akin nang harap-harapan.”

Alex Gonzaga admits she sometimes asks for Luis Manzano’s advice whether or not she should reply to a certain basher. Hindi nagpapatinig sina Luis Manzano at Alex Gonzaga sa kahit anong pambabatikos na nararanasan nila sa social media. Ilan lamang sila sa celebrities na malakas ang loob na sumagot sa kung anumang isyu ang ibinabato ng kani-kanilang bashers.



STRAIGHTFORWARD STYLE Paliwanag ni Luis, “Hanggang internet lang yang mga yan. “Sabi ko nga, sa mga sinasabi ng mga tao na marami kaming bashers, kami ni Jessie, even up to now, wala pang lumalapit sa akin in person para sabihin kung anong sinasabi nila sa akin on social media.” Noong nakaraang linggo lang ay hindi pinalampas ni Jessie ang isang netizen na nagsabing “nakakasawa na” ang umano’y pagbilad ng aktres ng katawan sa beach. Agad namang sinagot ni Jessie na may choice ang kanyang basher na mag-unfollow sa kanyang Instagram account, kung gugustuhin niya. Sa parte ni Luis, hindi raw niya uurungan sakaling kumprontahin siya nang personal ng isang basher. Diin niya, “So pag dumating ang araw na basher kita, makita mo ako in person, sabihin mo sa akin nag harap-harapan.”

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM? Nang si Alex ang tanungin ng PEP.ph tungkol sa karanasan nito sa bashers, biglang humirit si Luis na siya raw ang may pakana ng pambabatikos sa dalaga sa social media. “Bumuo ako ng group talaga na kami ang taga-comment sa kanya, taga-bash sa kanya para matauhan, para bumaba naman sa lupa!” nagbibirong saad ni Luis. Natatawang sagot ni Alex, “Naka-payroll!” Patuloy ng dalaga, “Pero sometimes kasi kailangan mo rin i-weigh kung talaga bang constructive yung sinasabi nila or may halong hatred or bashing. “Pero actually, every now and then when there are bashers or when there are criticisms, you will always have room para mag-improve ka naman.”

Jasmine Curtis-Smith on marrying: “I think baka mapaaga.”

“Nagsisimula na rin na maging constant thought sa kanya yun. Pero ako, sinasabi ko na wait lang,” says Jasmine Curtis-Smith about the thought of marrying her boyfriend of three years now, businessman Jeff Ortega.



Patuloy na nagiging matatag daw ang relasyon nina Jasmine Curtis-Smith at boyfriend nitong businessman na si Jeff Ortega. “Oo naman!” ang mabilis na sagot ni Jasmine nang tanungin kung sila pa rin ng non-showbiz boyfriend na galing din sa political clan na Ortega sa La Union. “Magti-three years na kami next year, tagal na, ‘no?” nakangiting sabi niya. Kung ang kapatid na si Anne Curtis ay early thirties na nang mag-asawa, palagay raw ni Jasmine, mas maaga siya rito. “I mean, sa ngayon ang nakikita ko, mukhang...siyempre, gusto kong paniwalaan na siya na talaga. And kung siya na nga talaga, feeling ko naman na-break na namin ang barrier ng dating, getting-to-know you, ‘Ano ba ang pamilya mo?’ ‘Ano ba ang pamilya ko?’ “So parang I think baka mapaaga.” Pero natatawang sabi rin niya, “Siyempre ayoko rin namang bigyan ng oras. Nasa sa kanya rin yun.” Nasa marrying age na rin naman ang boyfriend niya. “Siya? Oo,” pangsang-ayon niya rin. “Nagsisimula na rin na maging constant thought sa kanya yun. Pero ako, sinasabi ko na wait lang.” Ibig sabihin pala, nagsasabi na rin sa kanya ang boyfriend ng intensiyon nito? “May mga thoughts na siya na nilalagat,” pag-amin niya. Siya raw talaga ang nagsasabi sa boyfriend na siguro ilang taon pa. Katwiran ni Jasmine, kakapasok pa lang din

niya bilang isang Kapuso. “Hindi ko pa alam kung ano ang mang-yayari sa GMA. Kung ano ang magiging result ng kontrata.” Tatlong taon daw ang pinirmahan niyang kontrata sa GMA-7. Posibleng tatlong taon din niyang pinakiusapan itong maghintay? “Oo, parang ganun,” natawa niyang pag-amin. “Siguro yung huling year matatantiya ko kung ano ang gagawin ko. Tingnan natin.”

WANTING TO WORK WITH GABBI Dahil unang proyekto pa lang niya ang Pamilya Roces na magsisimula nang mapanood sa Lunes, October 8, sa paglipat niya sa GMA-7, posibleng may mga naiisip din siya na gusto niyang makasama sa mga Kapusong nadatnan na niya. “Nabigay na nila sa akin halos ang mga...well, si Gabbi Garcia talaga I wanted to work with her,” lahad niya. “Nang magkakilala kami from Pantene, binulungan na niya ‘ko na, ‘Narinig ko lilipat ka?’ Sabi ko, ‘Oo actually.’ “After nun, may good banter na kasi kami. So, siya yung parang pinakana-curious ako paano siya ka-work. At saka siya rin ang parang bini-build ngayon ng GMA. “Usually kasi may ilangan. Isipin ng isang artista, kumpetisyon. Pero ako, it’s more on paano siya ka-work. Kasi, mukhang mas may kalawakan, mas maluwag ang feeling. Mas malawak ang placement ng mga tao rito.”

PREPARED FOR FANS’ REACTIONS Sa mga Kapuso actors, sino ang gusto niyang makatrabaho? “Sa mga lalaki, siyempre it would be nice to experience working with a lot of the younger stars na lalaki.” Dugtong din niya, “Of course, mainly Alden [Richards]. It would be nice na makita kung ano ang kalalabasan ng work namin. “I’m sure, mapupunta rin yun dun somewhere in the future. Kung sa Sunday PinaSaya man yan or full-blown TV series or guesting. “But me naman, wala akong hinahanap, e. “Kung ano ang ibigay sa akin talaga. Parang ang mindset ko sa pagpasok sa GMA is to just see what they have. Kung ano ang ibigay sa akin, I’ll find a way to work with it and then, palakasin na lang natin.” Direksahan na naming tinanong si Jasmine kung sa paglipat niya sa GMA, nagkaroon na ng concious effort na huwag silang magtambal ni Alden.

Balita pa lang noon na magiging Kapuso siya, kaliwa’t kanan na ang mga pangba-bash sa kanya. “Oo nga, e,” sabi rin niya. “Pero actually, wala naman. More of kaba lang noong una. Siyempre, parang inano na yan sa akin ni Mama Betchay [Vidanes, her manager] na, ‘O, baka lang, baka lang. Huwag kang mag-overreact. Pero what if?’ “Sabi ko, ‘Come what may.’ “Okey na yan, sige na! Alangan namang ako pa ang magsabi sa GMA na, ‘Boss, ayoko siyang kapareha!’ Di ba?” saad niya. Sabi rin ni Jasmine, “Parang na-accept ko na rin siya. “If it comes, alam ko na rin ang mga kasama dun. At the same time, thankful ako dahil meron pa rin namang mga fans that respect, understand that work is work and--may boyfriend naman ako, magti-three years na rin kami,” natawang sabi na lang niya.

Canadian Filipinos Rowena Santos and Lisa Bower Win Civic Council Seats; Trustees G. Tanuan and L. Del Rosario Reelected

For the first time in the history of Canadian politics involving Filipinos in the Greater Toronto Area, 2 Filipinas was elected City and Town Councillors in the October 22, 2018 municipal elections. Yes mga kababayans. Proudly, it is indeed a historic day for Filipinos in this adopted country.



Rowena Santos, who was born and raised in Canada, has won the riding of Wards 1 & 5 of the City of Brampton. She claimed the City’s Councillor position with 7,160 or 41.34 per cent of the total votes. Lisa Bower, also a Canadian Filipino of Filipino heritage, bagged the municipal council seat for Ward 3 in the Town of Ajax. Bower garnered 4,380 or 45.79 per cent of the electorate votes. A political director and business professional, R. Santos has a BBA degree from Schulich School of Business and has Masters from UK’s London School of Economics. An active school council chair, she volunteers for “Brampton cus”, “Neighbourhood Watch” and “Stand Up for Brampton” community service initiatives.

Lisa Bower, is a proud mother with over 25 years of experience in insurance and financial services being an administrator and financial advisor. She also volunteers for community outreach programs and fundraising for cancer research as a survivor. As a parent of school-aged children , Lisa is active in the Catholic school board. Bower campaigns on the platform of “ New leadership. New possibilities for Change.”



In her winning the vote, R. Santos emphasized the diversity of her campaign team . “Everything we have done has been about the grass roots of our community, from youth to seniors and every background,” Santos said. “We said yes to more transit, we said yes to creating jobs for Brampton, we said yes to opportunities for young people, according to Santos. “She also plan to fight for a cap on property tax increases and an increase in commercial zoning for small, medium and start-up companies. She promised to “engage” with residents in the decision-making process. “You inspired us,” she told her campaign team and supporters.

Garry Tanuan, Trustee, Ward 8-Scarborough In the Ontario Catholic English separate school system, 2 incumbent Filipino Canadian Trustees were reelected. Garry Tanuan, of the Toronto Catholic District School Board’s Ward 8 in Scarborough North won his 3rd term. He was elected in 2012 bye-election and in 2014. He received a total of 3,441 votes.



Luz Del Rosario, Trustee-Wards 6 and 11-Mississauga On one hand, Luz Del Rosario, claimed the Trustee position for Wards 6 & 11 of the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board in Mississauga with 5243 votes. This is also L. Del Rosario ‘s 3rd time to win as Trustee. (Tony A. San Juan)



FIRST, Li Eron meets Basketball star James Yap at the opening of the Turkey Ball at Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre. SECOND, Celebrating the 107th National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan) at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Director General Catherine Hsu and PCCF’s Rosemer Enverga pose for a picture. THIRD, Ariella Fina Abrazaldo, Li Eron and Peyton Garcia enjoy the Jaki Penalosa fashion show.

Kim goes daring, faces various challenges of love

KIM Chiu plays her most mature dramatic role to date as a young woman torn between two men in Regal Entertainment's Metro-Manila filmfest entry, "One Great Love", written by Gina Marissa Tagasa and directed by Eric Quizon.

Didn't she have any second thoughts about accepting the role that requires her to do some daring love scenes? "When I was informed that may offer sa'kin ang Regal at pang-adult daw 'yung kuwento, siyempre, ni-request ko munang mabasa 'yung script," she says. "Papunta ako noon abroad for an event, and I brought the script with me, binasa ko sa loob ng plane. Naku, nagandahan ako, hindi ko na nabitiwan. So pagbaba ko sa plane, tumawag ako agad and told them I'm accepting the role kasi I just loved the script."

Kim's leading men in the film are Dennis Trillo and JC de Vera. "First time ko to work with Dennis and also with Direk Eric



Quizon. Tapos, Ms. Roselle Monteverde told me ihahabol daw isali sa Metro-Manila Filmfest so mas na-excite ako. Ang maganda sa story, it's more of an internal struggle noong character ko. Tahimik siya, at ni walang scene na magkaka-confrontation 'yung dalawang lalaki. Walang mga eksenang

sigawan, awayan, sampalan o pisikalan. What the movie wants to prove is kung totoo pa ba 'yung feeling na One Great Love or abstract concept na lang siya. No one falls in love then stays in love by chance.

Ano ba talaga ang pagkakaiba ng One Great Love sa True Love, or First Love, or Obsessive Love? That will be answered here. Bale four stages of love ang ipapakita rito: falling in love, staying in love, learning to let go, and finding your own true self. Ibang Kim din ang makikita rito, not the usual teeny-bopper, pa-sweet or pa-cute na Kim o yung Kim sa horror movies na ginawa ko. Bukod sa love story, may family issues din involved

dito. So complete package siya for the whole family in time for the Christmas season."

Since she plays a very demanding role as the lead character who faces the various challenges of

love, does she think she has good chances of winning the best actress award in the Metro filmfest?

"Ay, wala akong ganung expectation. I'm just thankful na sa'kin napunta ang napakagandang project na ito at nakapasok kami sa festival. We're all very proud

of what we've done. More than winning awards, mas gusto naming panoorin ito ng mas maraming tao and I assure the viewers na hindi kami mapapahiya sa kanila kapag pinanood nila ito dahil napakaganda talaga ng 'One Great Love'."

Barbie Forteza, Child star no more + other stories



At thirteen years old, many say that Jillian Ward is ready to replace Barbie Forteza as GMA's Tween Queen. To this, the appealing lass could only respond feeling grateful.

"Really? Well, thank you to those who think that way. I'm happy and grateful for the moniker. But in all honesty, even without that title, I'm okay because I know I'm giving my best in my showbiz career. That title if ever is just a bonus. At least, I'm a step higher already from being a child star!"

Jillian, who used to be one of the Kapuso's premiere child stars is now adjusting to teen roles. "Like in my latest show My Special Tatay starring Ken Chan. I play the role of a 'kikay' teenager. It's the first time that I'm doing this."

Expectedly, she's adjusting to this new phase in her career.

"I think the character of Odette Villaroman is sixteen years old in the story. I admit there's difficulty on my part acting like a full-blown teenager in the soap. Apart from the age factor, it's the first time that I'll act out a 'kikay' part. I'm used to portraying child roles that's why I'm

challenged this time with my participation in My Special Tatay.

"Even in my manner of dressing, there's a difference now. Before, I'm just in shorts and shirts when I tape for a soap. That simple. But now that I'm already a teenager, I have to look my age. I'm now wearing skirts and wardrobe with K-Pop influence." Apart from her considerable acting skills, Jillian is also gifted with a lovely singing voice. This she is able to exhibit on the road and mall shows. "I want to hone my singing talent further. It's just that at this point, most of the projects given to me are geared towards acting. But I want to express my singing ability to the public. Maybe in the near future."

She excitedly shares that she adores Paul McCartney of The Beatles.

"He's seventy-six now but his voice still sounds great. Call me old school but he's my crush."

What's good about the cute gal is that despite her hectic showbiz career, she still devotes time to her studies.

"It's very important to me. I'm home-schooled and is currently in seventh grade. Every quarter I take an examination in the main school (Westfields International School) and I'm proud to say that I have high grades. I'm really focused on my studies and perfectly balances it with my acting career," ends Jillian.

Angeline Pangnaiban chooses a lighter role

Asked why instead of doing Asintado then

where she should've played Shaina Magdayao's character she chose a much lighter material in Playhouse, Angelica Panganiban explains: "I came from an emotionally draining soap which was Pangako Sa 'Yo. As everyone knows, my character there always gets mad at Kathryn (Bernardo), Daniel (Padilla) and Jodi (Sta. Maria). Because of this, I wanted my next project to be different. I longed for something which is light in nature which would serve as a balancing act."

She added that it's good that Playhouse was pitched into her because she finds the material a perfect respite from all the heavy dramatic stuff people are used to see her portray.

"At least, it's a breath of fresh air, right? Playhouse offered something new so I accepted it right away."

How is it working with Zanjoe Marudo? "Actually, it's not the first time that we're working in one project. We've done a few films before where we are not screen partners but what's exciting is that this time, we're paired together on a television program. It's a new experience. I'm sure the viewers will like our chemistry on screen."

Playhouse is on the daytime block. Didn't she feel demoted considering that her past starrers were aired on prime time?

"That's no issue on that. When it was presented to me, it was really pegged on daytime. I readily agreed because that timeslot is family-oriented. As I've said, it's something new to me, the reason why it excites me to the hilt," Angelica states.

had to do that, and he's always been able to operate without constraints on discretion."

Medical Tests

Them, around 45 percent of voters believing the president has health problems, and 55 percent saying they were worried about his health with 61 percent of voters said Duterte's health was a public matter.

"Negative news about the president's health will heighten concerns from the Filipino public, particularly from Duterte supporters," Aaron Rabena, program convenor for Manila-based Asia-Pacific Pathways to Progress, a think-tank. "A deteriorating Duterte means doubt in the continuity of the kind of leadership and policies that he provides."

Still, Duterte's focus on his political opponents makes sense, said Jayeel Cornelio, director of the development studies program at Ateneo de Manila University. He said the president's enduring popularity has rested on making enemies of human rights activists, political opposition, journalists, and religious leaders.

"Given that there are many people who fall below the poverty threshold in the Philippines, a spike in inflation has huge consequences for the popularity of the man who came to power for promising to be on the side of the weak and vulnerable," Cornelio said.

China leaves Duterte's dream train at the station

Filipino leader vowed to build a US\$4 billion railway on his home island of Mindanao, but Beijing's failure to provide financing has untracked the plan

Soon after winning the presidency in mid-2016, Philippine leader Rodrigo Duterte vowed to build a modern railway across the underdeveloped southern island of Mindanao, a promise that drew loud applause from the well-dressed audience invited to his first State of the Nation Address.

Duterte's dream of a Mindanao train line, an ambitious project four previous Filipino presidents have broached but failed to build, has likewise remained a fantasy almost half-way through Duterte's six-year executive term.

As economic and financial pressures mount, witnessed in a faltering stock market, surging inflation and a fast depreciating currency, analysts say the only way the Mindanao train will get on track is if China upholds its vow to provide cheap financing for the 830-kilometer railway system.

But with still simmering bilateral territorial disputes in the South China Sea, a recent recalibration of Manila's strategic relations back towards the US and Beijing's mounting economic worries at home caused by a mounting trade war with the US, ground-breaking originally scheduled for last quarter has been delayed.

The Mindanao Railway Network promised to be Duterte's flagship infrastructure project while underscoring his government's self-professed "separation" from the United States in pursuit of a more "independent" foreign policy reoriented towards China.

Duterte's proclaimed pivot to China was reciprocated with a lavish pledge from Beijing to provide Manila with more than US\$24 billion in development and investment funds, in line with the Chinese government's US\$1 trillion Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

The Philippine side has not given up hope. In late August, a top-level Philippine economic delegation traveled to Beijing to resubmit an indicative list of 12 big-ticket infrastructure projects for possible Chinese grant financing, including the Mindanao railway project.

They submitted the proposed projects to the newly created China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), a leading agency responsible for administering foreign aid and overseas development assistance.

CIDCA chairman Wang Xiaotao vaguely assured the delegation of China's intention to provide assistance to Manila "in the direction determined by the leaders of both our countries."

The delegation also met with the Export-Import Bank of China, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and top-ranking Chinese officials to discuss infrastructure project implementation and financing.

Nonetheless, the Philippine delegation returned to Manila without any firm commitments from Chinese leaders or funding sources on the Mindanao railway.

Indeed, more than a month after its hat-in-hand mission to Beijing, the Philippine Finance Department has not announced if China and the Philippines have forged any formal agreement regarding the financing of the Mindanao railway.

As of October 10, Asia Times' questions to the Mindanao Development Authority, a body dedicated to the island's socioeconomic development, regarding the status of the Mindanao railway system and Chinese financing were unanswered.

But more than two years into Duterte's term, it's not clear that the southern train will leave the station any time soon, if at all.

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Herrera-Lim, managing director for Teneo Strategy in Manila, said in an email. "Reversing the perception that the government has done badly in managing inflation will take some time, and he hasn't done enough."

Duterte, nicknamed 'The Punisher' when he was mayor of Davao City, ordered unimpeded rice importation to rein in inflation and asked Congress to prioritize a bill that would fully liberalize overseas purchases of the staple grain. The move will allow private companies like San Miguel to import rice without the National Food Authority's approval.

Calls to boost rice imports started as early as the first quarter of 2017 when supply began to dwindle. Duterte responded in April last year by firing a cabinet undersecretary who had pushed for more rice purchases. As supplies ran out, prices climbed to a record this year, prompting Duterte to finally approve more imports.

"We are aware of how much our fellow Filipinos are feeling the impact of rising prices of goods, that is why the government has already taken steps to address this," the president's spokesman Harry Roque said over the weekend, citing a number of additional measures Duterte had signed in the last few weeks. "We hope that these measures will help in lowering

the prices of goods in local markets."

Sacked, Jailed

Yet as inflation worsens, Duterte, in his public utterances at least, appeared more focused on other issues.

The Philippine Stock Exchange Index is heading for its lowest level since December 2016. The peso is among the worst-performing currencies in Asia this year.

Then, he fired his Labor Undersecretary Joel Maglunsod, the last left-leaning official in his Cabinet, and he stepped up his attacks on Vice President Leni Robredo, who he says is too weak to become president in the event that he is forced to step down.

The week before, Philippine police arrested Duterte prominent critic Senator Antonio Trillanes after the president revoked an earlier amnesty. Senator Leila de Lima, a thorn in the side of Duterte's deadly war on drugs, remains in prison two years after being arrested on charges she strenuously denies while another critic, former Supreme Court Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno, was removed from office in May.

"Duterte attacks his critics like this because that's the way you do things as a small town mayor," Steven Rood, fellow-in-residence at Manila-based research firm Social Weather Stations. "He doesn't know how to build coalitions because he's never

Enrico torn between Mikee and Kate

ENRICO Cuenca is thankful to GMA for making him a part of the hit drama series, “Onanay”, where he plays Oliver, the son of Wendell Ramos and Vaness del Moral who is torn between sisters Mikee Quintos and Kate Valdez. “It’s truly a big opportunity to play such an important role at makasama ko sa eksena such acting greats as Ms. Nora Aunor and Ms. Cherie Gil, with Ms. Gina Alajar directing us,” he says. “I’m really gaining a lot of acting experience working with all of them.”

Enrico was born on December 7, 1991 and took up legal management at the California State University in Long Beach, California. He was on vacation in Manila when a talent scout spotted him and made him a TV commercial model.

His commercial with Ashley Ortega for a fastfood chain was a big hit and his manager, Jonas Gaffud of Mercator Agency, brought him to GMA-7. He was formally introduced in “Super Ma’am” which starred Marian Rivera. He also did indie films like “Straight from the Heart” and was also paired with Ashley in the horror movie “Spirit of the Glass 2”. Right now, his goal is to further hone his craft as an actor and working with his more senior co-stars in “Onanay” is a step to the right direction.

As Oliver in “Onanay”, he becomes closer to Mikee Quintos as Maila and professes his love for him in public, much to the chagrin of his own mom, Vaness del Moral as Imelda, who prefers Kate Valdez as Natalie for him. Vaness and Kate will then conspire and do everything to make sure Mikee will be discredited in the eyes of Enrico. But later on, a



big secret will be revealed involving the truth about the origins and identities of Mikee and Enrico that will surely shock the viewers. So be sure not to miss this shocking revelation in “Onanay” in the weeks to come.

Karla ninang sa kasal nina Jay-R, Mica

Isa si Karla Estrada sa mga nag-post ng tungkol sa engagement ng singer na si JayR sa kanyang girlfriend na si Mica.

Tinanong ko nga si Karla kung kinukuha ba siyang mag-ninang nina JayR at Mica, pero wala pa naman daw sinasabi.

Sabi lang ni Karla, “Ayoko mag-ninang, pero kung ‘yon naman ang gusto nina JayR at Mica, okey na rin naman,” sabi niya nang makatsikahan ko siya kahapon.

Naku, Donya na ang level ni Karla ngayon, kaya puwedeng-puwede na siyang mag-ninang, huh!

Naging close raw siya kina JayR at Mica nang mag-Your Face Sounds Familiar sila ng singer.

“Simula noon, hindi na nawala ‘yung closeness. Nakakasama ko sila,” sabi pa ni Karla.

The girl with the golden voice

Cebu’s pride Golden Cañedo was named the grand champion of the inaugural edition of GMA Network’s original reality singing tilt, ‘The Clash.’

GMA Network’s original singing reality show, The Clash, wrapped its inaugural season on Sunday with an extravaganza called The Final Clash, a showdown between North Cotabato’s bet Jong Madaliday and Cebu’s pride Golden Cañedo.

First to perform was Jong with his lively rendition of The Chainsmokers’ “Roses” and immediately followed by Golden who belted out a rather conventional yet emotional version of Martin Nievera’s “Ikaw ang Pangarap.”

Following the high-energy performance of the two was the nerve-wracking announcement that changed the life of these two up-and-coming singers.

Host Regine Velasquez took centerstage and proclaimed Golden Cañedo as The Clash first grand champion.

Amid the flying confetti and loud cheers, Golden was hugged



‘The Clash’ grand finalists Mirriam Manalo, Garrett Bolden, Jong Madaliday, Josh Adornado, and Golden Cañedo huddled on the stage during the nerve-wracking announcement of the final two contenders.

contract with GMA Network, 1 million pesos cash, a brand new car, and a Bria house and lot.

Looking back, the Golden could only say good things about her journey in The Clash, from being included in the Top 62 until she became part of the Top 6.

“I was really nervous, I thought after the show I’d go back to Cebu. But I just kept on praying,” the 16-year-old said in



by Regine and then by her parents who came to celebrate her victory.

As the victor of the tilt, Golden took home more than four million worth of prizes including an exclusive management

vernacular during an interview with the press right after the live program.

She further said that winning the contest will allow her to learn more as a singer and improve as a performer. She felt ecstatic, too,because along with the Top 6 clashers, Golden will join the variety program Studio 7, which will replace The Clash in its Sunday timeslot.

“Hopefully I’ll be able to do the things that I haven’t done before and probably be able to try other things like acting. I just want to prove that I really deserve to win,” she added.

Before she auditioned for the show, she said that she had already prepared herself for the challenges that come with being in showbiz.

“I’ve been discouraged before but I really wanted to do this so I just prayed and enjoyed the whole experience,” she said.

Growing up, Golden considers Regine Velasquez, Sarah Geronimo, and Morisette Amon as her musical influences. Thus, sounding like them was kind of expected by she is positive that she could give people a different experience when she performs because of her positive disposition and fresh style.

Asked on what she’s going to do with the prize money, she revealed that she’s going to help a relative who badly needs an operation.

Gil Cuerva adds zest to Taste Buddies

Kapuso heartthrob Gil Cuerva is off to a different adventure when he joins multi-hyphenate actress Solenn Heussaff as the new co-host of GMA News TV’s lifestyle show Taste Buddies.

A self-confessed foodie and travel enthusiast at heart, Gil is sure to add fun and new flavor to the program as its first-ever male co-host. See the other side of Gil as he shares with viewers insights about the food and activities he tries his hand at.

Together, Solenn and Gil live up to the tagline of the show, “Basta masarap, Go!” where they dish out fun activities and delicious meals every week.

Having been a previous guest on the show, Gil looks forward

to joining Solenn on Taste Buddies. “This is my first hosting project. In the past, I really enjoyed being a guest on Taste Buddies. Now that I am officially part of the show, I am excited to join Solenn in her adventures,” he says.

For her part, Solenn said having a male co-host is a breath of fresh air. “I’m sure having Gil in the show will really be fun. He will bring a new dynamic since he is a guy and I cannot wait for our adventures together. It will be an interesting mix and viewers should watch out for it,” she shares.

For his first episode as the new Taste Buddies co-host, Gil brings Solenn to Novotel Araneta’s Sabor Bar de Vinos. The two hosts enjoy a fine dining experience over savory Spanish tapas and extensive wine varieties.

At the same time, Solenn gets to know more about her new co-host as they play a fun Q & A game. Will Gil survive the ‘grilling’ of his new food buddy?

In an upcoming episode, Solenn and Gil will head on to Instagram-worthy restaurant Perry’s where they will jump into a food adventure and sample Perry’s specialty teas.

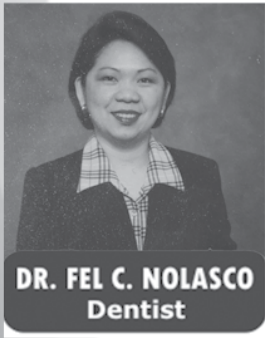
“Basta masarap, Go!” Join Solenn and Gil in a fun-filled journey are they discover new things about food, events, places, and adventures.

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Carmina Villaroel (center) with her fraternal twins Mavy and Cassy Legaspi

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Except for having the same first word title as the show it replaces, Carmina Villaroel said her latest offering stands on its own.

Carmina Villaroel's show "Sarap, 'Di Ba?" may have taken over the slot of Regine Velazquez's "Sarap Diva" but that fact and the first part of the title is where comparisons end.

The 43-year-old host-actress said she is thankful Regine even retweeted the teaser of the new show.

Co-hosted with her twins Mavy and Cassy, Carmina said "Sarap, 'Di Ba?" sees their personalities and chemistry as family shine across segments far different from

"I don't feel offended by that. I just want to take things as a blessing, as an opportunity, which it is," she said. "My heart is full and it's all positive, all happy thoughts."

those of "Sarap Diva."

How does she feel about the word 'Sarap' still there?

"I don't feel offended by that. I just want to take things as a blessing, as an opportunity, which it is," she said. "My heart is full and it's all positive, all happy thoughts."

She hopes audiences will not compare her with Regine.

"She's the songbird and I'm just a frustrated singer," she said, laughing. "I mean we are both different persons. But we both want to give fun entertainment to viewers."

As a final note on the topic, Carmina added lightly: "Even if it's not me, there will still be a person that would take the place sooner or later. In this industry, we all know there are things that end but also there are things that open a new chapter."

Everything new

"Sarap, 'Di Ba?" is about family, friends, and fun.

"Also, the viewers would have the opportunity to get to know me better as a mom. And they will learn about my kids and the differences between them despite their being twins," she maintained.

"Sarap, 'Di Ba?" aims to show how family members can strengthen their relationship with each other. Carmina, being the Gen X mom, will keep televiewers happily entertained as she tackles relatable and more dynamic topics about family, food, and fun activities for everyone.

Cassy revealed it was their long time wish to work with either or both of their parents.

"Dreams come true," she said.

Panalo sa ratings ng pilot episode.

Kahit nilayasan ito ni Regine Velasquez. Enjoy kasi ang manonood sa kasiyahanng handog ng mag-iinang sina Carmina Villaroel at kambal niyang sina Mavvy at Cassy Legaspi.

Ang ratings ng SDB ay 5.2% habang ang katapat na ABS-CBN show ay 4.6%.

Ayon sa nakapanood, swak na swak si Mina bilang host ng programa. "She's the perfect host!" komento ng isang netizen sa social media account ng programa. Lucky charms naman daw ang dating ng kambal niya dahil very refreshing ang presence nila at good vibes ang dating nila, huh!

Lea Salonga pushes for same-sex marriage in the Philippines

Lea Salonga takes to social media to express her support for transgenders and hopes that same-sex marriage be legalized in the country.

Ipinahayag ni Lea Salonga ang kanyang pagsuporta sa mga transgender at pagnanais na magkaroon ng same-sex marriage sa bansa

Ibinahagi ito ng Pinay international star sa pamamagitan ng kanyang social media accounts—Instagram, Twitter, at Facebook—nitong Miyerkules, October 24.

Si Lea ay vocal supporter ng mga miyembro ng LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) community.



Sa Google Dictionary, ang transgender ay tumutukoy sa mga tao na ang kanilang "sense of personal identity and gender does not correspond with their birth sex."

Sa kanyang Instagram account, nag-post ang 47-anyos na singer-actress ng quote card na "Trans rights are human rights."

Nag-post din siya tungkol sa "transphobia."

Nag-tweet din ang Broadway star ng pagpabor sa same-sex marriage.

"I often wonder if I'll ever see same sex marriage legalized in my country in my lifetime. May pag-asa pa kaya? Hmmm..."

Maine Mendoza Spotted With Famous Kapamilya Actor



Maine Mendoza has been one of the most iconic stars in the showbiz industry. Years after the first time she was seen on TV, her impact and her appeal to the public never change.

A lot of fans and supporters love her and her bubbly personality. Maine is not just a beautiful face but a beautiful soul as well.

The highlight of this spirited woman's career started when she became the top-bill of a segment in Eat Bulaga, which was known as Kalye Serye. Here, Maine was paired by Kapuso star, Alden Richards. Because Maine's charm is just too strong, the public loved her character there as Yaya Dub. And since then, her career started booming. But with her entrance in showbiz came together what seems to be a giving up of her private life. Just like any other artist, the public became very watchful of her acts and her life off-cam. And just this week, she became the hottest talk on the internet after she was spotted having

some good time with a very famous Kapamilya actor.

Maine was spotted with Kapamilya actor, Arjo Atayde in Nono Restaurant on the afternoon of October 11. It can be seen that the two seem to be enjoying the company of each other. They are seen laughing and having a really good time. At one point, Maine was seen showing the actor something from her phone and she was also taking pictures of the actor.

No one came with them in the restaurant and they have only stayed for a matter of minutes. The source also clarified that no shooting camera is present and so they are sure that the scene is not a part of any taping.

Maine and Arjo are co-stars in the Metro Manila Film Festival, Jak Em Poy: The Puliscredibles together with Coco Martin and Vic Sotto. And because of this, it's possible that their shooting for the movie might be somewhere near the area and it is possible that they just went out to eat.

Regine Velasquez-Alcasid reveals her ABS show

MANILA, Philippines — "Asia's Songbird" Regine Velasquez teased her Instagram followers with her new show in ABS-CBN.

The singer and actress posted a photo of the new show in which she will presumably serve as judge: "Idol Philippines."

Apart from the reality singing contest, reports said Regine is scheduled to sing the official theme song of the ABS-CBN's upcoming teleserye "The General's Daughter," starring Angel Locsin, and will sing the station's Christmas ID.

ABS-CBN is the third network that will show the Philippines' version of one of the most successful singing competition franchises of all time. "Philippine Idol" was aired in 2006 on TV5, while "Pinoy Idol" was aired on GMA in 2008.

During her "Gandang Gabi Vice" guesting



last Sunday, Regine jokingly told the show's host, Vice Ganda, that if the latter will decide to take a break from show business for a while, she is willing to replace him in the talk show and will rename it "Gandang Gabi Velasquez."

Vice, however, kiddingly told Regine that it was a bad joke because the network management might take it seriously, drawing laughter from the studio audience.

Sophie steps out of her shell

MANILA, Philippines — Sophie Albert revealed that she initially felt the pressure playing her first major role as the wild child Amber Roces in the newest Kapuso primetime series Pamilya Roces.

In the past, Sophie was identified with drama roles in the Kapatid network that's why she admitted that it was at first strange to do a wild, funny character. However, she wanted to prove to herself that she could

pull it off and she was challenged to step out of her shell.

"I didn't expect that I would do (this kind of) character. I sometimes hate myself that I'm a shy type of person, soft-spoken and very quiet. I'm more of an overthinker and a loner (laughs). Nakakahiya pero ganun akong tao. I just like being alone... reading books. But I'm proud that for a while lang medyo nagiging bakladin din ako and I'm learning from my character. Parang yung mga tao sa set, they said, 'Si Sophie ba yan o si Amber?' kasi parang nagiging madaldal na ako. They said nauuwi ko na yung character ko. So, it's good at least I'm coming out of my shell slowly because of being Amber," Sophie acid.

Sophie's Amber is her most daring role yet because it requires her to do passionate kissing scenes with co-star Rocco Nacino's Hugo Javellana. Amber plays the daughter of Violet Balocboc (Elizabeth Oropesa), who had a one-night stand with Rodolfo (Roi Vinzon). The latter is already married to Natalia (Gloria Diaz), who bore him two daughters, Crystal (Carla Abellana) and Jade (Gabbi Garcia).

As an illegitimate daughter, Amber wants to get a larger share of Rodolfo's wealth. She is the main contravida in the life of her stepsisters including Pearl and Amethyst, played by Jasmine Curtis-Smith and Shaira Diaz.

When she saw herself in the Pamilya Roces teaser, Sophie related, "I'm glad that I just (went with it) because I felt proud for myself that somewhat nagagawa ko naman yung character and it's a fulfillment for me. I was like 'wow, nakaka-proud!' I finally have a show in GMA and yung role, it's very different. It's something that I can be proud of for a very long time."

She added, "In the beginning, nangangapa ako but eventually since three times a week ko siyang ginagawa, slowly parang easy na lang siya. And it helped that I also do workshops with GMA so even before I got this role, I think they prepared me well to be able to do characters like this. It also helped that Tita Elizabeth was there to guide and encourage me. I've worked with her before so I feel comfortable with her. She's just like my mom and she's also my inspiration."

Directed by Joel Lamangan, Pamilya Roces showcases different perspectives of a family that viewers will find amusing. More importantly, they will witness relatable scenes that will tug at their heartstrings and endear them to the characters.

The powerhouse cast also stars Snooky Serna, Ana Roces, Andre Paras, Christian Bautista, Mika dela Cruz and Manolo Pedrosa.



FDSO from page 15 dentists and their old association and what happened to our dinner-dances?" Through social media Facebook Messenger, Dr. Christina Gamo and Dr. Yolanda Cruz agreed to gather as many friends as possible. And as Dr. Vicky Santiago welcomed everyone to the inaugural induction FDSO to page 23



GABBY CONCEPCION CONCERT

FROM LEFT, Gabby Concepcion entertains the crowd at Korean Cultural Centre; Gabby cuts the cake as Josei de Leon admires it; Gabby poses with the owners of Something Sweet; Josie de Leon sings at the concert; A JDL singer entertains the crowd.



At a reception held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, the Philippines highlighted the importance it gives to upholding human rights.

Philippine vows to champion human rights

MANILA, Philippines – The Philippines has vowed to champion human rights as Manila bids to serve in the United Nations rights body for another term from 2019 to 2021.

At a reception held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, the Philippines highlighted the importance it gives to upholding human rights.

The Philippine mission to the UN in Geneva, joined by the missions of Bahrain, Bangladesh, Fiji and India – the five candidates from the Asia-Pacific group campaigning for a seat in the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the next term – hosted a joint reception at the UN headquarters in Europe.

The cocktail reception was attended by a majority of delegations attending the 39th Session of the UNHRC as well as officials from the Missions to the UN in Geneva. The brief program afforded the Permanent Missions of each of the candidates the opportunity to address the guests about their candidatures.

All five representatives spoke of the importance of human rights in their national contexts, their commitment to rights-based principles and policies, and shared their views on why their membership in the council would advance the cause of human rights throughout the world.

Philippine Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva Ambassador Evan Garcia shared the message of the Philippines being among the original members when the council was established in 2006.

He emphasized “the high importance the Philippines places upon the issue of human rights, being a core issue of the UN and a right that is fundamental to all. Hence, our strong desire to continue to participate and further contribute to the work of the HRC.”

“The Philippines is a party to eight of the nine core human rights instruments and views the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a landmark document of equal importance to the UN Charter in terms of significance and impact,” Garcia said.

“The respect for human rights is a core value and principle of the Philippines, and we will continue to abide by our commitments and champion human rights as we strive to serve in the council for the term 2019-2021,” he added.

Members of the UNHRC urged the Philippine government to put an end to alleged rights abuses in its bloody war on drugs and bow to strong calls for an external investigation into the deadly campaign.

Juancho Trivino explains why he posted butt-naked photo on IG

Nilinaw ni Juancho Trivino na burado na ang kanyang butt-naked photo na ibinahagi niya sa kanyang Instagram noong Abril.

Ito ay sa kadahilanang pinayuhan siyang tanggalin ito para huwag nang pagpiyestahan pa ng netizens.

Pahayag ng Wild and Free star, “Dinelete ko yun. “It was ok for me, pero some people advised me to take it down.

“Madaming atensyon na nakuha talaga yun. It wasn’t anything for me.”

Ayon kay Juancho, wala siyang nakitang masama sa litrato dahil nakasuot pa rin naman siya ng skimpy underwear.

“It was just a joke lang.

Bilang artista, hindi raw isyu kay Juancho ang pagpapakita ng katawan kung kinakailangan. Hindi maiwasang mapag-usapan ang tungkol sa pagiging daring ni Juancho, dahil kabilang siya sa cast ng Wild and Free, na pinagbibidahan nina Sanya Lopez at Derrick Monasterio.

Ginampanan ni Juancho ang papel bilang ex-boyfriend ni Sanya, kaya “todohan” din daw ang love scenes nila sa pelikula.

“I would say ito yung pinakagrabe na mga eksena na nagawa ko. I’m sure sila rin,” pagtukoy ni Juancho kina Sanya at Derrick.

Naging propesyunal at magaan ang kanilang trabaho dahil siniguro raw nila na maayos silang nakapag-usap para sa proyekto.

Sabi raw ni Juancho kay Sanya, “Kung may gusto kang sabihin sa akin, kung meron kang limitations, sabihin mo sa akin para maiwasan ko as a gentleman.

“I just want to let you know na nirerespeto kita, Sanya.”

Alden Richards, aminadong hirap ang Victor Magtanggol sa Ang Probinsyano

Hindi pa alam ni Alden kung hanggang kailan ang Victor Magtanggol, pero umaasa raw siyang matuloy na ang pelikulang pagsasamahan nila ni Maine Mendoza.

At least, andiyan pa rin ang Victor

Magtanggol kahit namamayagpag ang FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano.

Andaming artista ang gustong lumabas sa teleserye ni Coco Martin, lalo na yung mga kakandidato o La Ocean Deep na nangangarap ma-resurrect ang career.

Mula na mismo sa kanilang GMA Survey Research, down ang kanilang mga teleserye kahit na ang nag-pilot

na Pamilya Roces noong October 8, Lunes: **VICTOR MAGTANGGOL 9.5 PROBINSYANO 15.9 ONANAY 10.1 NGAYON AT KAILANMAN 11.5 PAMILYA ROCES 7.4 HALIK 7.9**

May mga ibang karakter pa raw na madadagdag sa telefantasyang ito ni Alden.

Aminado naman ang Pambandang Bae na hirap silang lumaban sa teleserye ni Coco, pero hindi na lang daw nila iniisip iyan.

Ang mahalaga, marami pa raw silang napapasaya sa Victor Magtanggol, lalo na ang mga kabataan.

“Ako po, personally, I don’t really mind, kasi yung feedback po and reactions that we got from the audience, especially ang mga bata, yun po yung drive namin to be more passionate about our work.

Sa ngayon ay hindi pa alam ng buong cast ng Victor Magtanggol kung kailan sila matatapos.

Baka raw umabot pa sila hanggang 2019.

Marian, Maine project asal ng mga fan

Dahil sa lakas ng impluwensya ni Marian sa mga netizen pagdating sa pagapaganda at tungkol sa clean living ay naengganyo itong sumama sa BeauteDerm para maging household endorser ng isa nilang produkto na “Reverie”.

Isang line ng BeauteDerm para sa magagandang scent sa bahay upang maging kaayaaya at malinis ang kapaligiran.

Si Marian ay very particular pagdating sa kalinisan ng bahay at mapili ‘yan pagdating sa gamit ng bahay. Kaya siya ang napili ng lady boss behind BeauteDerm na si Rhea Anicoche-Tan. Pagdating sa bahay ay pareho sila ni Marian kaya madali silang nagkasundo.

Samantala, bongga at inabangan talaga ng mga fan ang pagsasama ng tandem nina Marian at Maine Mendoza bilang mga endorser ng isang skin care product. Litaw na litaw ang ganda at pagiging malapit nila sa isa’t isa.

Marami tuloy ang nagwi-wish na sana ay mapanood din sa isang programa ang dalawang Kapuso star.

And speaking of Maine, ibang level din talaga ang tandem nila ni Bossing Vic Sot-

to. Wagi na naman sina Tatang at Stacy sa trending topics sa Twitter at maging sa TV ratings nitong Sabado.

Hindi naman ito kataka-taka dahil laugh trip at heartwarming na kuwento kasi talaga ang hatid ng Otogan family. Ngayong nasa siyudad na si Stacy, mas marami pa kayang mga problema ang susubok sa relasyon nilang mag-ama?

Dingdong kakaiba ang power

Kakaiba talaga ang power ni Dingdong Dantes. Bukod sa pagiging mabuting asawa at ama, abala rin siya ngayon sa bagong pagbibidhang programa sa GMA, ang Cain at Abel, kasama ang Drama King na si Dennis Trillo, at leading ladies na sina Solenn Heussaff at Sanya Lopez.

Hindi rin siya nauubusan ng mga kakaibang aral tungkol sa kalikasan sa Amazing Earth. Noong nakaraang Linggo, inalam niya ang mga hinaharap ng baby animals na panganib mula sa ferocious neighbors, cannibalism at sibling rivalry.

Nagbahagi rin siya ng impormasyon tungkol sa cave ecosystem at conservation mula kay Mamerto ‘Mertz’ Certifico Jr.

Buhay ni Boobay dinugtungan ni Marian

Hanggang ngayon hindi pa rin mapigilan ng Kapuso comedian na si Boobay ang pag-agos ng kanyang luha kapag nababanggit ang pangalan ni Marian Rivera.

Nagbalik-tanaw kami sa pinagdaanang sakit ni Boobay.

At bigla ngang pinangiliran na ng luha ang huli nu’ng maalala ang isang taong hindi nag-atubiling tulongan siya.

Binanggit namin ang pangalan ni Marian at ikinuwento na ni Boobay na si Marian ang nagpilit na ilipat siya sa isang mahal na hospital facility dahil sa paniniwala nitong maitatawid pa ng komedyante ang kanyang buhay.

Si Marian daw ang nakipaglaban kaya siya naririto pa rin sa mundo at nakakapagtrabaho pa.

Hangga’t maaari raw ay ayaw nang pabanggit pa ni Marian ang naitulong niya kay Boobay, pero dahil tumanaw ng utang na loob ang komedyante hindi nito mapigilan ang maging emosyonal sa naalalang kabutihan nito.

Sey pa ni Boobay, sa dinami-dami ng mga artistang nakasama ni Marian sa kanilang show noon, hanggang ngayon pinagtatakan pa rin niya kung bakit siya ang napiling maging close nito.



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Society of Ontario, formerly known as Filipino

Canadian Dental Association, she thought it was going to be a difficult job putting the group together.”

“Putting this group together was not as difficult as I thought it would be.”

At this point of her career, she wondered if she should still embark on a

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Kathryn senses it coming + other stories



On the heels of the launch of her makeup collection called Generation Happy Skin, her new movie (Star Cinema's The Hows Of Us) with reel-real-life boyfriend Daniel Padilla (they admitted that they've been going steady for five years now) has just chalked up a record as the No. 1 moneymaker of all time, so far grossing more than P600M (and counting).

MANILA, Philippines — Kathryn Bernardo has so much on her plate and she can't thank enough for that.

The main lady star of what is now the highest-grossing Filipino movie of all time somehow had the inkling they were doing

something super special a few days before it opened to theaters nationwide.

Kathryn was in a particularly upbeat mode promoting the Hows Of Us.

"Ngayon ako sobra na-excite habang gumagawa ng movie dahil ang ganda ng love story ni George at Primo (More than ever I am much excited working on a movie because of the beautiful story of George and Primo)," she pointed out, referring to the characters she and co-star Daniel are portraying in the film.

The Hows Of Us was directed by Cathy Garcia-Molina and produced by ABS-CBN Film Productions.

"Madaming makaka-relate sa story nila kaya excited ako (So many should get to relate to their story that is why I am excited about it)," she particularly noted.

The romantic drama film marked Cathy's second collaboration with Kathryn and Daniel after She's Dating the Gangster four years back. The film has grossed more than P600M domestically — the first Pinoy movie to have reached such mark and comfortably beating the previous record holder Gandarrapiddo: The Revenger Squad, which of course, starred TV host Vice Ganda.

Kathryn plays Georgina "George" Silva

opposite Daniel's Primo Alvarez in this Star Cinema-distributed movie where the couple has to answer and fix the "Hows" of their relationship. The title is obviously a wordplay on the classic horror movie House of Wax.

Direk Cathy already announced her upcoming retirement and The Hows Of Us is one of the last projects she is scheduled to finish. Kathryn is also part of her next film which stars the reuniting Sharon Cuneta and Richard Gomez and titled Three Words to Forever.

On not being with Daniel for a movie project, she related, "Nakakapanibago na wala siya sa story con. Pero kailangan itong break na ito from each other (It feels odd he's not around during the story con but this break from each other is needed).

Kathryn is glad being part of Cathy's final sprint as filmmaker. Besides, the latter has a very fine record when it comes to delivering top grossers. She's Dating The Gangster grossed almost P300M.

She said of the hit movie director, "She helped a lot to boosting my movie career and effectively she guided me to learning how to act in a rom-com."



How Mikael Daez, Megan Young beat getting stuck in traffic

Mikael Daez and Megan Young are spotted walking on Kamuning Road.

When you've been stuck in traffic for more than two hours, what do you do?

Mikael Daez and Megan Young, who both had meetings that day, October 3, decided to walk.

The former Miss World sashayed down the stretch of Kamuning Road with an umbrella in case it would rain.

Her boyfriend claimed, "...na-stress siya sa lakad."

The beauty queen was clad in a dress, and getting sweaty. She was not wearing a pair of walking shoes, too.

But in the end, "meetings accomplished," according to Mikael. This was just one of their "lakad" adventures.

Last month, they had a similar experience in Hong Kong.

In his Instagram account, the host-actor wrote, "He traveled an hour and a half to the border of HK with me to pick up a package :) it was hot, the boxes were heavy but it's exactly the kind of adventure we like..."

This was a "road trip somewhere in the world."

Angel Locsin chooses a Valentina for Liza Soberano

MANILA, Philippines — Kapamilya star Angel Locsin believes ABS-CBN and Star Cinema have already casted their Valentina, Darna's arch nemesis in the upcoming film revival of the famed Filipino superhero.

But if she would have it her way, she wants Anne Curtis to take the part.

"Di ko lang alam kung gusto ni Anne or kung okay sa story, kasi depende din kung among age din. So, I like Anne para mag-play kay Valentina," Angel said.

In previous interviews, Anne said that she was willing to accept on the role if offered to her.

According to Angel, being Darna had a big impact on her career.

"Malaki naitulong sa'kin. Mas nakilala ka. 'Pagdating sa personality din kasi si Darna eh nakilala na tagapagtanggol ng naapi, tumutulong sa mga nawawalan ng pag-asa, so parang nagkaron ka rin ng awareness sa paligid mo, sa pop culture ng Pilipinas, mas naintindihan mo 'yung unang Darna, pinanggalingan nun, paghihirap kung papano idedevelop 'yung story, kung papano nag-develop 'yung mga effects... Nakaka-proud na ang layo na rin ng narating ng film industry natin."

Although being Darna has become a part of herself and her history, she stressed that she does not own the character.

"Nata-touch pa rin ako pag tinatawag akong Darna pero hindi ko kini-claim 'yung trono."



Nadine Lustre gets called "flop queen;" Direk Irene Villamor reacts



Carlo Aquino joins the cast of the Ulan movie top-billed by Nadine Lustre.

Xian Lim himself confirmed that is now out of the movie that will also feature Marco Gumabao and AJ Muhlach.

The Twitter account of @VivaArtists posted a photo of

Carlo and Nadine and wrote in the caption: "ULAN DAY 11."

A netizen asked Viva if Xian would still be the partner of Nadine in Ulan the movie.

Xian answered by tweeting: "Thank you for asking:-) no I'm not part of the movie na po. Congrats in advance sa lahat ng bumubuo ng movie. It'll be a great one for sure"

For his part, Carlo used his Instagram account to share his photo with Nadine.

He wrote in the caption: "Munting palaruan noong aking kabataan #ulanthemovie"

A netizen using the handle @dreidine criticized Nadine by commenting:

"Box office star with flop queen good luck @ayrin and Carlo"

The basher also speculated why Carlo was tapped to join this movie by commenting:

"Hahaha. When the agency and director not confident with the lead actress and 2 LM, only solution is, need to find one big star to make this movie success and be acceptable by nonfans bcz of the lead actress image"

Irene Villamor, the director of the movie Ulan, defended Nadine by asking the basher to "spread love."

The filmmaker responded by writing:

"the world is already full of hate that any ill wish to anyone should be treated back with kindness. with an understanding of the soul. and not with apathy to the human condition. spread love my dear. let us not add to the drudgery. and that is for everyone too. [heart emoji] i thank you. my first response and last."



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dent and then the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In effect, this also skips Vice President Leni Robredo as President Rodrigo Duterte's successor during the transition period.

The lower chamber's constitutional amendments panel earlier approved and referred to

the plenary this resolution which provides for a presidential-bicameral-federal system of government.

The proposed federal charter of the House has been criticized for its lack of anti-dynasty and anti-turncoatism provisions, as well as its lifting of term limits for Congress members.

Other key provisions

The draft charter also indicated that the President and the Vice President should have the same powers and functions as that of the 1987 Constitution. Both officials should also come from the same political party and a vote for the President would also be a vote for the Vice President.

The two highest-ranking officials should also serve a term of four years with one re-election and should be college degree

holders.

The first election under the proposed Constitution would be held on the second Monday of May 2022.

It added that the term of the incumbent President and the Vice President, which shall end on June 30, 2022, should not be extended. The incumbent President is also prohibited to run for President in the 2022 elections.



FDSO from page 23 journey of creating a new association.

"It seemed daunting at this stage of my career, but my intuition believes it is right, and the new group

means renewed spirit, a rebirth."

She tells of how a small group of dentists got the ball rolling towards the creation of FDSO. It wasn't easy.

"How we did it, gathering Dentists who are busy with their work and their private lives.."

She added, "but thanks to the persistence of Dr Yolanda Cruz, the leadership of Dr. William Rodriguez, our secretary Dr. Anna Marcelo, the constant push by Dr. Annette Simbulan, and with the very supportive cast, who calls them themselves the magnificent 10 which includes Dr. Angela Serapion, Dr.

Eileen Mabutol and social butterfly Dr. Christina Gamo, FDSO was born.

Originally conceived to be just a social group, repeated meetings came the idea to make a commitment to be of

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Billy Crawford unsure about return to It’s Showtime; wants to focus on starting a family



It’s Showtime original host Billy Crawford stutters when asked if he will still return to the noontime show. He said all he wants now is to start a family with wife Colleen Garcia. Nagsalita na si Billy Crawford kung bakit siya umalis bilang isa sa mga host ng It’s Showtime, ang daily noontime show ng ABS-CBN.

Sinagot din ng 36-anyos na singer-host ang tanong kung babalik pa ba siya sa programa.

Kinumpirma ni Billy ang mga naunang pahayag ng mga kaibigan, kagaya ni Vhong Navarro, na personal life ang pangunahing dahilan ng paglisan ng singer-host sa noontime show.

May kaugnayan nga raw sa kasal nila ni Coleen Garcia ang leave of absence niya sa show.

Ikinasal sila noong April 20, 2018 sa Balesin Island sa Quezon province.

Lahad ni Billy, “Right before the wedding kasi, medyo naging sobrang busy talaga.

“And yun nga one of the reasons na nag-leave muna ako sa Showtime.

“Sa awa ng Diyos, at thank you sa management dito, na to be on a leave para I can concentrate on Coleen, my marriage, the wedding planning.”

Nagpaliwanag si Billy nang mag-guest appearance silang mag-asawa sa morning show na Magandang Buhay, nitong Biyernes, October 5.

Sabi niya, “After the wedding, nagpagawa ng bahay. “So, instead naman na magpapaasa pa ako na, ‘Oo, babalik ako... babalik ako,’ I just took time off na lang.

“And it gave me time to concentrate and to focus on myself, my marriage, also my passion din, yung music ko.”

Isa rin daw sa mga dahilan ay ang paggawa niya ng album na inabot ng siyam na taon bago natapos.

“It’s part of my life, my music. It’s part of my passion.

“Hindi ko puwedeng madaliin, hindi ko puwedeng basta-basta gawin lang din.

“And yung inspirasyon din lang coming from Coleen and lahat, it’s all part of the plan.”

MARRIAGE, FAMILY COME FIRST

Hindi malinaw ang sagot ni Billy kung babalik pa ba siya sa It’s Showtime.

“I’m sure, yes, pero I... I... I’m not sure now kung ano lang ang plano, kung kelan or what not, kasi hindi ko rin alam.

“I really want to start a family as well, di ba? So ang hirap, I wanna be a husband to my wife, I wanna be a father to my kids.”

Sagdag ni Coleen sa pahayag ng asawa, “May mga tao kasi na kaya, e, passion talaga nila to grind every day.

“Pero ito kasing si Billy, ang nakukuha ko just from getting to know him, at this point of his life, at 36 years old, he wants to slow down. He wants to focus on his family.

“E, buong buhay niya, he didn’t get to focus on his family.”

Sabi pa ni Coleen, “Ako, hiwalay yung parents ko, so pareho kami na yung gusto sa buhay, yun talaga yung priority namin is to have a good family life.”

Fil-Italian ‘whistleblower’ says she has ‘no regrets’

Three years after she broke open a Pandora’s Box of “sexual harassment,” Fil-Italian model Ambra Batilana Gutierrez said that she has no regrets even if her landmark revelation left her jobless and depressed.

“I did what I thought was right,” Ambra, here for a week-long visit, told Funfare.

The name might not ring as many bells as that of Harvey Weinstein, the Hollywood mogul whom Amber accused of “sexually harassing” her in 2015. A case against Weinstein has been filed in a US court so, according to Ambra, “I should not go so much into the case,” except to briefly rehash what happened on that fateful day in New York City when she claimed, and as recounted by a New York Post story, Weinstein “attempted to force himself on her in his office.” Barely an hour after what happened, Ambra reported the incident to the police. What followed was splashed in headlines all around the world, in newspapers, TV newscast and social media.

“Did I consult my family before I did it?” asked Ambra whose mother is Filipina (from Calamba, Laguna) and father is Italian. “I did it on my own.”

Asked if she was aware of the adverse effects her “whistleblowing” would have on her career, Ambra said yes without blinking.

“Nobody listened,” she recalled. “Nobody believed me. I was called a liar, a blackmailer, a prostitute and so many names that I was not. I was a victim of fake news. The media wasn’t kind to me. I was in bad health and I fell into depression. I was jobless but I was contented with the thought that I did a good job in telling my story and saving other people in the process.”

It was Ambra’s shocking revelation that led to the #MeToo movement which now counts as followers actresses and other celebrities who kept quiet for years and might have remained so had not Ambra spoken up.

In an interview with a US paper, Ambra clarified, “I was never a #MeToo,” she was quoted as saying, “I was a ‘fight back.’ I went to the police and everything. It’s not that I sat down until, it was safe for me to speak.”

She felt kind of “vindicated” when big-name Hollywood actresses came out to tell their own stories kept “on hold” for years and perhaps would have been in secrecy until Ambra spoke up.

She added in that US paper interview, “The #MeToo movement has different faces. Some people use #MeToo in the wrong way. I feel that #MeToo is for the collective benefit. Somebody speaking bad about someone else to ruin their careers is not good.”

Born in Turin, Italy, Ambra and her brother Klaudio, also a singer-model, were raised single-handedly by their mom.

“She went to Italy when she was 19,” said Ambra, “and that’s where she met my father.”

It was also in Turin where Ambra studied. At 18, she competed in the Miss Italy pageant and finished among the finalists. After graduating college, she went to London to pursue a modeling career (starting with the Elite agency) that brought her to Paris and then New York where she met her, so to speak, date with history.

In 2016, Ambra came back planning to stay for good. She took the chance to compete in the Century Tuna Superbods pageant and finished a runner-up. Then she went back to New York. Her recent homecoming was delayed by the filing of the case against Weinstein. One of these days, she just might be called to testify, that’s why she said she couldn’t talk too much about the case.

Asked what she planned to do while she’s here (aside from resuming her modeling career), Ambra said, “I want to speak up so that my voice will be heard. I’m speaking about what’s happening in the world. I want to share my experience and give strength to others to make them also make a difference.”

Things are starting to pick up, she noted.

“I was signed up by Victoria’s Secret,” revealed Ambra, 25, probably the first Filipina to have scored the honor before a Fil-Am followed suit. “Two months ago, I did a pictorial for Victoria’s Secret’s catalogue (for lingerie). Something good is happening to my career, to my life, and I am in a happier place now.”

Sylvia ayaw sumawsaw sa Maine, Arjo tsismis

Nasa Cebu pala si Sylvia Sanchez at nag-su-shooting ng pelikula.

Nang makatsikahan ko ang aktres, tumanggi na siyang mag-comment pa tungkol sa pagkaka-link ng anak niyang si Arjo Atayde kay Maine Mendoza.

Ayaw magsalita ni Sylvia para matigil na rin ang ibang mga namba-bash sa kanila.

Simula kasi nang ma-link si Arjo kay Maine at nakita silang nagdi-dinner in a restaurant, naintriga na pati ang pamilya ng aktor.

Anyway, isang malapit naman kay Arjo ang nagsabing dapat magsitigil na ang mga namba-bash sa aktor (at sa kanyang pamilya) dahil barkada raw talaga ng binata si Maine dahil magkatrabaho rin naman silang dalawa.

Mabait daw si Maine kaya nagiging malapit ito sa kanyang mga katrabaho, pero hindi naman daw dapat bigyan ng ibang kulay ang pagiging friendly niya sa kanyang mga katrabaho, lalo na sa mga aktor na nakakasa-ma niya!

Sana raw ay huwag namang sobrang possessive ang mga fan dahil sobra na rin ang ginagawa nilang pamba-bash.

Hunk Shot

Dennedy Corcega

Twenty-one year old Dennedy's favourite food is adobo and sinigang. His favourite sport is cycling. He is the son of Fredinin and Greg. Someday, he wants to be a doctor. We wish him all the luck in his future.

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Andrea on bashers: Delete then block

ANDREA Torres just renewed her contract as a Kapuso. She didn't have any second thoughts about it.

"When I was told magre-renew ako ng contract, okay ako agad, without thinking," she says. "Happy naman ako with them kasi malaki talaga ang naitulong nila sa'kin ever since. Ang bosses ng GMA, kahit hatinggabi, puwede mong tawagan and you can inquire from them about anything. Anytime, tumawag ako tungkol sa mga hinanakit ko and they patiently listened to me, kaya natutuwa talaga ako sa kanila."

She obviously also enjoys her role as the goddess Sif in "Victor Magtanggol", which is getting good feedback.



Her career is undoubtedly doing well, but how about her love life? "Wala pa rin. Walang time makipag-date. Bahay at trabaho lang. Saka gym."

So how are her bashers now who were so fierce when she was initially paired with Alden in "Victor Magtanggol"? "Sanay na rin naman ako. I was bashed also before when I was paired with Dingdong Dantes in 'Alyas Robin Hood'; so now, umpisa pa lang ng message, alam ko na agad kung basher at di ko na tinutuloy basahin. Delete agad then bino-block ko na. It's really better to ignore na lang and focus on being happy."

She's also more focus with her work now. "I really try my best to improve my craft."

Julia sinugod sina Coco, Yassi?

May nagkuwento kasi sa akin na sa taping daw ng FPJ's Ang Probinsyano kamakailan ay biglang dumating, o sumugod si Julia, ha! Kesyo sumabog daw ang halo-halong reaksiyon ng aktres dahil sa mga nakakarating sa kanyang balita? Kesyo parang naniniwala raw kasi si Julia na may relasyon nga sina Coco at Yassi Pressman?

So, ano ba talaga ang totoo? Sino ba talaga ang nagmamay-ari ng puso ni Coco? Eh kasi naman, hanggang ngayon ay wala pa ring sinasabi sina Coco at Julia tungkol sa sitwasyon nila, kung sila ba talaga o hindi. Pero, kung totoo nga ang pagsugod na ito ni Julia sa set ng Ang Probinsyano, aba, isa lang ang ibig sabihin noon, magdyowa nga silang dalawa.

May mga nagdududa na rin kasi na bakit daw parang sa lahat ng mga nakasamang babae ni Coco sa Ang Probinsyano, si Yassi ang pinakamatagal ang pag-i-stay. Hanggang ngayon nga raw ay hindi pa rin nawawala, o namamatay si Yassi.

So, kung ano-ano talaga ang naiisip nila. Pero, puwede naman kasing hindi na talaga mamatay si Yassi, dahil mag-asawa na nga ang role nila dito, 'di ba?

Well, baka namang gawa-gawa lang ito ng mga tao sa paligid? Baka naman iniintriga lang nila sina Julia at Yassi, at Coco para mas maging maingay pa ang Ang Probinsyano, ha!

Yam Concepcion gets hate messages for mistress role in Halik: "Hoy, malandi ka, p*kp*k ka!"



Gigil na gigil na talaga ang sambayanan sa kalandian ni Jade (Yam Concepcion) sa Kapamilya seryeng "Halik", kaya naman nang pagsasampalin siya ng nanay ni Lino (Jericho Rosales) na si Dolor (Amy Austria), nagdiwang ang madlang people.

Lahat ng mga netizen pare-parehong sinabi na deserve na deserve ng kabit ni Ace (Sam Milby) ang ginawa sa kanya ni Dolor na paghambalos ng paulit-ulit hanggang sa mapaupo na siya sa kalsada. Kulang pa nga raw ang kinahinatnan ni Jade sabi ng ilan! Naku, marami talaga ang galit sa mga kabit.

Pero marami pa ang mas manggigigil dahil live na live na nakita ni Lino na naghahalikan sina Ace at Jade sa isang bar. Ito na ang moment na hinihintay ng lahat, dahil finally mabubunyag na ang kataksilan ng dalawa!

In fairness ha, hakot na hakot din sa ratings ang "Halik" tuwing gabi. Pumalo na ito sa national TV rating na 26.8% sa Kantar Media, mataas ito para sa timeslot ng palabas at ito rin ang all-time rating na naabot nito. Madalas din itong pinag-uusapan online at sa katunayan ay kung ano-anong memes na ang naiprodus ng netizens dahil sa exciting na mga eksena ng palabas.

Saan nga kaya hahantong ang gulo sa buhay nila? Abangan 'yan sa "Halik" tuwing gabi sa ABS-CBN.

Nora praises younger co-stars, wants to recover voice

NORA Aunor says she enjoys being part of GMA-7's touching primetime drama, "Onanay", because they have a happy set. "Magaan katrabaho ang lahat, from our director, si Gina Alajar, to all our co-stars, puro professional kaya masaya kami lagi sa taping," she adds.

How would she assess the acting of her newer co-stars, including Jo Berry as her daughter Onay, plus younger stars Mikee Quintos, Kate Valdez and Enrico Cuenca?

"Bilib ako kay Jo kasi first teleserye lang niya pero mahusay na. Ang galing ng memorya kahit mahahaba ang linya. 'Yun namang tatlong bagets, puro mababait na mga bata. Lahat sila, napalapit na sa'kin at parang mga anak ko na sila. Madadali silang matuto at lumalaban talaga nang sabayan sa harap ng kamera."

When will she do a new movie? "Baka next

year na kasi nakatutok muna ako rito sa 'Onanay'. Madali na akong mapagod so di puwede 'yung naglalagare. Dito nga, may cut off ako. Kung puwede, hanggang 8 p.m. lang, pero puwede namang i-extend kung importante talaga ang kukunang eksena."

How about her singing? "Ah, 'yun ang nami-miss ko talaga. First love ko talaga at sa pagkanta naman talaga ako unang nakilala ng mga tao. Gusto ko na talagang magpaopera para maibalik ang boses ko. Kaya lang, laging busy. E, sa abroad pa gagawin ang operasyon, so mahirap. Kagaya ngayon, 'di ako basta makakaalis dahil may soap ako. Kasi bukod doon sa actual procedure, may recovery and therapy pa so matagal aabutin ang lahat. Idinarasal ko talaga na sana, balang-araw, makakanta pa rin ako. Kapag nakakarinig ako ngayon ng magagandang bagong kanta, naiisip ko, sana mabigyan rin ako ng chance later na makanta ko sila."

She is encouraged by her faith in the Lord. "Kung wala ang Panginoon, wala rin tayo rito kaya hindi dapat mawala ang pananalig natin sa Kanya. Nagpapasalamat talaga ko sa kanya na naririto pa rin ako at nabibigyan ng chance na gumawa ng projects like itong 'Onanay'. Napakasuwerte nga ng mga batang artista ngayon dahil lahat, inaasikaso ng networks para sa kanila, pati mga damit na isusuot nila, makeup nila. May stylists pa sila. May acting coach pa sila sa set. Noong araw, hindi ganyan, kanya-kanya kami ng mga kasabay ko noon at kaming bahala sa sarili namin."

Shaira willing to work with Edgar Allan again

SHAIRA Diaz is one of the discoveries of TV5's Artista Academy in 2012 when she was known as Shaira Mae de la Cruz. When TV5's entertainment arm folded up, she moved to TAPE and was cast in the youth-oriented morning show, "Trops", on GMA-7. She also guested in other TAPE shows like "Eat Bulaga" and "Sunday Pinasaya". But now, she's officially a Kapuso actress assigned in her first prime-time show, "Pamilya Roces", that airs after "Onanay".

"I'm so happy to be a Kapuso," she says. "Nakakatuwa kasi kapiirma ko lang ng 5-year contract sa GMA Artist Center, co-managed with Arnold Vegafria, heto't nabigyan ako agad ng regular show after mag-guest muna ako sa 'Contessa'."

She confesses she got depressed when TV5 stopped producing their own entertainment shows. "I got so worried kasi naging breadwinner ako ng family namin after my parents broke up. Ikalawa ako sa tatlong magkakapatid at ang youngest namin is 15 years old pa lang. 'Yung eldest namin, naghihintay pa ng assignment abroad as a seaman. Ang mom ko naman, sa bahay lang, so ako talaga ang inaasahan nila. At nang kunin ako ng GMA, doon ko nga na-realize na hindi tayo dapat basta mawalan ng pag-asa as long as lagi kang nagdarasal at hindi bumibitwi sa pagkakakapit kay Lord."

What's her role in "Pamilya Roces"? "I'm Amethyst, anak ni Sir Roi Vinzon and Tita Ana Roces. 'Yung dad ko, may mga anak rin kina Tita Gloria Diaz at Tita Beth Oropesa. Sa mom ko naman, may half sister ako, si Jasmine Cur-

tis Smith na anak niya sa first marriage niya. Ako 'yung pinakabata sa lahat ng magkakapatid at tagaawat sa kanila kapag nag-aaway sila. Favorite ako ng daddy namin, kaya si Gabbi Garcia, naiinggit sa akin."

How about her love life? She was in a relationship for the longest time with Edgar Allan Guzman, but they eventually broke up.

"As of now, zero. Wala akong karelasyon. Okay lang naman kasi busy rin ako sa college studies ko. I'm taking up marketing and management sa University of Perpetual Help in Las Piñas."

How is she and Edgar? "We're okay. Friends naman kami. Choice naman namin parehong i-prioritize ang career namin, so maayos naman kami."

Edgar is now also with GMA-7. Would she be willing to work with him again? "Okay lang naman. It depends sa GMA management. Trabaho lang naman 'yun and we're both professionals."

Jericho nilamon sa aktingan sina Sam, Yen, Yam

Lamon na lamon ni Jericho Rosales ang mga kaeksena niya sa teleseryeng Halik in terms of "acting intensity".

Magalit na ang mga supporter at fan nina Sam Milby, Yen Santos at Yam Concepcion sa amin, pero everytime talaga na nagkakasama-sama sila at umeeksena, hirap na hirap silang makasabay sa magaling na aktor.

Bukod tanging si Amy Austria lang ang naramdaman naming kering-keri na makasabay sa lalim ni Echo.

Tama talaga ang naging panawagan ni Manay Lolit Solis na kailangang dagdagan at pahabain ang mga eksena ni Amy dahil kumpara sa ibang mga star na kasali sa serye, mas may "K" panoorin ang mga drama moment ng isang batikang gaya niya.

Hihingi na rin kami ng dispensa sa tila OA naman na portrayal ni Cris Villanueva bilang tatay ni Sam Milby o ni Romnick Sarmenta bilang tatay naman ni Yen Santos.

Buti na lang bumagay kay Almira Muhlach ang ganung peg dahil hitsurang "over protective" talaga siya sa aura niya hahahaha!

Ang ilan pang mga kasama nila sa serye ay sina Christian Bables, Hero Angeles at Ria Atayde.

Very mature ang tema ng soap at tama lang na nasa late night timeslot ito dahil kapag umeeksena na ng kaseksihan nina Yam at Sam (bilang mga nagtataksil na asawa), "yummy" na ang labas hahahaha!



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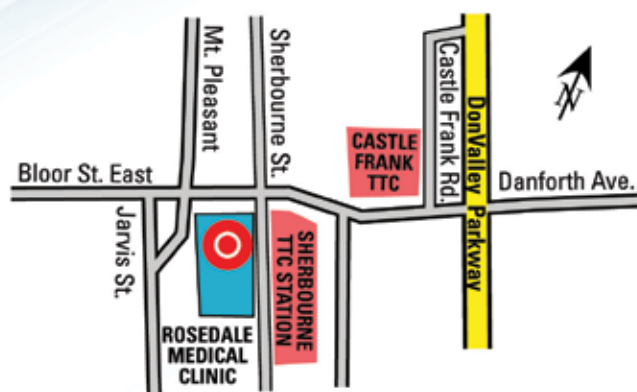


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