

Philippine Cities Sinking

It's a disaster that is already happening. Philippine cities face a slow-onset, 'slow-motion disaster'



JULIA
barretto
Talks about
DARNA
and the
collapse
of her
love team
with
Joshua Garcia

When Mary Ann San Jose moved to Sitio Pariahan more than two decades ago, she could walk to the local chapel. Today, reaching it requires a swim.

The main culprit is catastrophic subsidence caused by groundwater being pumped out from below, often via unregulated wells for homes, factories, and farms catering to a booming population and growing economy.

The steady sinking of coastal towns and islets like Pariahan

in the northern Philippines has caused Manila Bay's brackish water to pour inland and displace thousands, posing a greater threat than rising sea levels due to climate change.

"It was so beautiful here before... Children were playing in the streets," San Jose said, adding: "Now we always need to use a boat."

Most of the former residents have scattered to other parts of the region. Just a handful of families remain in Pariahan, which had its own elementary school, a basic

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Why Filipino nurses are a huge presence in the U.S.

A vast majority of Filipinos are seen to dominate the field of nursing in the United States, with registered nurses (RNs) making up the largest segment of

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Nadine Lustre on being sexy: **‘Minsan na-ko-conscious pa rin ako’**

Nadine Lustre reveals secret to being sexy inside and out.

With sexy billboards of her promoting an international brand seen all over the metro, Nadine Lustre admitted she is still getting used to being called a sex symbol. “When I see the photos, it’s still surreal. When I see the billboards nga and it’s all over the store, minsan na-ko-conscious pa ako kasi that was the first time na nag-shoot ako in a swimsuit ever. And it makes me, I don’t think word is comfortable, mas lala akong na-i-go back to the gym since then I haven’t she said. Skechers celebrity sador also revealed her three secrets to looking feeling sexy inside and I had to choose just three, it would be to be confident, have a and always do your eat healthy,” she shared.

Aside from shooting a new movie project as well as working on her music, Nadine said she does miss being on It’s Showtime. “I do. I miss hanging out with sila ate Vice (Ganda), sila Vhong (Navarro). But now kasi medyo marami rin akong ginagawa so I don’t think I would want to add more work pa. But



Dr. Solon Guzman, Jenifer Camacho and Filcrea President Larry Bercasio pose at the Filipino Canadian Medical Association dinner.



Melissa Saldua Ventocilla walks at the Carassauga festival at the Mexico pavilion as one of Ipen models.



STANDING, Dr. Christina Gamo, Dr. Angela Serapion SEMED, Dr. Annette Simbulan, Dr. Vicky Santiago, Dr. Ana Marcelo enjoy the night at the Filipino Canadian Medical Association ball.



Alan Ocampo & Mel Galeon (STANDING 4TH & 5TH FROM LEFT) of FV Foods pose with Sam Milby, Yen Santos, Jericho Rosales and Negi after the concert. PHOTO BY RAYMOND SANTOS

LEFT, Ryan, Arielle Fina Abrazaldo and Liem are WCOA bound after performing at FV Foods last month.



MP Peter Fonseca presents a certificate of Appreciation to Long & McQuade's John and Lisa Santos at the Season 13 finale of The Singing Contest.

‘Idol Philippines’: Fil-Italian teen is Idol City-bound

MANILA — A Filipina-Italian teen is going to the Idol City after securing three “yesses” from Idol Philippines judges. The 16-year-old Shai Gomez performed Dua Lipa’s hit song I.D.G.A.F. Though not completely blown away with the audition, judges Regine Velasquez, Vice Ganda, and James Reid said Gomez can still improve in the competition. “Ang daming flats. Hindi masyadong malinis ‘yung performance,” said Velasquez. “Kung mahahasa ka sa Idol tapos ganyan ang looks mo, bongga ‘yan,” Vice Ganda commented. Gomez was originally from Canada but moved here to pursue her dreams of being a singer. Hosted by Billy Crawford, “Idol Philippines” airs Saturdays after “Home Sweetie Home” and Sundays after “Wansapanataym.”



Lovi Poe tells story behind tattoos

MANILA – Lovi Poe has tattoos and that’s no secret to her avid followers. But what they actually mean is something not everybody is aware of. Until this past weekend when Poe answered one netizen who asked her why she had herself inked. According to Poe, all her tattoos are actually related to her relationship with her father, late actor Fernando Poe Jr. “My wings & my gravity, I call it the balance. It’s about my dad. He makes me fly but pulls me back to the ground,” she said about one of her tattoos. For the other one, Poe explained: “Quiet Child. Again, about my dad cause not a lot of people know our



Kisses Delavin talks of rumors that she will already quit showbiz



- Kisses Delavin spoke up about the rumors that she will end her showbiz career already

- She revealed the truth during her guesting on “Magandang Buhay”

- The actress also disclosed how the rumors started

Kapamilya actress Kisses Delavin finally spoke up and revealed the truth about the rumors that she will already end her showbiz career.

KAMI learned that the confession was made during her latest guesting on the entertainment talk show entitled “Magandang Buhay.”

One of the program’s hosts asked Kisses to clarify the speculations that she will already quit showbiz and focus on other things.

The young actress then stated that the rumors sparked when she admitted during her concert that she had thoughts of giving up from showbiz before.

She explained that she decided to tell the public about it in the hope of inspiring more people to push through in life no matter how hard the struggles are.

The former “Pinoy Big Brother” housemate also emphasized in the interview that she will stay in show business for the people who continue to support her.

“I think that was 2017 (when I wanted to quit)... Thank you po sa mga advice niyo, momshies kasi I feel like yung mga advice ay nakakatulong for me and nakaka-inspire din po minsan...” she quipped.

“That’s what I feel. I am here to stay for the people who want me to stay. Kasi as long as there’s at least one person who believes in you, kapitan mo yun,” she added.

In a previous article by KAMI, a lot of netizens aired their reactions after seeing the “first day at school” photo of Kisses.

Kisses Delavin is one of the most promising actresses in the country. She gained prominence when she joined “Pinoy Big Brother” and was hailed as 2nd Big Placer.

Myrtle on dating an online gamer

Actress Myrtle Sarrosa, who often joins international online gaming competitions, shares with the Inquirer how it’s like to date fellow gamers.

“I haven’t met a gamer who is a ‘player,’ unlike guys who are [into] sports. Gamers are normally the guys na fine-friend zone.”

She adds, “They usually look pale because they hardly go out.”



Honey Shot



Jia Leblanc

Fifteen-year old Jia's favourite dish is pancit and of course, pizza. She plays hocky, soccer and basketball. She is the daughter of Rechelle Everden.

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At 30, Gerald Anderson ready for marriage

Can't one have a lovelife and a career

Can you not have both in your life?" asked actor Gerald Anderson when reporters made him choose between a thriving career and a blossoming love life, a dilemma of one of the characters in his latest romantic drama film "Between Maybes."

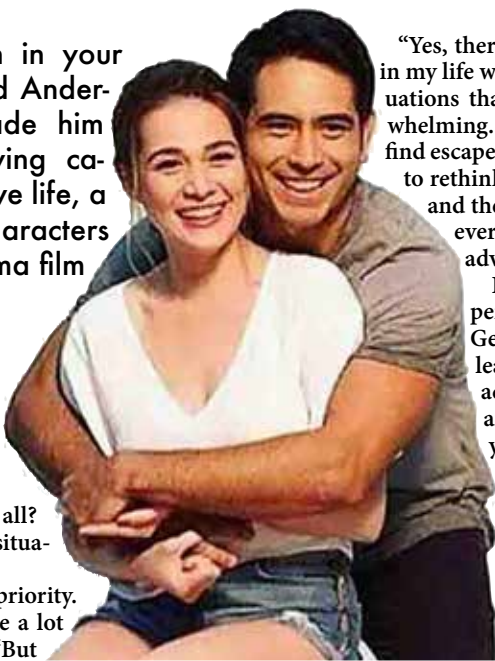
The Jason Paul Laxamana movie, shot on location in Saga, Japan, also features Julia Barretto.

"Is it true that you can't have it all? I think it really depends on the situation," said Gerald.

"Right now, work is still my priority. I still need to save up. I still have a lot to do and accomplish," he said. "But I can say that, now that I'm 30, I'm more emotionally ready to settle down as compared to when I was just 17 or 25."

Gerald has been dating fellow actor Bea Alonzo since 2017.

In the film, Hazel (Julia) is an actress experiencing troubles in her career and wanting to escape, books a random flight and eventually ends up in the secluded prefecture of Saga. There she finds an unexpected confidante in Louie (Gerald), who isolated himself after experiencing heartbreak from his family.



"Yes, there were also times in my life when I got into situations that were too overwhelming. It's really best to find escape first, to recharge, to rethink your battle plan and then go back to face everything," Gerald advised.

From what happened to him, Gerald said he has learned "to simply accept that there are really things you can't control. Have faith. Don't give up. Things will be OK. You just have to stay strong."

When things get too overwhelming at work, Gerald, a triathlete, would find escape in "exercising and staying active. I play basketball, work out or run. It's the best therapy for me. Even before I built The Third Floor (his newly opened gym), I would work out at home."

He would also "escape" from social media, which he was convinced was the reason for the "increase in anxiety rate of a lot of people. The No. 1 thing

to do is to deactivate. When you're on a trip, you should go out and explore, experience culture, eat their food, talk to strangers and learn the language. When you come back, you'll have a different perspective, for sure."

Gerald, however, admitted that he has yet to experience traveling alone. "Now that I turned 30, I'm more open to trying new things. My character Louie and I are a lot different. His character wanted to be alone," he explained, adding that it's a good thing the film was shot in Saga.

"It's my first time to film in a place that's so isolated. I think it only has five residents. Louie lives in a fishing village. I tried to explore the place. There were restaurants but there was no one eating, just me and my PA (personal assistant)," he said. "I'm thankful that our location provided no distractions. I was able to get into my character easily because of the environment."

Gerald said working with Julia for the first time had been "very refreshing. The dynamics are different. It's a challenge because you have to have chemistry with your leading lady. I've always been up to challenges like that. I'm thankful to ABS-CBN because my bosses always consider casting me. I was surprised at the offer (to work with Julia), but I was more excited so I said 'yes.'"

Is Albert Martinez making a comeback on 'Kadenang Ginto'?

The last we saw of Robert Mondragon (Albert's character) was of him in a helicopter that exploded in mid-air. Chaos ensues as his daughter, Daniela (Dimples Romana) tries to regain the Mondragon empire she thinks is rightfully hers and his second wife Romina (Beauty Gonzalez) struggles to prove her innocence in the matter of his death.

Daniela's daughter Marga (Andrea Brillantes) also torments Romina's daughter Cassie (Francine Diaz) while the latter is reeling from the events.

But as the four fight for their right to the Mondragon wealth, the puzzling secret behind Romina's rapist and the connection to the truth Robert had intended to reveal before he was involved in the accident remained a mystery.

Netizens have not been able to contain their excitement for the series' new chapter and shared their thoughts on social media. Speculations that Albert Martinez's character might still be alive have also been creating a buzz.

Albert's co-stars on 'Kadenang Ginto' would gladly welcome him back, though they do not have any idea if he is returning.

"We will welcome him back, kung babalik si Tito Albert," Andrea said.

She added, "I'd like na maka-eksa siya uli, which is possible, since a series, anak ako ni Tita Dimples (Romana), na kanyang anak."

Meanwhile, Andrea Brillantes, Francine Diaz, Kyle Echarri, and Seth Fedelin are grateful over the decision of Dreamscape Entertainment, headed by Deo Endrinal, to organize them as a group called, The Gold Squad.

The group mirrors today's generation of youth as happy, responsible, hardworking, and family oriented individuals regardless of their social status.



Jane on possible romance with Jerome: 'Almost there'

JANE Oineza is the personal choice of debuting director Easy Ferrer to play the female lead role of Kit in "Finding You". "I've worked with her several times sa ABS-CBN kaya alam kong magaling siyang aktres at bagay siya sa role ng best friend at kababata ni Jerome Ponce in the story," says Direk Easy. "And I was right dahil they both really shine performing their respective roles in the movie."

Jane says her pairing with Jerome worked because they've been good friends ever since they got to work together in the afternoon

soap, "Nasaan Ka nang Kailangan Kita", four years ago, in which Direk Easy was the assistant director. Wasn't there a rumor that they really became on while doing that drama series?

"No, never po naging kami," she replies. "We're more than friends but less than lovers, parang hindi nag-bloom 'yung relationship namin. May posibilidad, pero hindi umabot doon, hanggang friendship lang talaga, and we have managed to maintain that friendship up to now."



So why didn't it prosper? As a person, I can be really sweet. Kaya lang, arero kaming career ang priority at time. Trabaho lang nang trabaho. We go out with other friends and nagkukuwentuhan kami kapag matagal kaming hindi nagkikita. And it helped dito sa 'Finding You', maniniwala ka talagang we're the best of special friends in the story kasi we're so comfortable with each other."

In the story, Jerome is afflicted with hyperthymesia, a condition where he doesn't

forget anything that happened in his life, so all the heartbreaks he experienced continue to haunt him. Jane as his best friend returns from living in the States to get married but their meeting each other again prove to be crucial in both their lives. Will Jane be the reason for Jerome to finally get to forget all the hurtful things that happened to him before?

"Yun po ang dapat nyong abangan sa movie," says Jane. "Romcom po ito pero may scenes din na puno ng drama. Ibang-iba sa romantic movies na napalabas na po before."



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PHL Senate creates a Space Agency

MANILA – The Senate has approved on third and final reading a bill that will establish the Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA).

Sen. Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV, who sponsored Senate Bill No. 1983 or the Act Establishing the Philippine Space Development and Utilization Policy and Creating the Philippine Space Agency, said the launching of a space program would give Filipinos a new perspective and valuable insights that could help solve some of the country’s biggest problems.

“Satellites can improve disaster management from providing accurate information that allows early warnings and predicting of disasters to reliable and quick communication during relief

and recovery operations,” Aquino said in his sponsorship speech.

Aquino said the space agency could also enhance production and profitability of agribusinesses due to soil and weather monitoring and assessment, and help conserve and preserve the environment, improve urban planning, transportation and communication networks.

Aquino hopes the proposed legislation would propel the Philippines to be space-capable in the next decade.

“A solid space program can improve disaster management, enhance the lives of Filipino farmers, speed up our internet and telecommunications systems and help us build better, more livable cities,” Aquino said.

“Let us continue to dream big for our country and let us never tire of finding better solutions

for our countrymen.”

Once the bill is enacted into law, a Philippine Space Development and Utilization Policy would be established to serve as the Philippines’ strategic roadmap for space development.

Under the bill, an initial P1 billion funding for the space program will be taken from the current fiscal year’s appropriation of the Office of the President.

The amount for the subsequent operation and maintenance of the PhilSA will be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Additional funding amounting to P10 billion will come from the gross income of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation and the Bases Conversion and Development Authority for five years after the effectivity of the act, with P2 billion to be released to PhilSA yearly.



Maira Dela Torre addresses rumored conflict with Regine Velasquez

Maira Dela Torre addressed the rumored conflict between her and fellow “Idol Philippines” judge Regine Velasquez.

Dela Torre was asked by TV host Boy Abunda if the seeming tension between her and Velasquez on the show was for real. The question came during the “Tonight with Boy Abunda” episode aired on Monday, May 27.

“Opo pero kasi dun lang yun (yes, but it is only on the show),” Dela Torre admitted. “What happens on the table, stays on the table. The moment we stand up, okay na kami (we’re okay).”

When asked if the tension was related to differences in musical taste, Dela Torre clarified it was on some of the contestants’ style of singing that sounds the same as hers.

“Hindi naman siya sa taste. Yung pinang-gagalingan lang ni mama Reg was ayaw niya na may mga kapareho akong boses,” she said. “Kung baga, sinasabi niya na alam niya pag binabago ng isang tao yung boses niya or kung natural yung boses niya na ganun talaga.”

(It’s not in the taste. Where mama Reg is coming from is she does not like it when others sound like me. For example, she says she knows if an artist changes his or her singing voice or if his/her voice is natural or not).

The “Malaya” artist added there is nothing wrong in changing one’s voice in singing because it depends on the singer’s artistry.

“It’s bad because it’s not who you are, but it’s not [bad] because you may want to explore spaces outside of what you have,” said Abunda, with whom Dela Torre agreed.

It just so happened, Dela Torre shared, that the contestants during the auditions all sounded like her. It was early this May when Dela Torre defended contestant Leann from Velasquez’s criticism. Velasquez, then, said Leann seemed to be deliberately changing her voice to a style akin to Dela Torre’s and added how they all sound the same.

“I just wanted to defend the artist na napagsabihan ng ganun kasi alam ko yung hirap, kung gaano mahirap hanapin yung boses mo na sobrang kumportable ka to express yourself enough,” Dela Torre told Abunda.

(I just wanted to defend the artist who was critiqued because I know the hardship, I know how hard it is to find the voice you’re really comfortable in to express yourself enough.)

Abunda agreed, and said during the peak of Velasquez’s career, the “in” style of singing was doing birits, or belting out high notes.

“Hindi mo talaga maiiwasan yan (you cannot really avoid that). At the peak of Regine, the birits,” said Abunda. “You know she was doing it differently, that’s why she is what she is, pero that was the generation of the birits. Parang meron yatang ganun (I think there is really something like that). Now, this is the generation of the Moiras.”

Bianca Gonzalez champions new cause

The 36-year-old host Bianca Gonzalez has online voice that resonates strongly with people as she uses it frequently, purposefully.

From combatting skin color discrimination to promoting breastfeeding, and even on salient topics of national concern, she speaks her mind. She wrote the book “#PaanoBaTo” which has advice on life, love, career, relationships, and self. It was turned into a video series recently.

We learned she has a new cause: Raising awareness on and finding solutions for hydration gap among kids.

According to her, DOST’s Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) learned that 83% of Filipino kids are not drinking enough fluid. They only drink five and a half out of the required seven glasses per day.

Being a mother herself, the subject is close to her heart. She cited alternative options like milk, soup, fruits, juice and vegetables.

For this advocacy, Bianca teamed up with Tang in cooperation with Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

Second-time mom Bianca enjoys being a mother, twice over.

“Naka-survive naman bilang working mom,” the host of “Pinoy Big Brother Otso” added in jest.

Asked how millennial mothers differ from those of previous generations, Bianca said they have a tendency to compare themselves with other moms because of the social media.

“But then again, modern technology helps moms because they are able to learn a lot of things online,” she pointed out.

Hopeful
What’s her favorite advocacy, we asked.

“There’s a lot. I’m part of a group called She Talks Asia wherein we discuss women issues. And — I don’t know if it’s an advocacy — but with

issues about ads on whitening, I could say I’m proud to be morena.”

Bianca is happy that nowadays, media showcases all kinds of skin color.

“I’m happy that kids now, including my kids, they have different role model to look up to. Malalaman nila na hindi lang maputi ang balat na maganda,” she said.

Faith-Focused Toronto Parents Involvement Community to Celebrate Filipino Heritage Day

by Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

In celebration of “Filipino Heritage Month”, the Filipino Parents Association in Catholic Education(FCPACE), the Filipino Heritage Month Council(FHMC) and the Toronto Catholic District School Board(TCDSB) will jointly hold a “Special Evening with His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins” on June 12, 2019(Wednesday). Thomas Cardinal Collins is the Catholic Archbishop of Toronto. The celebratory event is scheduled at 6:00 to 9:00 pm. at the CEC-Catholic Education Centre, TCDSB , 80 Sheppard Avenue East, North York, Toronto, Ontario M2N 6E8.

The maiden event with its theme : “Living Our Faith in Unity with Our Families, Parishes, Schools and Community”, is being conducted in cooperation with the Catholic Parents Involvement Committee(CPIC). Cardinal Collins will speak on “The Relationship of the Church and School in a Modern World, Its Challenges and How Parents Play a Vital Role in Strengthening This Relationship”. After which a reserved light dinner and a brief workshop will follow.

Seats are limited for the Workshop and Dinner, according to the event organizers. They are encouraging interested participants to immediately call or email : Ruth Oliveros at Tel. 416-986-7884; ruth.oliveros@sympatico.ca or cpic.w08R1@tcdsb.org. Deadline is on Sunday, June 2, 2019. (Tony A. San Juan)

Julia Barretto anticipates collapse of love team with Joshua Garcia

Nothing lasts forever. This is Julia Barretto’s mantra when it comes on onscreen pairings popularly known as love teams.

According to the 22-year-old actress, she and her onscreen partner Joshua Garcia are prepared in case their love team collapses in the near future.

“I guess, it will be for the betterment of our career. For us, we will achieve growth in our craft as actors. Of course, I’ll forever be grateful to the Joshua team-up. It has done great things for our career. But we are aware that we can’t be a love team forever,” she avers.

“Being in a love team has its perks. It can take you to places in which you will also grow. You will learn a lot of things and you will be forever thankful for the experience. But you can’t depend on that for the rest of your career,” she carried on.

Both Julia and Joshua know that sooner or later, the time will come when they will do separate projects.

Julia Barretto anticipates collapse of love team with Joshua Garcia

Julia Barretto teams up with Gerald Anderson in a big screen project

“We’ll be paired with other actors. When it comes, we will respect such development because we both love our craft. We have respect for this profession. We respect the fact that it’s what’s best for us, for our growth and we should support it,” she affirms.

Speaking of a new leading man, the pretty lass has Gerald Anderson for a screen partner in her latest potboiler titled Between Maybes. Many are curious how she told Joshua about this.

“Honestly, it took me sometime before I confirmed it to Josh. I wanted to make sure first who the actor would be. So I waited and once I found out, I broke the news to Josh. He was very okay with the fact that it’s Gerald. He was happy that I’ll get paired with someone who is a couple of years older than I am. He prefers it than someone who’s my same age.”

Curiously, does she really need to seek the approval of Joshua when it comes to her career moves, like doing intimate or love scenes?

“You know, one thing that I’ve learned from my mom is that as long as you’re still in control of your life, whether it concerns your personal state, your friends, you don’t ask anybody for permission. If you feel like it’s going to do you good, go with your gut and instinct. It’s actually more of not asking permission, you inform the person out of respect,” says Julia.



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Derrick Monasterio's goal: To be the sexiest man in the world

Isang pilyong ngiti ang laging sagot ni Derrick Monasterio, kapag pinapansin ang sexy posts niya sa kanyang social media account.

Halos araw-araw binubusog ng Kapuso actor ang mga mata ng netizens sa kanyang topless pictures at hunky posts lalo na ngayong nag-su-shoot siya ng pelikulang G-LU sa La Union, kasama ang ilang local hunks ng showbiz.

Pahay-Nakakatuwa, "Na-kakatuwa na yung ko, pasok pala sa... "Kaya, hindi ako puwedeng tumaba. "At siyempre, kailangang laging good image. Hindi ka puwedeng nakikitang nasa bar, although, di naman ako naggaganun, e." Pero, bukod doon, may iba pa rin daw siyang dahilan kung

bakit hilig niya ang magpu-post ng kanyang magandang physique.

Saad ng 23-year old actor, "Bukod sa fitness, gusto ko rin talagang maka-inspire.

"Tayo naman ay very determined, and they will sacrifice to get the things they want. Yun ang importante dun.

"We Filipinos are known to persevere. Matii-isin tayo at lahat pagdadaan, at makikita nila yun through my pictures."

Ano ba ang gusto niyang ma-achieve sa pagpapaganda pa lalo ng kanyang katawan? Sa kanyang walang tigil na pagdyi-gym kapag mayroong pagkakataon.

Halos pasigaw niyang sabi, "To be the sexiest man in the world.

"Yun nga. Ha-ha-ha!

"Di ko alam. More workout and more...ano.

"Diet din ako—no rice, no soda, no fast food. Maraming water, vitamins sa umaga."

DERRICK CARES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Samantala, ipinagmalaki rin ng Kapuso actor ang pagmamahal niya sa kalikasan na kinahihilig na rin niya ngayon.

Ayon sa leading man ng pelikulang Kiko En Lala, "As an ambassador of peace and environment. Ha-ha-ha!

"Di, as a steward of God's creation, we should learn to protect our environment. It's our home, so dapat talagang alagaan.

"Kaya yung vacation ko noon sa Boracay, hindi lamang basta vacation yun.

"Minsan nga yung nakikita ko yung mga tao na nagkakalat, medyo kinu-call ko yung attention nila.

"Sabi ko, 'Oy, may basurahan.'"

Kaya nga raw, gusto niyang ma-involve sa projects tungkol sa mga kalikasan at gagawin niya raw ito ngayong nakabalik na siya mula sa kanyang bakasyon sa bansa ni Uncle Sam.

Arnel Pineda wants PH actor for biopic

His biopic to be produced by the people behind "Crazy Rich Asians" is "on." And if he can't play himself in the movie, Arnel Pineda would like Coco Martin to do it.

The Pinoy singer said so in an interview a few days ago. But no matter who ends up doing it, what's certain is that Arnel dedicates his rags-to-riches story to all "unknown Filipino musicians who are talented but aren't able to break in or join the industry."

Recall that Arnel was a struggling musician for many years before he snagged a recording deal. However, his biggest break came when he was discovered online by a member of international band Journey, who then tapped him to become their lead singer, years after original frontman Steve Perry bowed out of the group.

"(The movie will be) for the people who are losing hope, who think they won't ever succeed. I think it's about time they feel it's not bad to have a dream as long as you're willing to

work hard for it."

Like father, like son

We also asked Arnel about the audition of his son Angelo on "Idol Philippines." The boy didn't immediately convince the judges he was worth a slot. Later, when he got the yeses, he revealed the identity of his father, much to everyone's surprise.

In fact, Arnel, himself, didn't know about the audition until it was over.

"He surprised me. I thought he was just in Digos trying to finish his studies. Then suddenly, he arrived in Manila saying he wants to sing. I was kind of shocked," the singer admitted.

The father has the son's back, but naturally.

"I hope he makes it farther. I want him to be the best he can for himself."

Asked to assess his son's performance during the audition, Arnel said he could put in more emotion into singing.

But in any case, the Journey frontman wants Angelo to have his own brand.

"I told him, 'Don't think about other people, to think about yourself, what kind of brand you want for yourself.'"

Feels like home

Before the interview, Arnel led the

Asked to assess his son's performance during the audition, Arnel said he could put in more emotion into singing.

guitar-smashing tradition at Hard Rock Café (HRC) Manila opening at S Maison, Conrad Manila. He also did a set that included Led Zeppelin and Queen hits.

Going back to HRC feels surreal for Arnel as he used to perform at HC Makati with his band 9mm years ago. He shared that their slot fell on a Sunday so it was a challenge to bring people in

who typically rest that day of the week.

"To be playing at Hard Rock Cafe Manila again brings back a lot of memories and for me, it feels like a second home-coming," he said. "This is of the few where I can and lose my music love me happy me."

one places be myself in — and people for it. It's like a 'full circle' for Arnel was onstage at the launch by Hard International's Anibal Fernandez, Vice-President of Franchise Operations and Steve Yang, Area Vice-President of Development and Operations for Asia Pacific and The Bistro Group's William Stelton, Chairman and CEO; and Jean Paul Manuud, President and COO.

Stars missing in action

There have been a lot of stars who've been missing in action lately. Some are absent because they became mothers, like Ellen Adarna who's mom to her and John Lloyd Cruz' baby boy, and Marian Rivera who just gave birth to her second child with Dingdong Dantes.

IT's said that absence makes the heart grow fonder but in showbiz, the more believable rule is: out of sight, out of mind. If you've had no movie or TV project for quite a long time, there's a danger that the public might just forget you and not get to miss you at all. It's good if you did it by choice, like Chin Chin Gutierrez who deliberately chose to leave showbiz and enter the convent and be a nun. Or Heart Evangelista, who is missing on the local front but is in the cast of a big Hollywood movie.

Some stars who don't have any TV or movie projects make themselves visible through the internet, just like KC Concepcion who just shares her photos on social media. Then there's Alex Gonzaga, who is now a successful vlogger and a big hit on Youtube where she's earning millions. Some actors really have exposure these days only in their social media accounts where they keep on posting photos of themselves in various states of clotheslessness.

One of those now missed by her fans is Erich Gonzales. On the small screen, she was last seen in "Blood Sisters" and on the big screen, in the action flick "We Will Not Die Tonight" which didn't do well at the

box office. were last year now the dle of and haven't heard

from her at all

this year.

Then there's Lovi Poe. Her last soap was "The One that Got Away" and her last movie was "The Significant Other", both shown last year yet. She is said to be currently hibernating in the States, but she has finished one new movie before she left, "Latay", about a battered husband.

Other actresses who are MIA (missing in action) are Angelica Panganiban (who says she recharged by traveling all over Asia and the USA), Carla Abellana (last seen in "Pamilya Rocas"), Pokwang (who has not been in a regular soap for ages now), Bea Binene (last seen in last year's "Kapag Nahati ang Puso"), Rhian Ramos (last seen in "The One That Got Away"), Gabbi Garcia (last seen in "Pamilya Rocas"), Megan Young (for the country's first Miss World, she deserves a more flourishing career) and Julie Anne San Jose (last seen in the short-lived "Guitar Princess" last year).



Lauren Young "up-grades" her life by selling "material things" she does not need

Lauren Young, 25, has decided to live simply this 2019, and stops "shopping and spending excessively on going out and material things I didn't need."

On Instagram, she began, "I decided to upgrade my life by downgrading."

By downgrading, she meant living simply.

The Kapuso actress continued, "I sold my car, moved back in with family, stopped shopping and spending excessively on going out and material things I didn't need."

After first quarter, she realized her direction in life has never been clearer.

Taking her mind off the "expensive things," she exclaimed, "I have never felt richer."

Here's the rest of her caption:

"My attitude has changed, my goals are slowly getting reached and my dreams are even bigger: to be content with what I have and make do with the things already available to me."

Meanwhile, part of this change is "trying new things and being more active."

Hence, she has been making beach trips to La Union to learn how to surf.

Is buying a beach property her next goal? Let's wait and see.

Sanction lawyers for frivolous cases

‘The time for imposing sanctions on such litigants and lawyers may soon be around the corner,’ says the Chief Justice



CHIEF JUSTICE. Chief Justice Lucas Bersamin is interviewed by reporters during the 2nd week of the summer en banc session.

MANILA, Philippines – Chief Justice Lucas Bersamin threatened lawyers with sanctions if they file “clearly frivolous” petitions that would clog the Supreme Court dockets.

“The filings made with the Supreme Court on a monthly basis has simply bloated in recent years, and this has been mainly attributable to the irresponsibility of litigants and their lawyers who have ignored the warnings regularly issued against bringing clearly frivolous or unsubstantial or dilatory petitions,” Bersamin said.

Bersamin added: “The time for imposing sanctions on such litigants and lawyers may soon be around the corner.”

Bersamin cited a recent decision of the en banc that junked the petition of Visayas fishermen against the bundling of contracts for airport construction in the region.

The en banc zeroed in on the failure of the petition to comply with the rules of constitutional litigation, such as the proper use of transcendental importance.

The case involved the fishermen from Samar, who identified themselves as victims of Yolanda and who said they have a stake as taxpayers in the project they deemed illegal.

The SC en banc denied the petition mainly because of violation of hierarchy of courts, saying that they are not a trier of facts.

“To end, while reflective deliberation is necessary in the judicial process, there is simply no ample time for it given this Court’s massive case load,” said the en banc in a decision promulgated March 12.

Bersamin repeated the warning and said “well disguising causes as raising a constitutional question will no longer be tolerated.”

“The ruling also announces the basis for the Supreme Court to be stricter in rejecting misfiled or unworthy petitions, and to be readier in sanctioning irresponsible litigants and lawyers,” said Bersamin.

Other efforts

As if cracking down on the legal profession, Bersamin boasted of his efforts to discipline judges, court officials, and lawyers.

According to the Supreme Court, from January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019, thirteen judges were fined, reprimanded, or admonished; 38 court employees were either admonished, fined, reprimanded, had benefits forfeited, or suspended; 4 court employees who were dismissed for cause from the service; 14 lawyers suspended, 21 lawyers fined, and 14 warned.

“I am acknowledging that having ethical and competent members of the Bar is an imperative that we cannot ignore,” Bersamin said. Bersamin also acknowledged the criticism of the legal education curriculum in the country, and responded to it by holding a legal education summit, the first of its kind in the country.

“As the Chief Justice, therefore, I cannot simply stand by and watch without doing anything. I have decided to call for the holding of a Legal Education Summit in July or early August of this year,” Bersamin said.

Appointed chief justice by President Rodrigo Duterte, Bersamin will retire October this year.

Candidate becomes Palawan town mayor after winning ‘best of three’ coin toss

Some people are just born luckier than most.

A candidate became the mayor of the town of Araceli in Palawan after she won a coin toss today.

Sue Cudilla, Araceli’s former mayor, defeated the incumbent mayor Noel Beronio when they had a coin toss at a little past 3pm, reported Rappler. The toss didn’t occur once; it was a best of three, meaning Cudilla won the game twice.

The win was decided by a coin toss because Beronio and Cudilla got the same amount of votes in this week’s election – they received 3,495 votes each. The

event was overseen by election officer Emil Alili.

The decision to break the tie via coin toss has a legal basis. The Omnibus Election Code of the Philippines states that if candidates end up having the same number of votes, the tie will be broken either through a coin toss or drawing of lots.

This is the third time that the political rivals fought for the town’s mayoralty post. In 2013, Cudilla won against Beronio, but in 2016, it was Beronio who was elected to become mayor, reported Manila Bulletin.

Cudilla is not the only woman who became mayor

for winning a coin toss. Joni Villanueva became the mayor of Bocaue in Bulacan in 2016 when she won a coin toss against her rival Jim Valerio, reported CNN Philippines. The two received 16,694 votes each, which made the coin toss necessary. Joni is the sister of Senator Joel Villanueva and the daughter of an incoming congressman, pastor Eddie Villanueva.

Araceli is an island municipality where various bird species and rock formations could be found. It has a population of 14,909 people according to the 2015 census.

‘Cuddle Weather’ a sex film with a heart

“It’s a story on love-making, but less on the ‘making’ part and more on the ‘love.’”



This was how director Rod Marmol described his film “Cuddle Weather,” a finalist in the 2019 Pista ng Pelikulang Pilipino (PPP).

The project, which centers on two sex workers who form an odd romantic setup as “cuddle partners,” is one of three selected finalists that are in the “advanced stage of development or production stage,” explained Liza Diño, chair of the Film Development Council of the Philippines, which organizes the weeklong festival.

Marmol, who developed the story with filmmakers/writers Antoinette Jadaone and Dan Villegas, said he was currently working on completing his cast.

“So we are looking for people who are unafraid to talk about sex, who swear and show more skin on film. This way, the characters will be more believable,” Marmol said.

He admitted to have already experienced being turned down by three actors “They liked the story. It’s the political angle they were worried about,” the director said.

Marmol came up with the story because “I know that I can’t get out of the ‘love story box’ if I wanted my film to earn money, but I also wanted to present something new.

Also, I have always been fascinated with the lives of prostitutes and call boys. I thought they’re perfect subjects for a love story.”

He shared with the Inquirer that he was a “hugot writer” before pursuing filmmaking. “I know many artists whose understanding of love is more complex. But I’ve also gotten to meet so many people, like grocery baggers, bums hanging out on the streets, and have come to learn that their understanding of love is just as beautiful. I even feel that theirs is better because it’s more honest and raw.”

“We need a story on people na naiin-love sa laylayan, We’re now at a time when the subject of rape and the value of women are being made into jokes by no less than the most influential people in society.”

He also observed that there weren’t a lot of sex films of late, “and yet, our country is the No. 1 patronizer of [the porn site] Pornhub, and that we have the highest growth rate of HIV cases. Funny because we don’t want to talk about sex when I think we should, in order to educate people about the issues related to it.”

The director proudly added: “How do you intelligently do it if we can’t even talk about it? This is actually a sex film with a heart.”

Now on its third edition, the PPP is a weeklong celebration that exclusively screens Filipino films in all cinemas nationwide. It will run from Sept. 13 to 19.

Newbie holds own in Sharon Cuneta movie

Seventeen-year-old showbiz newcomer Kent Gonzales feels blessed he was chosen to play the role of Sharon Cuneta’s son in “Kuwaresma.”

He didn’t expect he’d be chosen for the part but he impressed Erik Matti who found his acting raw but effective.

And he managed to hold his own against Sharon Cuneta even if he didn’t any acting experience. If ever people find his acting good for a newcomer, Kent was to give credit to Sharon for making him feel at ease in their scenes and in supporting him.

“I felt Mommy Sharon is really like my mom in our scenes together. I was intimidated at first, and who wouldn’t be, but she was very warm and inspiring to be with,” the young man said.

For her part, Sharon praised Kent’s performance and his sister Pam who plays his twin in Kuwaresma.

“They are both talented and good actors. I hope they will stay level-headed and focused on their careers,” said the Megastar.



Villar, Poe top Senate race

Senators Cynthia Villar and Grace Poe topped the May 2019 senatorial race with over 25 and 22 million votes, respectively, based on the final tally of the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

Rounding up the top winning 12 Senators were: Christopher “Bong” Go, Pia Cayetano, Ronald “Bato” Dela Rosa, Sonny Angara, Lito Lapid, Imee Marcos, Francis Tolentino, Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III, Ramon “Bong” Revilla and Nancy Binay.



Angelica Panganiban does not want to go back to PH anymore?

Actress Angelica Panganiban’s heart now belongs to ‘somewhere’ else as she seems to be enjoying her vacation in the US very much.

In an Instagram post, she said that if she only had her way, she would like to stay longer abroad, or even live there.

“Alam mo now, nililito mo ang feelings ko kung mag-i-extend ako o finally, sasakay na ko ng eroplano. Ang ganda-ganda ng cindycat ko!” tweet niya.

Admitting that she is having a sepanx with the places she had been to, she said: “Paano ko aalis... Paaano... Naiiyak ako. Waahh. Gusto ko na naman mag-walling paak-yat.”

Based on her Instagram post, the last leg of her vacation was in Santa Monica Pier in California.

She started to take some “me time” after her TV series with actor Zanjoe Marudo ended in March. She visited several places like Boracay, Hong Kong, and Japan, before she flew off to the US.

Even though her heart and mind belong somewhere else, her friends and fans are excited for her return to the Philippines.

Last March, the actress revealed that she and Carlo Aquino were no longer in good terms. She posted some cryptic posts about heartbreak on her social media accounts at the time when Aquino was reportedly spotted with a non-showbiz woman, model Trina Candaza.

After the issue, Panganiban said during the finale press-con of ABS-CBN’s daytime show “Playhouse” that she is not yet ready to work with Aquino again.

“Hindi na muna siguro. Siguro panahon makakapagsabi. Kung buhay pa siguro ako nun,” Panganiban said talking about the chances on her working with her ex-boyfriend once again.

Yam Concepcion not out to judge mistresses



Yam Concepcion (right) with boyfriend Miguel CuUnjieng

After portraying mediocre roles, Yam Concepcion is now making waves. The Viva bombshell has finally found her niche. Yam’s impassioned portrayal of the “other woman” (Jade) in ABS-CBN’s recently concluded series, “Halik,” made her a household name. Jade left many lessons for mistresses in distress.

How has your role in “Halik” made you understand mistresses more? I am very uncomfortable with the term “mistress.” I am also not the type to judge, so I don’t have much to say about them. They have their own stories to tell. It’s their life, not mine, so I don’t want to delve into theirs.

What stands out in your memory about your costars, Jericho Rosales and Sam Milby? Echo likes to play pranks. He’s makulit in a cute way. He snatches one pair of the sandals I’m wearing and throws it far away. Sam is very generous. He would often buy me milk tea.

What’s next in line for you? A horror film. I’ve long been wanting to work with the director of my upcoming movie.

What makes your relationship with your boyfriend (Miguel CuUnjieng) work? Constant communication, trust, and ... the same vision of what we want in the future, as a couple and as individuals.

What’s the craziest thing that a fan did? Crazy is not enough to describe it. It was my creepiest experience with a fan-turned-stalker. At first, I would reply to his fan messages. It came to a point that he would get mad when I didn’t reply. Then, his posts started getting weird. He became obsessed with me. “Feeling boyfriend” level. So I blocked him.

What do you find hard to understand about men? I’ve learned to accept the fact that we’re all different ... there will always be something hard to understand about you.

If you have to choose between love and career, what would you pick and why? My answer to that varies ... It depends on the state of my career and love life. Right now, I’m in a good place in both departments.

Darna top choice Nadine Lustre willing to audition for the role

Erik Matti believes Nadine Lustre could give the iconic role an exciting flavor. Fans and netizens couldn’t agree more.

The Viva artist said that if she would be approached to give it a try, she would consider it a good opportunity.

“Darna is a Filipino icon. She’s a protector and a symbol of hope. I feel honored and humbled to be among the popular fan choices to bring Darna to life. I’m not the kind of person who’s assuming. Alam ko naman po ibibigay nila ‘yung role sa taong deserving,” she said.

“In case I get chosen [to play the role] I would dedicate my time to preparations for the project. I’m excited to do stunts and harness training because I always wanted to star in an action movie,” she added.

Meanwhile, the 25-year-old multimedia princess has just cemented her status as the best actress of her generation with her recent victory at the 2019 FAMAS Awards where she bagged the trophy for Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role for her acclaimed blockbuster movie Never Not Love You.

This is Nadine’s first film acting nomination and award from a major organization. Even more noteworthy is the fact that she won over a formidable group of nominees including Judy Ann Santos, Angelica Panganiban, Anne Curtis, and Sarah Geronimo.

“It’s so overwhelming. I feel proud and humble at the same



CREAM OF THE CROP. With her recent win at FAMAS, Nadine Lustre has just cemented her status as one of the best actresses of her generation.

time to be given this honor by FAMAS, which is considered an institution in the industry,” Nadine said.

This career milestone comes just five years after Nadine made her big breakthrough in showbiz via the movie Diary ng Panget, which was shown in the summer of 2014. The teen-oriented blockbuster instantly made her a household name.

Her acting skills got honed with subsequent movie and TV shows that saw her tackling more complex roles. Praises for her performance kept pouring in from ordinary viewers and critics alike, notably

for her top-rating TV series On the Wings of Love where she played a simple girl who is forced to marry in order to legally stay in the US.

Still, many are surprised by the level of excellence she displayed in Never Not Love You. In her speech at the FAMAS, she revealed that she was damaged in her personal life just a few months before she made the movie.

“I encountered a storm in October 2017, it caused big damage. I thought of backing out several times. I was at the lowest point of my life. So completing the film with flying colors was a big achievement,” the young actress recalled.

Her FAMAS trophy is further proof of that. And as further proof that Never Not Love You was not a fluke, Nadine received more raves for her follow-up movie, Ulan. In fact, several showbiz watchers have said she’s a shoo-in for more Best Actress nominations in next year’s awards race.

Nadine will showcase more acting fireworks, as well as dancing skills, in her next film, the musical drama Indak. She is also set to return to television in a new show in ABS-CBN where she renewed her exclusive for another year.

“At the moment I can’t reveal what my next projects would be just yet. I’m just glad that I feel more inspired to work. I didn’t know that there are people who look up to me because of the things I do. I didn’t see myself as someone who can become a role model. So, this gives me more inspirations to share my talent,” she ended.

Toronto Region Featineans Celebrate 30th Anniversary

by: Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

Fully committed to its vision and mission, The Featineans Association of Toronto -TFAT with its officers and members, celebrated their 30th founding year anniversary on May 11, 2019, at North Thornhill Community Centre, Thornhill, Ontario. Organized in 1989, TFAT is a popular and progressive organization of alumni and former students, employees and faculty members of FEATI University in Santa Cruz, Manila, Philippines.

Over 250 guests, friends, and supporters attended and joined in the 5-hour pearly commemorative evening of lively dancing, dining and fellowship. The program was opened with welcome remarks by Rudy Ortiz, secretary & event chair; invocation by Rudy Olay, auditor; and an inspirational message by Oliver Rey, president. A vocal solo was rendered by event co-chair Ed Baruela and special dance exhibitions were performed by the Dynamic Divas, Negrense Dancers, and Multicultural Dance Group led by Cecile Barrientos, Leonisa Aliko and Annabelle Chipongian, respectively. A 50-50 cash draw and door prizes were raffled for the lucky guests.

Aptly and jointly emceed by co-founder Tony A. San Juan and director Ed Baruela, the successful commemorative event received excellent support from TFAT officers & members, namely: Annie Buiza, Frank Amurao, Rolly Balangue, Tirso Balitian, Christine Baruela, Rose & Tom Flores, Moises Ga, Tony & Mary Ann Gatongay, Lucy, Virginia Maruso, Rudy & Zeny Ortiz, Bert & Rory Pabustan, Nenita & Max Recaido, Darlene Rey, Jocelyn San Juan, and Har & Lina Tawatao.

TFAT is continuously proud of its established and purposeful programs & projects in the Philippines, especially in FEATI University, of supporting scholars and recognizing outstanding graduates for the past 20 years. In Ontario, TFAT is a leading Filipino Canadian entity and is productively engaged in partnership and cooperation with professional, social, and alumni-based organizations on notable community initiatives. (Tony A. San Juan, OCT).

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Stay Alive or Die for Country

Lorenzana and Duterte gives different advice to PMA grads



UPPER CRUST Cadets First Class Jonathan Mendoza, Dionne Mae Umalla and Jahziel Tandoc (front row); Daniel Heinz Lucas, Marnel Fundales, Ruth Angelique Pasos and Daryl James Ligutan (second row); Richard Lonogan and Glyn Elinor Marapao (back row) bask in media attention after being named the top graduates of the PMA's Class of 2019. Umalla is the fifth woman to become class valedictorian since women were accepted to the academy in 1993.

FORT DEL PILAR, BAGUIO CITY, Philip-pines — The problems faced by cadets, who were immediately assigned to fight secession-ists in Mindanao and communist rebels in the 1970s, are still the same confronting mem-bers of the “Mabalasik” Class of 2019 of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) who will graduate on Sunday, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said.

So Lorenzana’s advice to them during a pregraduation ceremony here was: “Please stay alive.”

Mabalasik is an acronym for “Mandirigma ng Bayan, Iaalay ang Sarili, Lakas at Tapang, Para sa Kapayapaan.”

Lorenzana said the cadets, who will be commissioned as junior officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, will be better equipped than when he graduated from PMA

in 1973.

He said his 1973 class composed of 61 members lost its first “mistah” (classmate), Jan Vincent Muyargas, within six months after they were sent to Mindanao to face the war triggered by the secessionist Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

More complex issues

But Mabalasik class has more complex issues to deal with such as the West Philippine Sea dispute, terrorism and climate change, Lo-renzana said.

“All of us were sent to Mindanao as platoon leaders—even those assigned to the Air Force. Classmates who became members of the then Constabulary joined the [Philippine Constab-ulary] battalion there. The Navy joined the

Marines,” he said.

“Earlier [in 1973], we almost lost Cotabato City to the MNLF had government troopers rallied under the late Gen. Fortunato Abat of PMA Class of 1951,” he said.

“Unfortunately, some of the challenges we faced before are still there... They remain and you will be facing them whether you are in the Army, Navy or Air Force,” he said, adding: “There are more challenges and these are more complicated.”

“The communist insurgency is still with us after 50 years. A lot of you in the Army will be facing the New People’s Army. Luckily, the secessionist problem in Mindanao is mov-ing forward to its final resolution with the enactment of the law creating the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region,” he said.

Duterte tells PMA cadets:

Die for country if needed

BAGUIO CITY -- President Rodrigo Duterte urged graduating cadets of the Philippine Military Academy to “die for your country” if necessary.

“Serve your country well. Die for your coun-try if needs be. Remember the young Filipinos yet to come,” Duterte told members of the PMA “Mabalasik” Class of 2019.

“If you think the country is not run the way it is, and if it will destroy your country, you should know what to do,” added the President, who was guest of honor at the event.

Inah admits romance with Jake is going strong

INAH De Belen is aware that her mom, Janice de Belen, used to be tagged as the Horror Queen for starring in such hit horror flicks as “Tiyanak” (Ang Anak ni Janice) directed by Peque Gallaga and the “Pridyider” episode of the very first “Shake Rattle & Roll” directed by Ishmael



Bernal. She now plays the role of Tom Rodriguez’ ill-fated sister who gets possessed by a demon in “Maledicto”. Did she ask for advice from her mom on how she’d attack her role?

“No, as much as possible, I want to have my own style and my own identity as an actress kaya I seldom seek her advice,” she says. “Sabi nga nila, as it is, ako ‘yung totoong ‘Anak ni Janice’ at hindi ‘yung tiyanak, so gusto ko namang makilala on my own. I’m thankful to Fox Philippines for giving me the chance to be part of ‘Male-dicto’. Being a victim of demonic possession is the most challenging role I’ve played so far and I really enjoyed doing it with Director Mark Meily and all my co-stars.”

Off-cam, Inah’s relationship with Kapuso co-actor Jake Vargas is going strong. There’s a rumor that they’re already living in, but she denies it. “Three years na rin kami but we both have our own homes at hindi po kami pakasal anytime soon, kasi pareho kaming bata pa. We’re not ready to start our own family. Mas importan-teng mag-focus muna sa work and career and mag-ipon for our future.”

What does she find endearing in Jake? “He’s always very supportive. Like when he learned I’ll be doing a horror movie and play a victim of possession, he gave me a rosary bilang pangontra raw sa any evil spirits that might be lurking around during the shooting.”

She and Jake just went to El Nido in Palawan and she posted her photos wearing a two-piece bikini in her social media account. Does this mean she’s now ready to do more daring roles?

“Ay naku, na-delete ko na po ‘yung picture, sorry!” she laughs. “Parang nabigla lang ako. Hindi pa po ako ready maging daring.”

Is it Jake or her mom who forbids her to go sexy? “Ay, hindi po. Wala namang nagbabawal sa akin mag-post nang nakabikini. It’s my own decision, kaya lang I can feel na hindi pa ako ready magpakita ng katawan ko kahit on social media.”



Yeng Constantino, nag-post ng picture bilang Darna

Sa Instagram, pabirong sinabi ng singer na “tapos na ang paghahanap” sa bagong aktres na gaganap sa millennial film reboot ng ‘Darna’ dahil napili na siya para rito.

Pinasaya ni Yeng Constantino ang kanyang fans matapos itong mag-post ng kanyang edited picture bilang sikat na superhero na si Darna.

Sa Instagram, pabirong sinabi ng singer na “tapos na ang paghahanap” sa bagong aktres na gaganap sa millennial film reboot ng ‘Darna’ dahil napili na siya para rito.

“Tapos na po ang paghahanap! Ako na nga po! Goodmorning,” aniya.

Sa kasalukuyan ay naghahanap pa rin ang Star Cinema ng susunod na aktres na bibida bilang Darna.

Matapos mag-back out ni Liza Soberano sa proyekto noong Abril, nag-open ang nasabing production company ng casting call para sa mga interesado sa role nitong buwan lamang.

Bago pa man si Liza, nauna nang nag-with-draw si Angel Locsin at direktor na si Erik Matti sa nasabing film project.

Ilan sa mga celebrities na nominated ng

fans bilang susunod na Darna ay sina Nadine Lustre, Maja Salvador, at Pia Wurtzbach.

Seth Fedelin’s surprising move from ‘PBB House’ to ‘Kadenang Ginto’

MANILA, Philippines — After leaving ABS-CBN’s reality show “Pinoy Big Brother” (PBB), Seth Fedelin joined the cast of high-rating afternoon drama series “Kadenang Ginto.”

This move caught many of his fans by sur-prise. Fedelin was just as stunned, too.

In “Kadenang Ginto’s” thanksgiving press conference on Friday, Fedelin revealed he actu-ally auditioned for a different project.

“Nag-audition ako sa ‘Abandoned’ po, nag-audition ako doon tapos bigla nalang ito na po,” Fedelin said.

“Abandoned” is an upcoming Dreamscape Digital film set to premiere soon on ABS-CBN’s streaming service iWant.

The 16-year-old newbie actor recalled: “Hindi ko po agad nalaman. Ang nakaalam po is ‘yung man-ager ko po. Ginulat po nila ako na, ‘O, papasok ka na sa Kadenang Ginto.’”

“Tapos hindi ako makapaniwala. Tapos inii-sip ko na agad na ‘Makaka-close ko kaya ‘yung tatlo?’” Fedelin added.

The drama series, which have been airing for eight months already, is headlined by teen stars Francine Diaz, Andrea Brillantes, and Kyle Echarri alongside veteran actresses Dimples Romana and Beauty Gonzalez.

Fedelin admitted he did not have any back-ground prior to entering the PBB house which led him to feel pressure upon joining the soap’s cast.

“Ako po kasi bago po ako pumasok ng ‘PBB,’ wala po talaga akong background sa acting. As in talagang bahay, school, ganun,” he said.

“Tapos nung pumasok po ako sa ‘Kadenang Ginto,’ sobrang kabado ako kasi baka mamaya ilang takes ako. Nakakahiya doon sa ka-eksena ko. Nape-pressure po ako minsan,” he added.

Fedelin was among the first batch of teen housemates who entered the PBB house in the reality TV show’s 8th season.

Faith-Focused Toronto Parents Involve-ment Community to Celebrate Filipino Heritage Day

Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

In celebration of “Filipino Heritage Month”, the Filipino Parents Association in Catholic Education(FCPACE), the Filipino Heritage Month Council(FHMC) and the Toronto Catholic District School Board(TCDSB) will jointly hold a “Special Evening with His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins” on June 12, 2019(Wednesday). Thomas Cardinal Collins is the Catholic Archbishop of Toronto. The celebratory event is scheduled at 6:00 to 9:00 pm. at the CEC-Catholic Education Centre, TCDSB , 80 Sheppard Avenue East, North York, Toronto, Ontario M2N 6E8.

The maiden event with its theme : “Living Our Faith in Unity with Our Families, Parishes, Schools and Community”, is being conducted in cooperation with the Catholic Parents Involvement Committee(CPIC). Cardinal Collins will speak on “The Relationship of the Church and School in a Modern World, Its Challenges and How Parents Play a Vital Role in Strengthening This Relationship”. After which a reserved light dinner and a brief workshop will follow.

Seats are limited. They are encouraging interested par-ticipants to immediately call or email : Ruth Oliveros at Tel. 416-986-7884; ruth.oliveros@sympatico.ca or cpic.w08R1@tcdsb.org. Deadline is on Sunday, June 2, 2019.

What Duterte told Matteo

There are only two persons who had managed to leave Matteo Guidicelli starstruck: The first was Martin Nievera. The second and most recent one was President Duterte.

Matteo had a “very nice,” 30-minute chat with the President at a recent visit to Malacañang Palace.

Among the things they discussed, he related to reporters, was his decision to join the Philippine Army as a reservist. “We spoke about projects related to the Army; that was what the meeting was about. He’s into that ... he wants discipline in the country again—among the youth, especially,” he said, when asked by the Inquirer about the said meeting.

Beginning May 27, the Viva Artists Agency talent will undergo a 45-day Scout Ranger training at Camp Tecson in San Miguel, Bulacan.

“When I told him about my project, he was very interested and he wished me luck ... It was nice to have his approval; it’s added inspiration,” said Matteo, who released a single under Viva Records—a cover of Imago’s “Sundo”—before he entered the camp.

The actor was originally supposed to have only a quick photo op with the President.

“He was about to leave, but the chopper had yet to arrive, so he invited me to sit down,” recalled Matteo, who’s a Fil-Italian citizen.

Mixed reactions

The 29-year-old celebrity uploaded photos of his time with the President on his Instagram. The post, as expected, drew mixed reactions from netizens. “It was OK the night I posted the photos; the next day, I was bashed,” he said. “But you know, you can’t please everyone. At the end of the day, he’s our Commander in Chief, he’s our President.”

Matteo reiterated that it’s his love for the country that inspired him to join the Army.

“Whatever you do, whether you like him (Mr. Duterte) or not, you have to do what’s right for the country ... As long as you’re doing it for the country and not for yourself. I’m not earning anything from being in the Army,” he said.

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Tony Labrusca’s first encounter with Kathryn Bernardo in Canada



MANILA – Being cast in the ABS-CBN fantasy series “La Luna Sangre” was probably one of the biggest breaks of Tony Labrusca since he joined showbiz.

But did you know that Labrusca already had a chance encounter with Bernardo when he was still working as a cashier in Canada?

“Nung nasa Canada ako, bumibili sila ng jacket. Pagtingin ko sabi ko, ‘Artista ka. You’re that actor from the Philippines.’ And I think medyo na-weirdo-han siya,” he recalled when he appeared on “Tonight with Boy Abunda.”

When Bernardo left, Labrusca said he kept telling his managers how popular the actress is in the Philippines.

“Akalain mo Tito Boy, two years later, magiging third wheel ako sa ‘La Luna Sangre,’” he said amused.

Labrusca said he told Bernardo about this when they were already co-stars.

“Nakuwento ko kay Kathryn. Hindi niya maalala and I don’t blame her. Pero it’s really a small world,” he said.

Following “La Luna Sangre,” Labrusca was cast in another ABS-CBN primetime series as part of the legal drama “Sino Ang May Sala (Mea Culpa).”

This “JaDine cussing” supercut is us dealing with everyday life

Who doesn’t love an explosive F-bomb or a firm putang ina? It’s just a good way to express anger and frustration. How do you let the world know life is getting shittier? By screaming “everything is bullshit” at the top of your lungs. Duh.

You know it, I know it, and JaDine knows

it well. Don’t believe us? Well, “JaDine cussing in their movies for two minutes straight” should prove non-believers wrong.

We stumbled upon a reply in our “Nadine FAMAS win” post. It’s a video made by Twitter user @dontsavegray, where our modern love team swears their hearts out in their films. Antoinette Jadaone’s Never Not Love You dominates the video, though.

JaDine cussing reminds us why we like swearing in the first place. After all, it’s

funny, insulting, and of course, cathartic. According to Psychology Today, “cursing can be a form of coping that helps us deal with stress.”

“Researchers concluded that cursing had the effect of reducing sensitivity to pain. Who knew four letters could be so soothing? So when you hit your head and loudly exclaim ‘f*ck!’ it may serve the functional purpose of helping you get through the pain,” their article reads.

Here are some scenarios where their swearing is just too damn relatable.

Paying bills during pesta de pilgrio Gio (00:38): “Tanginang P 25,000 ‘yun! How am I going to pay for that shit?!”

Dealing with burnouts Joanne (1:30): “Tang ina, naisip mo ba kung masaya ako sa trabaho ko?!”

Leaving work on the dot Gio (00:15): “By 5:01, I’m out, bitch!”

Friends are unsupportive of your landi choices Gio (1:09): “Tang ina dude, akala ko kakampi kita.”

Our minds during unproductive meetings Joanne (1:50): “Kung gagaguhin mo ako, bukas na lang tayo mag-usap.”

So the next time life gives you lemons, channel your inner Gio or Joanne. It might just help you power through whatever is bothering you. Quote Gio every time life’s not going your way: “Fuck it.”

Nadine Lustre as ‘Darna’ wows netizens

MANILA, Philippines – For some netizens, the search for the next “Darna” is over after seeing actress Nadine Lustre’s version of the superhero’s transformation.

Singer Donnalyn Bartolome posted on her YouTube channel showing Lustre performing the famous “Darna” scene.



In the video, Lustre asked Bartolome, who pretended to be the superhero’s sidekick Ding, for the stone that would transform Jane Narda into Darna.

As the video went viral, clamor for Lustre to play the iconic superhero grew with one saying “If you watched that vid with Nadine Lustre shouting the infamous line ‘Darna,’ you know the search is over.

Another netizen said, “Star Cinema, the search is over just give the darna role to nadine lustre bc it really suits her DARNA NEEDS NADINE.”

Even those who are not a fan of Lustre were impressed: “Nadine Lustre shouts Darna in a very perfect way (Watch Donnalyn’s Video)! Not her fan, but I do admit she’s perfect for the role!”

The project’s former director Erik Matti also previously said his top pick to be the next Darna is Lustre.

ABS-CBN’s film production arm Star Cinema recently announced it is opening an audition for the role following Liza Soberano’s withdrawal from the project because of a finger injury.

What went wrong between Barbie Imperial and JM De Guzman

MANILA, Philippines— Actress Barbie Imperial did not filter her words when she



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explained what went wrong between her and former leading man JM De Guzman.

Imperial opened up about their relationship during an interview in “Tonight With Boy Abunda.”

“Kakabreak ko lang din po noon e, kay Paul [Salas]. Parang masyadong mabilis. July nung nag-break kami ni Paul tapos si [J]M kasi lagi siyang nandoon talaga para sa’kin eh,” Imperial said.

The 20-year-old actress admitted she and De Guzman did not work out because it was tough to fix another person while in the process of healing.

“Sinabi naman po namin dati na parang ‘di pa siya okay din. So parang kaming dalawa po, dalawang tao na wasak. Tina-try namin parehong ayusin ‘yung isa’t isa. Buoin ‘yung isa’t isa,” Imperial said.

“Pero hindi po pala pwede ‘yon. Dapat parang meron at least isang tao na buo kasi ang hirap kung wasak ka na nga, tapos wasak din ‘yung aayusin mo. Paano mo aayusin ‘yung sarli mo?” she added.

When asked if she is ready about being friends with De Guzman, Imperial said: “Ako hindi ko po talaga kaya e, pero hindi ko naman po tutuldukan doon kasi hindi ko naman po alam kung anong mangyayari sa mga susunod na araw. Pero sa ngayon po talaga, hindi po talaga.”

Imperial and De Guzman got close when they were paired in afternoon series

“Precious Hearts Romances Presents: Araw Gabi.”

Moira, James kulang pa

NAPANOOD namin minsan ang “Idol Philippines” which premiered on ABS-CBN last April 21. But sadly, hindi kami gaanong na-impress sa dalawang judges ng reality singing contest na sina Moira de la Torre and James Reid whom we think are not yet fit and of authority to become judges sa isang napakalaking franchise singing competition.

Media veterans comcluded na tila pilot ang pagiging judges ng dalawa at hindi pa puwedeng ihanay sa Asia’s Songbird na si Regine Velasquez at ang Unkabogable star na si Vice Ganda.

Bakit kaya hindi man lamang kinunsider ng mga namamahala ng “Idol Philippines” ang mga veteran singers-performers tulad nina Martin Nievera, Zsa Zsa Padilla, Pops Fernandez, Hajji Alejandro, Nonoy Zuñaiga, Lani Misalucha at iba pa na may mas ‘K’ (as in karapatan) na tumayong hurado sa halip na mag-bank sa popularity ngayon nina Moira at James?

Sorry for saying this pero ito ang aming nararamdaman at obserbasyon ng maraming tagasubaybay ng “Idol Philippines”.



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No More Sexy Roles for Kim Domingo

As she works on fulfilling her dream of becoming a dramatic actress, Kim Domingo has decided to stop accepting overtly sexy roles, or show too much skin on-screen, saying that doing such things no longer makes her happy.

"I liked what I was doing when I first started in show biz, because it was quite similar to my prior job as a model. But one day, I realized my heart simply wasn't in it anymore," Kim told reporters at a recent visit to the set of "Kiko en Lala," an upcoming comedy flick by GMA Film's Backyard Productions.

Until recently, the 24-year-old GMA 7 talent has been packaged as a sultry actress who dabbles in comedy. Now,

she wants to show a different side of her.

"Even back then, I have always been vocal about my desire to be given good breaks in drama. I hope to prove that I can also do other things aside from comedy or going sexy," she said. "That's why if there's an offer to do an episode of shows like 'Wish Ko Lang,' I make sure to grab the opportunity. 'I want to win an acting award in the future,'" added Kim.

But this doesn't necessarily mean, she joked, that she would start dressing up dowdily. "I'm not saying naman na balot na balot ako," Kim said.

"I endorse a clothing brand for which I model underwear, so that can't be helped. But if I could, for instance, put on a one-piece swimsuit instead of a two-piece bikini, I would do it," she said.

She admitted that she used to get depressed from being bashed and called "all sorts of things" because of her image. But that doesn't have anything to do with her recent career move.

"The people around me don't have anything to do with it; no one was stopping me from doing projects that require me to be sexy. It is my own decision ... I'm not trying to please anyone,"

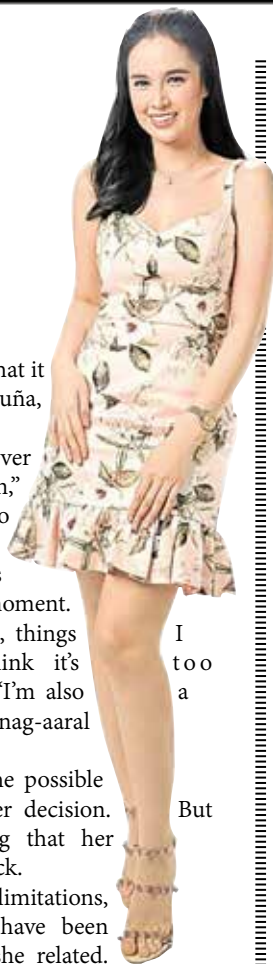
stressed Kim, also denied that it was her boyfriend, Mike Acuña, who was holding her back.

"He never meddled, never niya akong pinagbawalan," she said, whom she hopes to be "the one."

Marriage, however, is out of the question at the moment. "I still have a lot of plans, things want to do. And I think it's early for that" Kim said. "I'm also breadwinner—may mga pinag-aaral ako."

Kim is fully aware of the possible consequences of her career decision. she feels secure, knowing that her mother network has her back.

"I told them about my limitations, and I'm glad that they have been nothing but supportive," she related. "I have thought about how this would affect my career. And if the projects dry up as a result, at least I can say that I did something I wanted."



I too a But



Why Chuckie gave up showbiz for politics

CHUCKIE Antonio is tall at 5'10" and looks more like a matinee idol than a politician, but he has chosen to run as councilor of Quezon City's 3rd district. As a teenager, he joined the modeling competition Circle of Ten and won. "Maraming nag-alok sa'king mag-artista and even to join Pinoy Big Brother. I have a high regard for actors, but I realized early on that it's not my calling as I don't really know how to act," he says. "Mas gusto ko talagang mag-serve sa mga tao, so nag-serve muna ako as SK Kagawad and later on, as Barangay Kagawad in Ugong Norte. I was chairman of the youth and sports council and ways and means committee. I'm now on my last term and I now aspire to be a councilor of the 3rd district which has 37 barangays and includes White Plains, Eastwood, Loyola Heights, Xavierville, Green Meadows up to Tandang Sora and Old Balara."

He's running as an independent candidate. Isn't he scared he might be cheated by candidates who belong to parties with well-oiled machineries?

"I feel so blessed that after I announced that I'm running as councilor, ang dami agad nagprisintang tumulong sa akin. Right now, we have 3,000 volunteers who will help me in my journey. They believe in me and in my aim to improve the quality of life of the people in our district."

Chuckie turned 27 last April 16 and he's the youngest candidate now. "People tell me, even when I ran as Kagawad, masyado kang bata. But I want to be the voice of the youth and show that we can all be active in government and prove that we can make a difference."

Chuckie has a bachelor's degree in entrepreneurial management from the University of Asia and the Pacific and a master's degree in entrepreneurship and innovation from the Singapore Management University. He now owns several businesses including a cafe, shoe factory and LED trading. He's also involved in various livelihood and job fair programs and the Gawad Kalinga housing and feeding programs. "Number 1 po tayo sa balota. As a millennial, I want to prove myself as the voice of young public servants and I want to encourage more young people to be actively involved in governance and be the real hope of our fatherland."

No need to humiliate or vilify me Sharon to Gabby supporters

Sharon Cuneta, star of Erik Matti's mystery-thriller "Kuwaresma," was upset that the film shared the same opening date with the romantic-drama "Between Maybes," which features in the lead one of her favorite coactors, Julia Barretto.

"We should support all Filipino movies and not make them compete with each other," Sharon pointed out. Both "Kuwaresma" and Jason Paul Laxamana's "Between Maybes" opened in theaters on May 15.

Asked what she thought would bring people back to watching in the cinemas, Sharon said, "A film doesn't have to be expensive for it to be a good one. For me, the key is having a good story. I will do a project for less than my usual rate."

Sharon did admit that times were indeed hard for most Filipinos and that she, too, has been affected. "To give you an idea, my total debt is in the millions of dollars. Nakaayos na naman, but there were times when I would survive from paycheck to paycheck. I'm selling



my properties. Ramdam ko because I'm having a hard time selling."

To adjust, Sharon said she no longer buys stuff

"What I don't like is when people disrespect me. There are those who would try to offend me with their posts. I guess they love the Sharon-Gabby tandem so much that they forget that we already have our own separate lives. To those who side with him, there's no need to humiliate me, vilify me and be really bastos when you post something."

unless it's something she really needs. "I now want to sell everything because it dawned on me that I don't want to have such a big house to clean anymore."

What Sharon also wants is to write a book,

she said. "I had an offer from a major bookstore chain. I also promised Boss Ernie [Lopez of ABS-CBN Publishing] that I'd have a meeting with him. It's all right here," Sharon said as she pointed to her head. "But, if people expect me to say something negative about my exes, they will be disappointed."

The Megastar added: "What I don't like is when people disrespect me. There are those who would try to offend me with their posts. I guess they love the Sharon-Gabby tandem so much that they forget that we already have our own separate lives. To those who side with him, there's no need to humiliate me, vilify me and be really bastos when you post something."

The Megastar was referring to the botched-up plan for her to make a reunion movie with ex-husband Gabby Concepcion. "I said 'yes' to everything during the negotiations. I wish my pro-

ducers would talk instead of me. I didn't need the extra stress. I never used him to advance my career. To his supporters, I know he's your idol, but I'm the mother of his eldest child—his first eldest child."

"I'm being hit from all angles, except my work. I'm going through so much. I'm so tired. When will this end?"

The actress then began to tear up. "I miss my mom and dad," said the daughter of the late Pasay City Mayor Pablo Cuneta and Elaine Gamboa. "I miss my childhood. As for the decisions I've made and will make in the future, bahala na ang Diyos sa akin. A lot of people have hurt me. Before, I thought that if you give only goodness, that's what will come back to you—not all the time, I figured."

Sharon said it's her being an actress that keeps her motivated. "Because it puts me in a certain position wherein I am able to inspire people," she declared.

The charming Mr. Bables

Aside from the burning flame that Jericho Rosales and Yeng Santos share as lovers Lino and Jackie in Halik, slowly stealing the thunder from them is the pairing of Christian Bables and Hero Angeles who give life to the characters of Barry and Ken.

Barry is Lino's best male pal. Ken, meanwhile, is Jackie's best fairy friend. Halik's pool of writers deserves all the commendation for pushing the pink story arc between the two.

Last April 16, after the freak gas incident that happened inside the premises of the Monte Corp edifice, Jackie and Ken were both saved. Jackie had her precious moments with Lino. And yes oh yes, Barry and Ken shared tender times together, too.

As a matter fact, Barry confessed to Ken how strange and beautiful his newly discovered feelings for his dear gay

friend. Kilig overload indeed. Members of the pink community heaped praise and congratulation for Barry and Ken as if they are a real life couple.

Bables and Angeles were able to pull the scene off because they played for truth.

Bables recalls, in this short interview, when he learns he is part of the Halik cast, "When I was offered this show and they informed me it's going to be with Jericho, I immediately said yes. Sabi ko nga, kahit tagahugas ng paa ni Jericho Rosales, wala akong pakialam. Kung mayroon pang mas mabigat na word for idol, that's Jericho for me. He's an icon for me. I have massive respect for the craft, and then seeing Echo do the craft in him, iba eh. He was like a growing up



Halik's other love team Christian Bables (left) and Hero Angeles playing the roles of Barry and Ken.

idol. And to be able to work with him, isa sa mga bucket list ko ang na-check-an ko kumbaga."

He continues, "I feel so blessed working with Echo dahil bukod sa nagkaroon ako ng mahusay na katrabaho, nagkaroon ako ng kaibigan. When there is something about the industry that I do not understand, it is easy to seek an audience with him and inquire. Also, every time na magkaeksena kami, nararamdaman ko yung puso sa puso. Nararamdaman mo yung puso ng isang actor na passionate. It feels so good that you are doing a scene with an actor who treats you well and gives so much."

"Every time umaarte siya, nakakali-mutan ko ang linya ko. Kasi I ended up watching him," he guffaws. "I keep on apologizing during the first few days

kasi nga... pag ka-eksena ko siya, fan mode ako. I remember him saying, 'Di, bro. tao rin naman akong katulad mo. Thank you for appreciating my craft but more than anything, gusto ko maging magkaibigan tayo."

And because of what Echo said, Christian immediately felt comfortable.

"He was the one who reached out, he's giving me this chance, this opportunity he made me not only as a co-worker but a friend."

Christian carries on, "I am thankful most of all to God for this blessing. It has helped me appreciate my craft because I am surrounded by actors who lead by example. I want to believe that I was able to give life to Barry as an artist."

His reaction to the many fans who are kilig with the Barry and Ken team up, "I am grateful to all of you who supported Halik and of course, the pairing of Barry and Ken. Hero and I appreciate all your good comments. I hope we're able to give a smile on your faces."

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Julia Barretto On Darna Audition: "Siguro They Thought That I Was Joking"

Julia Barretto has opened up about her recent Darna audition and confessed that she thought that the judging panel just thought that she was just joking around.

In an interview with Boy Abunda on Tonight

with Boy Abunda, Julia Barretto shared her experience on auditioning for the coveted Darna role.

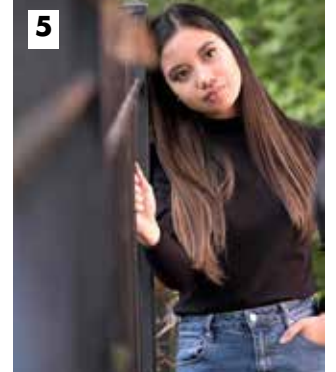
Tito Boy first opened up the topic by asking Julia if her audition was real to which she replied, "Seseryosohan ko sana, seryoso naman ako, Tito Boy. Real talk, I really went tapos nakita ko may pila talaga, Tito Boy, atsaka may camera, all the works for an audition. I was ready to be asked questions, to shout it [the iconic



"Darna!" line] if asked, hubad if the need it. They were laughing, siguro they thought that I was joking."

Upon hearing this, Tito Boy then asked if Julia could do a Darna audition on the spot to which the actress gladly obliged to.

1. Jessica Mae Lancaon, IPEN Founder Edgar Sulit and Miss Asia Pacific International Jessica Cianchino enjoy the Hawaiian-themed Bicol Canada party.
2. Ted Dayno poses at the Consumers Choice Award Ceremony where Forex Toronto received the honour in GTA for the Courier Service Category.
3. Present at the awarding also were Jonathan DeOcampo Rellores, Nette Baguisa, Ferdie Baguisa and Anna Eusebio at Cineplex Cinemas Markham & VIP.
- 4 & 5. Cassandra Adajar and Angela Castillo are two models of Phoebe Yap Chan's photographs which were exhibited at the Mod Club.



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Matteo Guidicelli on joining the Army as reservist: **‘Bakit hindi? Pinoy ako diba?’**

Filipino-Italian actor and model Matteo Guidicelli waxed patriotic when he shared the reason behind his decision to join the Armed

Forces of the Philippines as a reservist less than a month after taking his oath. Guidicelli recently spoke in the closing ceremony of the National Cadet Corps of the Philippines Summer Encampment Training under the Junior High School Commandants Association of the Philippines.

“I just joined the reserve force just two weeks ago. [Madaming] tao nagsasabi, nagtatanong sa’kin, ‘Bakit ka mag-re-reserve force, bakit ka mag-a-Army?’” Guidicelli said. “Sabi ko, ‘Bakit hindi? Pinoy ako diba?’” (A lot of people have been asking me, “Why are you joining the reserve force? Why join the Army?” And I told them, “Why not? I’m Filipino, aren’t I?”)



Guidicelli added he has been in show business for around



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Kapuso star Maine Mendoza poses with Pinoy Big Brother Otso entrant Jamie Salenga.



Maria Panaligan (CENTRE) poses with her uncle Jesse Cabungcal at the Ohio Asian Festival. The girl on the left is a fan.



The Filipino Centre Toronto Basketball Tournament was held at the Centre. The tournament showed teams from different regions from different leagues competing over the weekend. However, the Vice President of the community leader and philanthropist Santiago. There is practice you do not hold an event and will attend your event. For 13 VICTORIA BASKETBALL page

when he was growing up and studying in the US. “Maraming tao sa America nagsasabi, ‘Uy Pilipinas, ano may elevator ba dun? May bubong ba dun?’ Sabi ko, ‘Excuse me, we are one of the best countries in the whole entire world.’ And whenever I see this flag, it makes me very very proud to be Filipino, to be Cebuano.” (Many people in America would say

things like, ‘Oh, Philippines, do you have elevators there? Do you have roofs?’ And I tell them, “Excuse me, we are one of the best countries in the whole entire world.”)

‘Kadenang Ginto’s’ Andrea

and Francine on friendship, anxiety, random thoughts

Contrary to their role as enemies in the noontime drama series “Kadenang Ginto,” teen actresses Andrea Brillantes and

Francine Diaz opened up about being close friends outside their characters. Brillantes, 16, and Diaz, 15, bared Friday their conversations ranging from random things to opening up on their feelings including feeling anxious. “Napakarandom po ng mga topics namin, min-

12 years now. He has been involved in many advocacies and charities, but thought of focusing on other things that really show who he is as a Filipino.

"Sinabi ko sa sarili ko bakit hindi ako mag-focus sa ibang bagay na ako talaga? Ibig sabihin sa pagiging Pilipino ko," he said. "So sabi ko the best way is to join the Army." (I told

myself, why don't I focus on other things that are really me? Meaning, who I am as a Filipino. So I said, the best way is to join the Army.)

At first, his girlfriend singer and actress Sarah Geronimo and his parents did not understand why he wanted to join.

"Bakit ka sasali ng Army? Mag-gi-giyera ka ba?" he

recalled them as saying. "Ngayon they understood na kapag nasa reserve ka or nasa Army ka, hindi naman ibig sabihin mag-gi-giyera ka, marami kang mga pwedeng gawin." ("Why are you joining the Army? Are you going to war?" Now, they have understood that when you're in the reserve or the Army, it does not necessarily mean you are going to war, there are many

other things you can do.)

Some of these things include responding to natural calamities and disasters and distributing relief items, among others, he said. "Kung baga (in a way), these are things we can give back to our country that we love so dearly."

Guidicelli also remembered just being proud to be a Filipino



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TOP, Madison Torreno dances the Hawaiian with the Hawaiian Pacific Magic group at the Carassauga festival. ABOVE, she poses with siblings Logan and Alyssa.



san tungkol sa end of the world, kung paano nabuo 'yung mundo. Tapos minsan, napupunta kami sa anxiety tapos mapupunta kami sa pressure," Brillantes shared in a press briefing.

"Kasi syempre, bata pa lang kami tapos naeexpose na kami sa madaming tao. So minsan, magkaka-anxiety kami na, 'Okay ba 'tong ginagawa namin?'" Brillantes said.

"Yun yung lagi naming pinag-uusapan e. 'Yung, paano 'pag 'di namin nabigay 'yung lahat namin



sa eksena na 'to? Kung 'di nagustuhan ni direkt,' 'yun 'yung lagi naming pinag-uusapan," she added.

Diaz, on the other hand, said: "Kailangan po

kasi, kung hindi ka okay sa ibang tao, doon mo mapapaisip na dapat pala 'yung gagawin ko, okay sa kanila kasi kapag hindi, parang mababash ka po nila or something. Dun po kami nagkakaroon ng anxiety."

Brillantes and Diaz play the roles of Marga and Cassie, respectively, in "Kadenang Ginto."

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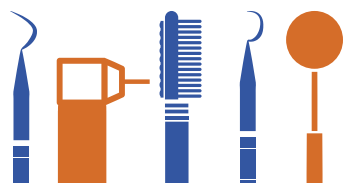


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After giving birth to her firstborn, Isabelle gained weight but worked hard to get back to her old physique. She admitted that it was not an easy journey but she opted to share her story to help others "who want to do it but don't know where to start."

Sayang naman.

James Reid & Daniel Padilla

Are You Ready for their Movie?

You read that right. Two of today's biggest actors will be starring in a project together. Their fans are probably the most passionate and dedicated fans any actor could ask for. They're so passionate that these two fandoms would sometimes get into minor scuffles on social media, debating on who's the better of the two.

But in this case, the fandoms might have to set aside their differences. Because for the first time ever, their idols – James Reid and Daniel



Padilla – will be starring in a project together. “Napakaganda ng project na to, bagay na bagay sa amin ni James. Sino ba mag-aakala na gagawa kami ng project together [This is one amazing project, it was really made for us. Who would have thought James and I would

be working on a project together?],” said Daniel Padilla in an exclusive interview. Daniel couldn't have said it better. These two actors – undeniably some of today's biggest stars – have been frequently pitted against each other.

“We're making history so it's really something to watch out for. Double the action, double the stars, and double the thrill,” said James.

Whether the project is a teleserye or a movie hasn't been revealed just yet. We're about to find out in a few days.

For now, stay tuned to Pepsi and Mountain Dew's Facebook page for more updates on this most awaited collaboration.



Roxanne Barcelo on dealing with quarter life crisis:

‘Last year was kind of rough for me’

Roxanne Barcelo talks about how she is moving on since her last relationship.

Currently busy working on different projects this year, Roxanne Barcelo admitted that 2018 was a big challenge for her emotionally. “Last year was kind of rough for me because I was going through a really bad breakup. It's my second year na I'm single but I rediscovered myself, I'm finding so much love for myself and I want to encourage the people around me through what I do and just bring smiles everywhere. Let's just enjoy and live a good life. I've always believed in the mantra of my life which is ‘Celebrate your season,’ and this is my season to enjoy life, to be with my friends and family, and be as present in the now as possible,” she shared during the launch of the Heineken Star Collection.

Roxanne said she does not want to think of herself as going through a quarter life crisis. “For me, it's more of a quarter life exploration. It's time to explore again and to discover what is out there for me. I'm single so if you'll see me out, I just like to go out a lot. I like to meet new people. Wala akong boyfriend so I have so much time for my friends. Lahat ng birthday ng barkada ko pinupuntahan ko this year so ang aabangan nila, I will attend each and every celebration there is, lahat. I'm like the best friend to have this 2019. I'm so present (laughs),” she said.

This year, Roxanne said she wants to get more creative, including making new music and doing more stage work. “I can't say I'm taking a break but I am breaking out of the usual routine and I'm experiencing other things. I feel like there's a whole world of entertainment out there. You can entertain Filipinos in different mediums and I found so much joy in doing theater. I would love to just bounce from one medium to the next,” she explained.

For summer, Roxanne chooses to be in complete work mode. “Anything can happen. Medyo nasa point ako na I don't want to book anything until I know exactly what my schedule is bilang it is campaign season so it's a really good time to work. I always believe that you got to earn more than you play. So I'll play when I've earned enough. I got to work hard this season,” she added.

Pops Fernandez, Martin Nievera together for a concert tour

Inanunsyo ito ng Concert Queen na si Pops Fernandez sa kanyang Instagram account umaga ng Miyerkules kalakip ng isang trailer na nagdedetalye ng kanilang concert dates.

Muling magsasama ang Concert King and Queen na si Martin Nievera at Pops Fernandez para sa isang concert tour sa US at Canada simula itong darating na Agosto hanggang Setyembre.

Pinamagatang ‘Two-gether Again 2019’, nakatakdang bisitahin nina Pops at Martin ang Atlantic City, Jacksonville, Virginia Beach, at limang lugar sa California: Los Angeles, Santa Ynez, Sacramento, Cabazon, at San Diego. Para naman sa kanilang Canada leg, tutugtog sila sa Las Vegas, Chicago, Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto at Seattle

Bela Padilla chooses between writing and acting + other stories

Bela Padilla, aside from being a great actress has also waded her way through the world of writing. She has taken script-writing classes from the award-winning writer, Ricky Lee and so far, Bela has given us films like Luck at First Sight, Last Night, 10,000 Hours, and most recently, Apple of My Eye.

Aside from that, Bela's latest teleserye with ABS-CBN, Mea Culpá: Sino Ang May Sala? has started airing.

Does she prioritize writing over acting now?

“It's like another job, parang ganun. I prioritize both writing and acting. Hindi siya parang I love one more than the other. I like doing both equally. Basta walang work, nag-ta-try akong mag gawa ng ideas,” she said.

FAMAS Chair Ricky Lee: “Deserve ni Nadine ang kanyang panalo. Twice kami...”

Having won two consecutive acting awards, Millennial Multi-hyphenate Nadine Lustre proves to be one of the best actresses of her generation.

Her portrayal of Joanne Candelaria in the 2018 movie, “Never Not Love You,” left a mark and received a lot of positive praise from the movie critics.

Achieving success for Nadine did not happen in just one snap. Entering the entertainment industry at the age of seven, she only got her big break more than ten years later.

She is one of today's most in-demand and most talented artists. Nadine is a performer, host, model, chief creative designer, brand ambassador, entrepreneur, and an award-winning actress.

After being named as “Best Performance of the Year” by the Young Critics Circle, the Multimedia Princess won the 67th FAMAS Best Actress Award for the movie, “Never Not Love You.”

“Deserve ni Nadine ang kanyang panalo. Twice kami nag-deliberate. Magaling sya kaya siya ang Best Actress,” said FAMAS jury head and award-winning writer Ricky Lee in an interview.

Among the nominees for the Best Actress category are Judy Ann Santos, Gabby Padilla, Perla Bautista, Angelica Panganiban, Glaiza de Castro, Iyah Mina, Sarah Geronimo, Marietta Subong, and Anne Curtis.

After having two consecutive drama movies, Nadine has been vocal that she really wants to star in an action film, but before that, she has a dance musical movie coming up called “Indak” with Sam

Concepcion.

Gloria Diaz set to appear in Season 2 of hit American series ‘Insatiable’



Gloria Diaz announced her appearance on the show by sharing a behind-the-scenes photo of herself with American actor Dallas Roberts who takes on the role of attorney and beauty pageant coach Bob Armstrong on Insatiable.

Miss Universe 1969 Gloria Diaz will appear in Season 2 of ‘Insatiable’, a series about a bullied teenager turned beauty queen.

Isabelle Daza proudly took to her Instagram stories to share that her mom Gloria Diaz is set to appear in the hit Netflix series Insatiable.

Daza likewise took her followers on a virtual tour around the set of Insatiable in Atlanta, Georgia where filming has officially begun.

“Working with Dallas Roberts on the set of Insatiable of Netflix. I am excited/nervous/feels like I am a beginner/can't remember my lines/and just totally overwhelmed,” she wrote in the caption.

Roberts is best known for playing Milton Mamet in the third season of The Walking Dead.

Insatiable follows the story of Patty Bladell (Debby Ryan), an overweight girl who, after suddenly becoming thin following an accident which forced her to go on a water diet for three months, sought vengeance on anyone who bullied her.

Insatiable Season 2 is expected to be released this year, Netflix has not yet announced its exact release date.

Catriona Gray, interviewed by Tyra Banks for a fashion magazine

Catriona Gray has once again gained a very memorable moment in her reign as Miss Universe after she was interviewed by supermodel Tyra Banks for V Magazine. “Definitely a pinch-me moment! Interviewed for @vmagazine #V119 by @tyrabanks for their May 2019 #MusicIssue,” she wrote on Instagram.

She also shared the very empowering lesson she learned from Tyra during their

interview. “Speaking with @tyrabanks, (once I overcame my major fangirling) she resonated as such a humble and empowering woman to me. She shared with me her term #Flawsome - seeing



perceived flaws as beauty, uniqueness and strength,” she said.

Meanwhile, Tyra admitted that she was impressed over Catriona's famous “Lava Walk” during the pageant. “I just kept watching and rewatching, like, What's her secret? I was totally fangirling,” she told Catriona in the V Magazine interview.

Edward Barber, handa ba gumanap bilang bagong Pinoy superhero?

Napanuod na ang unang episode ng Hiwaga ng Kambat nitong Linggo at walang duda na ito ang pinakabagong paborito ng kabataan tuwing weekend.

Ito ang masasabing big break ni Edward Barber at Grae Fernandez na gumanap na may kakaibang powers na kanilang natutuklasan.

“If I'm going to play a Pinoy superhero I'm not going to accept it until my Tagalog is perfect. Siyempre I came from another country and comic books and cartoons just like that. I want to give it respect in portraying the role,” sabi niya.

At dahil lead role sila ng kapwa aktor na si Grae Fernandez, kuwento ni Edward nagkaroon muna sila ng bonding bago gawin ang proyekto at aminadong marami ng na diskubre nila sa isa't isa.

“I think me and Grae are similar than I thought or might have thought. We have that drive to achieve our dreams. It's there for our taking naman eh.”

Kasama ni Edward si Maymay Entrata pero iba ang project na ito kumpara sa mga kilig projects nila ni Maymay.

“Love takes a backseat in that aspect, pero nandoon pa rin po ang romance. As you guys have seen in the trailer, maraming action, maraming fight scenes. May harness, may fight scenes talaga,” pahayag pa ng aktor.

Mapapanuod tuwing Linggo ang Hiwaga ng Kambat sa ABS-CBN.

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Nadine, Inamin ang attitude problem: 'Hindi ko gusto ito'



HUMARAP si Nadine Lustre last Friday afternoon sa ilang entertainment press para ipaabot ang kanyang personal na pasasalamat sa kanyang pagkakahirang na best actress sa 67th FAMAS Awards dahil sa mahusay na pagkakagana sa pelikulang “Never Not Love You” mula sa panulat at direksiyon ni Antoinette Jadaone under Viva Films.

Ito bale ang second acting award na nakuha ni Nadine for the same movie. In March this year, she was given Best Performance Award by the Young Critics Circle Film Desk (YCCC-FD). “Hindi po talaga ako nagi-expect na mananalo ako dahil pawang mabibigat at magagaling ang mga co-nominees ko (Judy Ann Santos, Sarah Geronimo, Anne Curtis, Glaiza de Castro),” pahayag ni Nadine. “To be nominated alone ay isa na pong malaking karangalan para sa akin. “Sobra po talaga akong nagulat nang tawagin ang name ko. I was stunned and overwhelmed at nanginginig po ako when I accepted the award. Hindi po ako sanay na magsalita sa harap ng maraming tao,” pag-amin pa niya. Nadine is often misinterpreted ng ibang tao na may attitude problem pero inamin niya na madalas talaga siyang magkaroon ng panic attack at social anxiety na nagsimula since she was young kaya nagkakaroon siya ng

mood swing na hindi naman niya gustong mangyari. Hindi rin niya ikinakaila na dumaan din umano siya sa depression at pagkakaroon ng insecurity bagay na unti-unti niyang nao-overcome dahil na rin sa mga taong patuloy na umuunawa, sumusuporta at nagmamahal sa kanya including her boyfriend na si James. “He is the most patient, understanding, supportive and loving person I’ve ever known,” description niya sa kasintahan. Ayon kay Nadine, dati-rati ay sinasarili umano niya ang kanyang nararamdaman at ayaw niya itong i-share sa ibang tao including her family. Kaya naging mahirap ito para sa kanya dahil ang pakiramdam niya ay sasabog siya. Nag-seek din umano siya ng professional help before pero ayaw niyang maging dependent dito kaya binuksan na niya ang kanyang nararamdaman sa kanyang mga mahal sa buhay including James. Seven years old pa lamang noon si Nadine when she started hosting a children’s oriented program on RPN, ang “Storyland” at kasunod na rito ang paggawa niya ng iba’t ibang TV commercials. She was 15 when she joined Viva’s all-girl group na Pop Girls kung saan din kabilang ang singer-actress na si Shy Carlos. Nadine is currently doing the dance movie “Indak” opposite Sam Concepcion and she has a guest role in James Reid’s solo flick, “Pedro Penduko” where she’s going to portray the role of Maria Makiling. Given the chance, gusto umano niyang makatrabaho sa isang action movie si Robin Padilla and another movie with JM de Guzman. “Sobra akong na-in love sa movie nila ni Angelica (Panganiban), ang “That Thing Called Tadhana,” ani Nadine. Ito’y mula rin sa panulat at direksiyon ni Antoinette Jadaone na siya ring nag-direct ng “Never Not Love You.”

Kyline nervous but confident

KYLINE Alcantara feels sad that her first big teleserye, “Inagaw na Bituin”, is ending soon on May 17, to be replaced by “Dahil sa Pag-ibig” starring Sanya Lopez and Winwyn Marquez. “I will miss my character, Elsa-Anna, and all the people I’ve worked with in the show,” she says. “We started in February and we had a good run of more than one season. I enjoyed my role that required me to act and also sing. Very challenging, especially the confrontation scenes, but also very fulfilling. As the show concludes, don’t miss watching the final episodes kasi marami pang exciting na mga pasabog ang magaganap.” Kyline wants to thank the senior stars she got to work with in the show, notably Sunshine Dizon as her biological mom, Angelu de Leon as her foster mom who raised after she was



kidnapped, and Angelika de la Cruz as the main antagonist who made her life miserable. “I learned a lot from them so I want to thank them for all their help during the run of ‘Inagaw na Bituin.’” Now that her show will be over soon, Kyline will concentrate on her launching movie, “Black Lipstick”, where she co-stars with Snooky Serna, Kate Valdez, Manolo Pedroza, James Teng and Migo Adecer, directed by Julius Alfonso. She is also part of the Kapuso group who’ll perform at the “Studio 7 Musikalye” show at the Kings Theatre in Brooklyn New York this weekend in time for Mother’s Day, along with Alden Richards, Christian Bautista, Julie Anne San Jose, Rayver Cruz, Golden Canedo and Betong Sumaya. This is her first time to perform in New York so Kyline is understandably nervous but she’s confident she’ll do fine so as not to disappoint our kababayans abroad.

Kit Thompson quashes rumored past romance with Pia Wurtzbach

Nilinaw ng dating Pinoy Big Brother housemate na si Kit Thompson na hindi kailanman sila naging magkarelasyon ni Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach. Nagkataon lang daw na naging malapit na magkaibigan sila noong panahong kakapanalo lang ni Pia bilang Miss Universe Philippines noong March 2015. Naungkat ang tungkol sa isyu nang makapanayam si Kit sa ABS-CBN late-night talk show na Tonight With Boy Abunda, noong May 8. “Nagka-hang out lang kami one time. Suddenly we got hanging out even more,” saad ni Kit. Sabay raw silang nangarap makarating sa New York. “Kasi dati wala pa kami sa New York, si Pia nagre-ready pa lang lumaban for Miss Universe Philippines. “Kasi kung manalo siya, pupunta na siya sa New York. Ako rin, gusto kong mag-aral sa New York,” balik-tanaw ni Kit. Dagdag niya, “One day, we were all in New York. We were, like, ‘Wow, we’re lucky!’ That’s why we came up with the ‘lucky ones.’” Ang tinutukoy ni Kit ay ang tawagan nila ni Pia na “the



lucky ones” nang pareho nilang natupad ang kanilang minimithi na manirahan sa New York. December 2015 nang koronahan si Pia bilang Miss Universe. Isang taon siyang nakabase sa New York dahil doon ang headquarters ng Miss Universe organization. Ito raw ang dahilan kung bakit may mga pagkakataong namataan silang magkasama ni Pia noon sa New York. Noong February 2016, kinunan pa ni Pia ng video ang pagbisita niya sa New York Film Academy kung saan nag-aral noon si Kit. Sabi ni Pia sa kanilang selfie video ng binata: “Hi guys, I’m incognito touring New York Film Academy with my good friend from the Philippines Kit Thompson. “Gwapo ni Kit, o! Mamansin ka naman.” Sa ngayon, si Kit ay nagbabalik-showbiz at bahagi ng ABS-CBN prime-time teleserye na Sino Ang May Sala? na pinagbibidahan nina Jodi Sta. Maria at Bela Padilla. Si Pia naman ay naghahanda para sa upcoming movie na pagbibidahan nila ni Vhong Navarro.



Rayver Cruz (right) with brother Rodjun

Rayver: No rivalry with Kuya Rodjun

After starring in a teleserye, GMA 7 talent Rayver Cruz is joining other network talents for a show in the United States later this week—a change of pace that the actor-dancer welcomes. “Every week, we bring a show to different places in the country via [our variety program] ‘Studio 7 Musikalye,’” Rayver tells the Inquirer. “Tomorrow, we’ll bring entertainment to Brooklyn, New York. I’m very happy that I get to perform with talented artists who have become my friends because of ‘Studio 7.’” Those New York-bound performers include Alden Richards, Julie Anne San Jose and Christian Bautista. The things he is most looking forward to in the Brooklyn show, Rayver says, are the various music numbers and positive reception from kababayan audience members. “I’m very excited that our Kapuso fans abroad will be able to see the performances we prepared and perfected for them. This is my first international show as a Kapuso so I’m thankful to GMA and ‘Studio 7’ for helping bring joy to Filipinos.” Having previously done the gender-themed drama series “Asawa Ko, Karibal Ko,” Rayver relates that it’s a good project to restart his bond with the network, several years after he left to spread his artistic wings.

First show

“I’m very proud because it was my first show with GMA [again] and it was a really well-received one. Tumatak ito sa viewers. I learned many things [about acting] and created good memories while doing the show with Kris (Bernal), Thea (Tolentino) and other cast members. I miss the show, especially when I hear the theme song.” Transitioning into the network was made easier by the fact that his kuya, Rodjun, was there to welcome him. They never had any rivalry before, and won’t start now, Rayver declares. “Our bond became even more solid now that we’re together in one network,” he says. “I’m happy and confident that he’d be there for me, whatever happens. Never kaming nag-away. Sobrang close talaga naming magkapatid,” he discloses. Aside from Rodjun, Rayver adds that actors Janine Gutierrez, whom he’s dating; EA Guzman, his tropa; and Miguel Tanfelix, an old gym buddy, made acclimating quite quick. “It’s easy to get along because people here are all nice and respectful,” the actor says. On making his mark, Rayver hopes to be known for his own talents, but acknowledges his biggest influences: “When it comes to acting, Kuya Dingdong Dantes is one of my idols. I hope I get the chance to work with him here. In terms of performing, [I’ve been idolizing] Gary Valenciano since I was still a kid. When I perform, I always think, dapat Gary V ‘yung ‘peg’ ko.”

Vera has a bright future

EMMANUELLE Vera shines as the leading lady in “Tayo sa Huling Buwan ng Taon”, the sequel to the indie hit “Kuwento Nating Dalawa”. A lot of people think she’s a total newcomer but it turns out she’s been around for sometime now. She started when she was 15 years old as a Star Magic talent in 2010 in their youth-oriented show, “Shout Out”, which didn’t last long on the air. She also played a mean girl to Sarah Geronimo in “Idol”. She has since appeared in many ABS-CBN shows like various episodes of “Maalaala Mo Kaya”, and many soaps like “100 Days to Heaven”, “Luna Sangre”, “Wildflower”, “Ang Probinsyano”, “Bagani”. On GMA-7, she has appeared in “Magpakailanman”, “The Stepdaughters” and “Inday Will Always Love You”. Emmanuelle is also a singer and a songwriter. She has released her own album with Universal Records with six original songs. She joined “The Voice Philippines” and got to the Battle round before being eliminated. Emmanuelle now uses only Vera as her screen name and that’s how she is billed in “Tayo sa Huling Buwan ng Taon”. She gives a very touching performance in the movie as a young writer who is torn between her love for two men, Nicco Manalo and Alex Vincent Medina. We believe that given the right push, she has a bright future ahead of her in local showbusiness.



Runway Canada Casting Call



Runway Canada officers held a Casting Call for their upcoming fashion shows and a lot of models came. Officers address the models that came. The models posed for photos after the audition. More models came after this batch.



Boobay & Ate Gay to entertain T.O. fans on October 12

Boobay still fighting strong against 'GGV' in the ratings war

Gandang Gabi Vice, kinabog ng TBATS sa Kantar ratings



JERRY OLEA: Ayon sa National TV



Ratings (Urban + Rural) Kantar noong Abril Sunday, 24.4% ang offering ng Wansapanataym na "Hiwaga ng Kam-bat," kontra sa 12.1% ng Daig Kayo Lola Ko Year 2. Ka-pagkuwan naka-30.6% pilot episode Search for Idol Philippines, kontra 13.2% ng Studio Inilampaso! PERO... sa MGA sumunod na abas ay wagi na ang puso Network!!! Naka-15% Rated K at ang naka-8.9% ang PBB Otso, kontra sa 27.4% ng Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho. Naka-8.2% ang Gandang Gabi Vice, kontra sa 9.2% ng The Boobay And Tekla Show.

Opo! Maging sa Kantar Media ay kabog ang GGV sa TBATS? Kina-cannibalize ba ng Idol Philippines ang GGV sa ratings?! Naka-2.7% ang TNT All-Star Showdown sa Sunday's Best, kontra sa 4.2% ng religious movie na Risen sa Sunday Night Box Office.

Tingnan natin sa susunod na Sunday ratings kung along bobongga ang Idol Philippines at the expense of GGV!

GORGY RULA: Ngayon lang nangyari ito sa Sunday ratings ng Kantar Media, di ba?

Dati, Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho lang ang so program umaariba Kantar kapag Linggo.

Pero dahil mataas ang ratings ng Idol Philippines, kung saan



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bidang-bida si Vice Ganda bilang hurado, bumagsak maging sa Kantar ang kanyang GGV.

Nakakaaliw si Vice sa Idol Philippines at bentang-benta ang mga patawa niya, lalo na't nandiyan si Regine Velasquez na tagatawa sa jokes niya.

Komento ng ibang nakapanood ng Idol Philippines, si Regine lang talaga ang may karapatang mag-judge sa programa.

Pero nakakatuwa na nandoon si Vice Ganda.

Si Moira ay malakas ang hatak sa social media kaya iyon siguro ang dahilan kaya kinuha siyang mag-judge.

Waley ang mga komento ni James Reid, pero ang guwapo kasi niya kaya siya ang representative ng millennials at eye candy na rin sa show.

NOEL FERRER: Naniniwala

wala walang overexposure TV, pero mukhang Vice ang Vice ang Philippines halos ka-back-back GGV. I hope,

to Idol na to- ng

walang mag-suf-

In the end, ang stand ko... lampas sa ratings war, ang audience ang panalo rito.

Sana pagandahin pa ng mga tagapangasiwa produksiyon kalidad kanilang grama, para di lang sila panood nang walang wawa, ipinagmamalaki pa.

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Jonas Gaffud on possibility of Pia Wurtzbach bagging Darna role:

"Kung ibibigay, why not?"

Si Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach ang itinuturing bilang isa sa mga paborito ng netizens



Respected queenmaker Jonas Gaffud (left) on possibility of Pia Wurtzbach (right) bagging Darna role: "Kung ibibigay, why not? Ibig sabihin sa kanya yung bato."

para sa Darna movie role mula noong nag-announce ng open audition para dito noong tuluyan nang bitiwang ni Liza Soberano ang coveted role nitong nakaraang Abril dahil sa kanyang finger injury.

Ano ang masasabi ng kanyang manager na si Jonas Gaffud tungkol dito?

Pabirong hirit ni Jonas, "Nasaan ang bato?"



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May offer na ba? "Hmmm... hindi ko alam. "Hindi ko alam talaga ang sagot ko no?" at tumawa si Jonas.

"Wala kaming ano, we're not closing our doors, pero..."

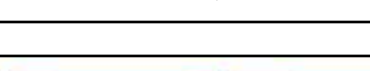
Hindi rin daw nag-audition si Pia para sa Darna.

"Kung ibibigay, why not? Ibig sabihin sa kanya yung bato."

"Kaso nabigay kay Senator, nasa Senate na siya," pagbibirong pagtukoy ni Jonas kay General Ronald "Bato" dela Rosa na isa sa mga may mataas na boto sa pagka-senador sa recent mid-term elections.

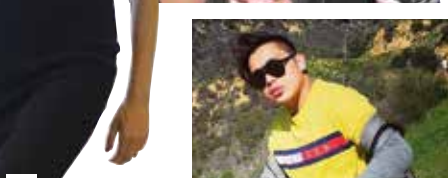
May tsika rin na ang Valentina role (na kalaban ni Darna) ang ibibigay kay Pia.

"Depende sa story pa rin."



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"De-sa story pende and every-



thing, because we also have our image to protect, and we also have endorsements and all," paninigurado niya.



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Filipino accent ranks 1st sexi-
est in Asia, 21st in world

The Filipino accent has been ranked first as the sexiest in Asia and 21st in the world, according to a travel site survey. Big 7 Travel disclosed Sunday the results of the poll conducted to their readers from all across the globe. “Gentle and soft, the accents you’ll hear when in the Philippines are simply lovely,” Big 7 Travel described. Vietnamese and Indian accents followed 25th and 26th in the world (second and third in Asia), respectively. New Zealand’s Kiwi accent topped the survey as the sexiest accent in the world. “To a novice ear, the New Zealand accent might sound just like the Australian accent, but Big 7 Travel readers disagree. The ‘Newzild’ dialect is outrageously charming,” Big 7 Travel wrote. Other accents that made it into the Top 10 are the following: South African, Irish, Italian, Australian, Scottish, French, Spanish, South USA, and Brazilian Portuguese. According to its website, Big 7 Travel is a travel site that “creates original content across three brands – travel, food and hotels – for a mobile-first, millennial audience.”

Weight loss diet: This one drink can
burn fat fast - how does it work?

MOST people know to lose weight they must eat less and move more. As well as this, some slimmers may cut back on how much alcohol they drink, but one tippie could be the surprising way to boost the metabolism and help burn fat quickly. To try and shape up, most people will cut out all unhealthy foods from their diet. Eating less junk food or following a diet plan can be a good way to lose weight, but there are some things which can help speed up the process. Although slimmers might think they have to cut out alcohol when trying to lose weight, one study showed drinking gin could actually help burn fat fast. Just by having the spirit, dieters could burn up to 17 percent more calories and start to burn body fat quickly. How does this work? Drinking gin can speed up dieters metabolisms and help burn calories more efficiently, according to a study at the University of Sigulda in Latvia. Having a fast metabolism means the body burns calories more quickly and those with a high metabolism are also less likely to store fat. The study used a group of mice to test the results and they were given either gin or water. Those who were given gin showed an increase in their metabolic rate by an incredible 17 percent. The mice who consumed water saw no changes in their metabolism. Drinking gin boosted the metabolism due to an ‘after-burn effect’, as the liver tried to break down the spirit. The author of the study, Thisa Lye, concluded ‘the spirit may have a slimming effect on the body’, although further tests would be needed. Gin in a favourite of many, although it was not clarified how much of the drink is needed to feel the benefits. According to NHS guidelines, men and women are advised not to drink more than 14 units of alcohol a week. Another drink that can help burn fat and promote weight loss is apple cider vinegar. By drinking two tablespoons of this a day, dieters in one study saw an increased average weight loss of 3.7 pounds over those who did not have any. The bitter drink can be taken on it’s own or mixed in with water and honey to mask the taste. Some people will lose up to 10lb in the first week following this, and can expect a steady weight loss to continue the following weeks.

They don’t want you to do other
shows, even in the same network

Shamaine Centenera-Buencamino on intensifying network war:

Aside from playing Aling Virgie in the top-rating action-drama series, FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano, Shamaine Centenera-Buencamino continues to pursue her first love: theater.



The esteemed actress reprises the lead role of Maestra Adela in the rerun of the hit musical play, The Kundiman Party, starting on May 24 at the PETA Theater. She said, at the recent press launch of The Kundiman Party that to do both projects, she first talked to the management behind ABS-CBN’s long-running primetime show and then adjusted her schedule. “Sinabi ko sa kanila na ito yung mga dates na kailangan kong umalis ng alas-kuwatro ng hapon,” she explained. “Pero shows na yun.” She has to leave the set of the Kapamilya teleseryetapings every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday—earlier than usual to make it to the shows of The Kundiman Party. The musical’s producers, on the other hand, didn’t set the rehearsals for those days. “Fortunately for me also, hindi naman babad ang storyline namin ngayon,” she said. But working on another TV show is another matter. “Nag-iba na kasi ang policies,” she explained. “Ngayon,

“So sabi ko sa manager ko, ‘Maghanap ka na ng ibang trabaho kahit saan.’ Kasi ang importante sa akin, makakuha agad ng trabaho. “Hindi naman ako nag-i-insist na dapat ABS lang o GMA lang. Kung saan merong trabaho. Ang nakuha niya, GMA. So, um-oo ako.” That GMA-7 show was Hindi Ko Kayang Iwan Ka. “Pumatok yun, di ba?” she said. “Kaso no’ng ginagawa na namin, bigla akong pinatawag ng ABS. Balik ang role namin.

“So I told ABS, meron akong ginagawa. Okay lang daw sa kanila. Sa GMA, sinabi ko sa director.”

“Para sa akin, ang production value ng ABS, mas mataas kesa sa GMA. On the other hand, GMA has always given me better roles. GMA naman values me more as a talent.

sa Probinsyano, meron na kaming monthly contract. Ibig sabihin no’n, hindi talaga ako makakagawa sa iba. “Dati, hindi ako under contract. Dati, ang mga under contract lang yung mga malalaking pangalan. “So, kami, kung nasaan ang trabaho, do’n ka.” She recalled the times when the rules were less strict. “Alam mo, sa totoo lang naman, noong una, as long as hindi magkatapat ang show na ginagawa mo sa ABS-CBN at sa GMA, wala namang problema dati,” she said. “Basta, huwag lang magkatapat ng oras. Huwag lang same timeslot.” That’s not the case now. “Kahit hindi katapat yung oras,” she pointed out. “Kung minsan nga, in the same network, they don’t want you to do other shows. Even in the same network!” Back in early 2018, when FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano had been on air for more than two years, Shamaine took on another TV project. “Wala na ako sa kuwento, ilang buwan na,” she recalled.

She remembered the soap’s director telling her: “Wala pa namang conflict as of now. So hayaan na lang natin.” For this reason, she stayed on. “Kasi hindi rin naman niya alam pa kung paano tatakbo ang kuwento,” she said. “No’ng medyo nag-gain siya ng audience—kasi dapat matatapos na siya agad—they decided na patayin na lang ang character ko.” Then Shamaine focused on playing Aling Virgie on FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano. When asked to comment on the strengths of ABS-CBN and GMA-7, she thought hard. “Ang hirap magsalita,” she admitted. “Para sa akin, ang production val-

ue ng ABS, mas mataas kesa sa GMA, which means they go to more lengths to make their production as excellent as they can. It’s higher caliber sa ABS-CBN.” “But, on the other hand,” she added, “ang GMA naman, for me lang, ha. I’m not saying this is true for all. “GMA has always given me better roles. GMA naman values me more as a talent. They give me better roles, better shows. They see the good things in what I do. Yun naman I’m so thankful to them.” Shamaine is likewise grateful to be part of the wildly popular FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano, but she doesn’t know if that will help bring in the audience to her other projects, such as the theater piece, The Kundiman Party. “We were just talking about that, kami ni Nonie,” she said, referring to her husband and fellow actor, Nonie Buencamino, who’s also part of The Kundiman Party and Sunshine Family. “Kasi a lot of people, especially in show business, get cast for being popular, not really for the value or quality of the work. Parang mas importante na popular ka. “So iniisip ko yun na parang parte ng Probinsyano na No. 1 TV show, hindi ko alam kung si Aling Edna ay manonood ng play ko dahil napapanood niya ako sa Probinsyano. “Hindi ko alam kung maku-curious ba siya kung paano ba siya umarte sa stage. Iba naman ang pinag-uusapan nating popularity ni Coco Martin. Siguro ka na pag gumawa ‘yan ng play, dudumugin ‘yan. “Sa popularity ko bilang Shamaine Buencamino, yung iba, nakikilala nila ‘ko, ‘Ay, si Aling Virgie, anak niya si Alyanna.’ “Hindi naman nila alam ang tootong pangalan ko. Pero hindi ko alam, sa totoo lang.” One thing’s for sure: Shamaine is brilliant in every role she plays whether on stage and TV, and in film.

SINKING
continued from page 1

ketball court and a chapel before the water flowed in. These days just the flooded chapel, a cluster of shacks on bamboo stilts where San Jose lives with her family, and a few homes on a bump of land remain. The children that live there commute 20 minutes by boat to a school inland and most of the residents eke out a living by fishing. The provinces of Pampanga and Bulacan -- where Pariahan is located -- have sunk between four and six centimetres (1.5-2.4 inches) annually since 2003, according to satellite monitoring. “It’s really a disaster that is already happening... It’s a slow-onset disaster,” explained Narod Eco, who is part of a group of scientists tracking the problem. - Threat to lives - By comparison, the UN estimates average sea level rise globally is about three millimetres per year. The creeping bay waters put people

and property at risk, while the threat is amplified by high-tides and flooding brought by the roughly 20 storms that pound the archipelago every year. Some areas have raised roads in an effort to keep up with the sinking, creating odd scenes where the street surface is at the height of door knobs on roadside buildings. At least 5,000 people have been forced out of the mostly rural coastal areas north of Manila in recent decades as the bay water has moved further inland, regional disaster officials told AFP. The sinking is very likely permanent because the ground in the hardest hit areas is mostly clay, which sticks together after the water is pulled out. The fate of towns such as Pariahan provides a preview of the problems that may await some of the capital’s 13 million people. Sections of Manila along the shore of the bay are sinking too, with excess groundwater pumping being the most likely cause, Eco, the researcher, told AFP. The subsidence there though is at a slower rate than the northern coastal communities, potentially due to less pumping or differences in the soil, he



This photo taken on January 11, 2019 shows a chapel amid encroaching bay waters in Sitio Pariahan, Bulacan. Areas north of Manila like the provinces of Pampanga and Bulacan have sunk four-six centimetres (1.5-2.4 inches) a year since 2003, according to satellite monitoring. The creeping bay waters put people and property at risk, while the threat is amplified by high-tides and flooding brought by the roughly 20 storms that pound the archipelago every year.

added. A moratorium on new wells in the greater Manila area has been in place since 2004. But enforcing that ban as well as shuttering existing illegal wells, falls to the National Water Resource Board and its roughly 100 staffers who are responsible for policing the whole country. “We have insufficient manpower resources,” the board’s director Sevillo David told AFP. “It’s a very big challenge for us, but I think we are

doing the best we can.” - Things will get worse - The demand for water has soared as Manila’s population has nearly doubled since 1985, and the size of the nation’s economy has expanded roughly ten-fold over the same period. This explosive growth has created a ravenous demand for water, especially in the agriculture and manufacturing industries to the north of the

capital. “The sinking is a very serious threat to people, their livelihoods and cultures,” said Joseph Estadilla, a spokesman for alliance seeking to protect Manila Bay coastal communities. “This is only going to get worse in the near future,” he insisted. Manila and its surroundings are among several major cities, especially in Asia, under threat as the land collapses beneath them, though the causes for this vary. Cities such as Jakarta -- which is sinking 25 centimetres (0.8 feet) each year -- Bangkok and Shanghai risk being inundated within decades as a mixture of poor planning, more violent storms and higher tides wreak havoc. In Jakarta, a city of 10 million people that sits on a confluence of 13 rivers, half the population lacks access to piped water, so many dig illegal wells to extract groundwater. Yet in Pariahan the residents who remain are doing what they can to stay in a place they call home. San Jose explained: “Every year we raise (the floor) of our house. Now my head almost reaches the ceiling.”

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Precious Hernandez is Second Time Luckier

Just as beauty contestants join again in the hopes of bagging the crown, singers do it too. Precious Hernandez won this year's The Singing Contest after being runner-up last year.

Long and McQuade's The Singing Contest had it's Grand Finale last April 27. It was an great evening filled with good music, good singers and delicious food. The finalists impressed everyone in the audience. Just like last year, John Santos invited me to watch Long and MacQuade's 13th season of The Singing Contest that he runs with his wife Lisa. He said that there's two Filipinos running this year and that last year's Adult division winner April Joyce Bulangcao and Juvenile's Samantha Gavin will have their music video released.

If there is one thing I notice about John is how he remembers people. I was seated at our table with other media representatives when he came to me and greeted me.

"Jose, from LM Confidential," he said.

"Uh, yes," I stammered because I did not



The winners of the event were Adults Julio Falcão in 2nd place and Precious Hernandez in 1st; Juveniles Kiana Medeiros in 1st place and Janiah Brown in 2nd.

expect him to remember me. But he did.

John has a way of making you feel like he knows you for a long time.

It was a lovely night. And one of our own Filipino contestant, Precious Hernandez, took the crown this time after finishing as runner-up last year.

Congratulations to Precious Hernandez. Congratulations to the winners!

Bicol Canada Community Association had their Hawaiian celebration last May 18. Based on the photos, it looked like a very festive celebration. Too bad I missed it because I had a

family dinner.

Phoebe Yap Chan of Star Circle Entertainment had her photos exhibited at the Mod Club and I was lucky enough to see it. I did not know that she was taking photography seriously. Congratulations Phoebe.

By this time, all events in the Filipino community will be going full-blast. This month of June has been named Filipino Heritage month by the federal government. Don't worry, the events will not die down after June. June may have been designated our heritage month, but we will be cele-



Mama Zeny Guzman celebrated her birthday with her son, Dr. Solon Guzman and of course, with all the family and friends.

brating Philippine Independence "Day" the whole summer. In fact, we will be celebrating it until the sun is shining and the weather is still "un-cold."

I would call Dr. Solon Guzman, the "good son." He never forgets to celebrate his mom's birthday with a get together. All her family and her friends are there to celebrate that special they with

her. I've said it before and I will say it again. It helps that Dr. Solon loves company. He enjoys being with family and friends. That is why he is also a community leader. Just recently, he was the host of the Philippine pavilion at the Carrassauga festival.

Happy Birthday to Mama Zeny. And more power to Dr. Solon Guzman.

Edward not rushing into romance with Maymay + other stories

"The Maymay you saw on 'PBB' has grown. She's a woman now. She's changed. She's a different person. She's stronger now pero lahat ng ideals niya, values niya, nandiyan pa rin."

Kapamilya actor Edward Barber believes love can wait for him and love team partner Maymay Entrata.

"If there is one thing I learned from Kuya, sa Bahay ni Kuya, it is to take things slow," he said in an interview. "So, discover lang (Kami about each other) as we go along. The best things in the world, the best things that you should love, are the things you gain slowly."

While many pressure him into romancing Maymay Entrata, his leading lady on ABS-CBN's Sunday show "Hiwaga ng Kambat," Edward is not giving in.

"I don't wanna think too much kasi ang daming (nagsasabi), 'You guys are a love team, you get together na dapat. Nakakakilig 'yun, ganito, ganu'n. Du'n nanggagaling 'yung pera, bro, promise!' Pero hindi naman ganun, eh," the actor explained.

"Mas maganda talaga 'pag nagsisimula bilang kaibigan. That's when you (get to) know people kasi it is straight to the core."

He said romance right away could lead to disappointments as "you show your best self to them, 'tapos onti-onti lumalabas mga 'yung flaws, 'yung mga bagay na hindi mo pa alam."

Having worked with Maymay for more than two years now, Edward observed she has grown up a lot.

"The Maymay you saw on 'PBB' has grown. She's a woman now. She's changed. She's a different person. She's stronger now pero lahat ng ideals niya, values niya, nandiyan pa rin."

Edward continues to learn from Maymay as "it still amazes me to this day how patient she is with me, the people in her life"

He added: "But if there's something she



learned very well is when enough is enough. With me, if I'm tired, I start to become negative, then she'll slap me out of it - sometimes literally!

For now, Edward said he's enjoying Maymay's company.

"I believe life is a big mess and you have to find the little diamonds there. I-enjoy mo 'yung moments mo, kung sino ang nagpapasaya sa iyo. Take care of them, appreciate it. Moments like these when you can have moments to breathe. Appreciate them."

Nonoy Zuniga walks tall

Artists of lesser faith would not have recovered from an incident that befell then unknown Nonoy Zuniga one Saturday back in 1980. His is a classic tale of walking ahead in life after a tragedy and seeing light at the end of the tunnel.

The scenario was Martial Law with ultra-rightists sowing terror by planting bombs in government-owned installations and hotels," recalled the A-list balladeer.

The date was October 4, 1980 when Nonoy found himself in a restroom inside Philippine Plaza (now Sofitel).

With his distinctively calm, soothing voice, , "A bomb exploded right beside me and naputol kaagad ang right leg ko, above the knee."

Nonoy, who continues to hold regular gigs here and abroad on the strength of his now-classic hit songs, managed to make a joke as to what kept him alive and, no pun intended, kicking, "Nabuhay naman ako kasi sabi nila masamang damo ako."

Yet, he quickly revealed the true reason why he was able to stand tall after such a spirit downer.

That happened before fame. Pero di pa rin ako nawalan ng pag-asa. I can say lumabas ang pagiging relihiyoso ko."

Fate has a way to reward some of those it treated unfair. The solo career that turned a struggling amputee band member into a household

name came from just a simple offer which he naturally accepted. No big plans. He was just asked to sing songs.

People like the songs given to me. My being a singer, as you know ay dumating lang, it was never planned," he shared.

Nonoy is behind OPM standards like "Doon Lang," "Kamusta Ka," and "Never Ever Say Goodbye." The Aegis hit "Basang Basa Sa Ulan" is actually his original.

The singing icon has scored 20 albums in a lengthy career that has seen him try various concept projects. Currently, he is recording dialect songs, including his version of



"Waray Waray" produced by Paulo Zarate and to be released anytime soon in digital format. It is a homage to his Waray roots.

He previously recorded a Cebuano song called "Pero Atik Ra" which he collaborated with Cebuana singer Jolliane Salvado.

You have to be good in all your dealings to stay there. Hindi ka dapat magiging mayabang," he said, hinting at the kind of behavior that awarded him his lofty status in local music history.

Nonoy vocally stated he will never quit singing and stop recording as long as he can. Sensibly, if there ever was a quitter in him, that apparently went off with that bomb.

Candid SPOOF

(Pop-ups are not supposed to be taken seriously - EDITOR)



Velona Daliva burns the dance floor at the Bicol Canada Community Association Hawaiian dinner dance.

LUCENA CITY – Actress and social media influencer Alex Gonzaga admits that the iconic role of “Darna” is definitely not for her.

“Actually pinagbawalan ako magpa-audition sa ‘Darna’



“Nag-usap na kami ng ABS-CBN Publishing for my fourth book,” she said.

Previously, Gonzaga has written three best-selling books: *Dear Alex, Break na Kami. Paano? Love Catherine* (2014), *Dear Alex, We’re Dating. Tama, Mali?! Love, Catherine* (2016), and *Sissums* (2018).



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Nanette Virtucio, Betha Daliva and Fe Paca-Taduran enjoy the Bicol Canada Community hawaiian dinner night. BELOW, with Ray Madrid.



Joseph Redoblado, Fe Paco-Taduran, Bicol President Earl Dacara, Velona Daliva and Jenn Amaranto enjoy the night away. Fe thanks Earl Dacara, Joseph Redoblado and the Bicol Canada Community Association, for acknowledging Jojo Taduran's contribution to the Filipino-Canadian community events through the years.



Ray Madrid and Len Salvador, Cheska and Earl Dacara enjoy the night.



LEFT, Don Laurel and Aurora Halili make it a family outing at the Bicol dinner night.



RIGHT, Former Bciol Canada President Rafael Nebres enjoy the night with his lovely wife Sylvia.

self immune to that practice. It has always been well-attended and exciting.

This years' tournament is no exception. All the games were closely-contested. Only a few were lopsided. One was even worthy of a Toronto Raptors Kawhi Leonard buzzer-beating Award - if there was one - when a last-second lay-up by a Toronto CKATT player won his team by 2 points against the Durham team.

May this tournament continue to thrive.



Forex Cargo joined the 13th Victoria Invitational Basketball Tournament and posed with Toronto Mayor John Tory.



Mom Velona Daliva, son Kendrick, daughter Arya and dad Jimmy celebrate Arya's birthday.



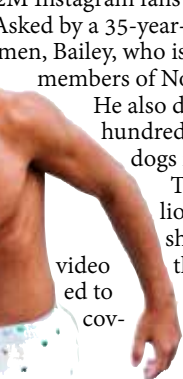
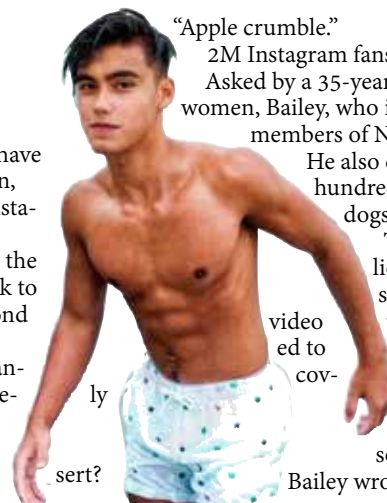
Negi, Yen Santos, Ami (PRODUCER) Sam Milby, Belinda Reyes (PRODUCER) and Jericho Rosales are happy with another successful concert. PHOTO BY RAYMOND SANTOS

Teen performer Bailey May doesn't have any celeb crushes, he recently told a fan, who asked him to name one, via his Instagram Story.

"I don't have one, to be honest," said the Fil-Brit Now United member, who took to the photo-sharing site to quickly respond to some followers' queries.

One of them asked, "How do you handle [flirty] girls?" The 16-year-old mere-said, "Takbo," with laughing emojis.

His favorite Netflix series? "The OA," Bailey replied. His favorite des-



“Apple crumble.”
 2M Instagram fans
 Asked by a 35-year-old fan if he liked older women, Bailey, who is one of 14 singer-dancer members of Now United, just laughed.
 He also disclosed owning over a hundred pairs of shoes, and liking dogs more than cats.
 To celebrate getting 2 million fans on Instagram, he shared a snippet of an old video he originally uploaded to YouTube in 2015—his cover of Sean Kingston’s “Beautiful Girls.”
 “We all gotta start somewhere. #2million,” Bailey wrote.



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