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PHL mulls 4-day workweek

Implementing the four-day workweek requires no new law

MALACANANG is studying the proposal of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) to implement a four-day work week and extend the work-from-home (WFH) arrangement to cushion the impact of the steep climb of fuel prices on Filipinos and the

economy, Palace acting spokesman Martin Andanar said.

“Iyan po ay under consideration ng ating Pangulo. Ito pong mga panukala na ito ay in case na tumaas pa ng husto ang presyo ng langis,” Andanar, also the head of the Presidential Communications Op-

erations Office, said.

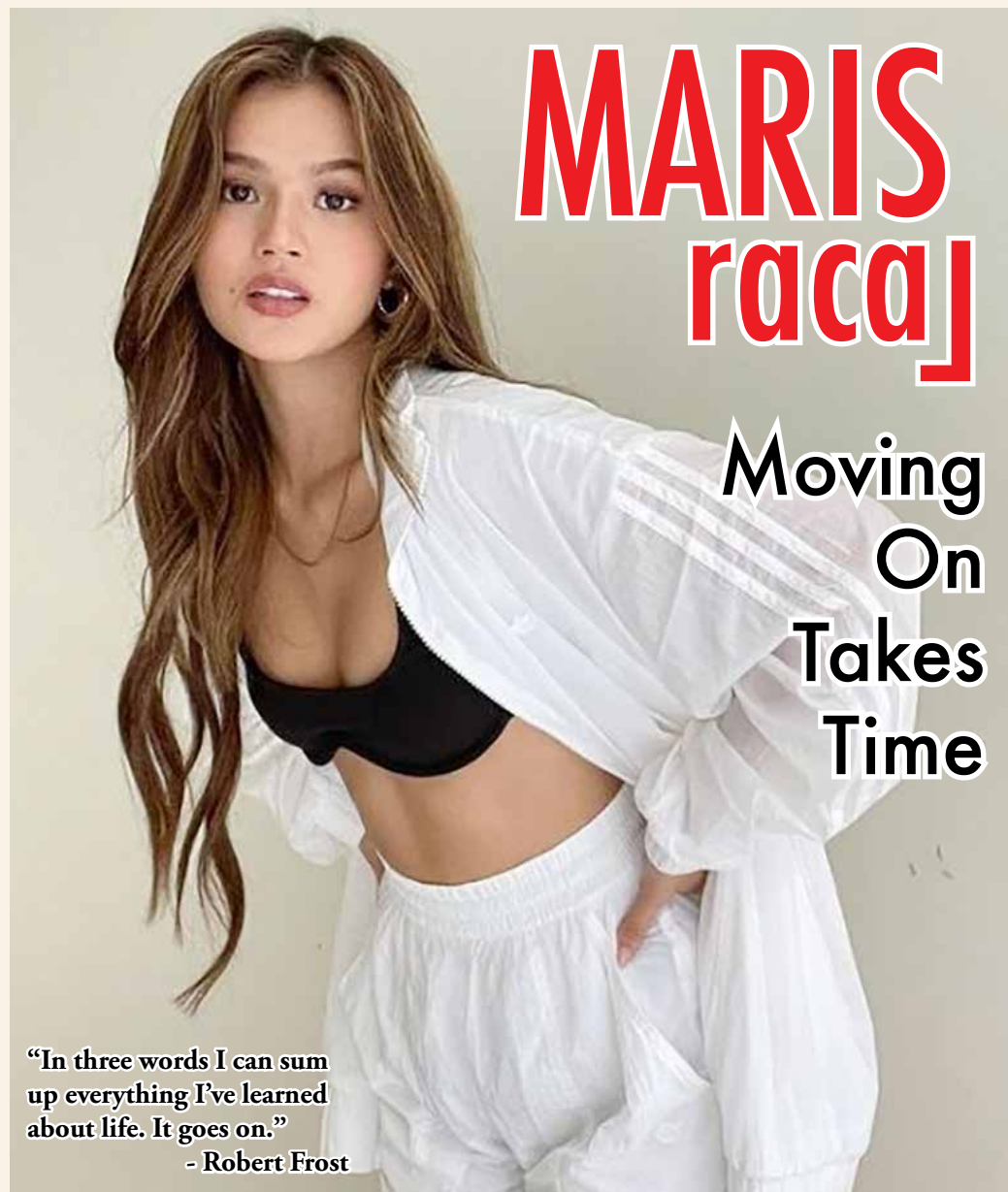
NEDA Secretary Karl Kendrick Chua proposed decreasing the number of workdays to limit the mobility of workers and soften the blow from skyrocketing fuel prices on the economy.

Chua proposed a 10-hour, four-day

workweek as an alternative to increasing minimum wage.

“Let us try to conserve energy and one of the examples here is through the four-day workweek. Every Filipino will still have to work 40 hours per week but in-

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Moving On Takes Time

“In three words I can sum up everything I’ve learned about life. It goes on.”
- Robert Frost



Postcard
Roxas Blvd, 1970's

‘PH fourth globally in ‘crony capitalism’

In 2014, the Philippines was fifth, behind Malaysia, Russia, Ukraine and Singapore

MANILA — With President Rodrigo Duterte as its chief executive, the Philippines remained among the countries where crony capitalism — where a few favored businessmen close to the government enjoy more economic advantages than others — has been flourishing.

The Economist’s latest crony-capitalism index showed that the wealth of billionaires in the Philippines surpassed 10 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) in 2021. As a share to GDP last year, nearly a tenth were wealth generated in sectors regarded as crony-friendly.

The Economist defined crony sectors as “a host of industries that are vulnerable to rent-seeking because of their proximity to the state, such as banking, casinos, defense, extractive industries and con-

struction.”

In the Philippines, “crony sectors still account for four-fifths of total billionaire wealth,” The Economist said in an article this month.

The Philippines ranked fourth in the world in crony capitalism, just behind No. 1 Russia, and neighboring Malaysia and Singapore.

One notch better

In The Economist’s previous ranking in 2016, the Philippines was in third place behind Russia and Malaysia.

Back in 2016, The Economist already warned that “supporters of Rodrigo Duterte, the front-runner to win the presidential election [that year], hope he will open up a feudal political system that has allowed cronyism to flourish.”

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Jinggoy Estrada pushes for unemployment insurance program

MANILA, Philippines — Once reelected to the Senate, UniTeam senatorial bet Jinggoy



Estrada said he will push for the creation of an unemployment insurance program to help thousands of Filipinos retrenched from work because of the pandemic, economic crises or natural calamities.

Estrada said many businesses closed shop during the pandemic, most of which will never reopen. “Laid off workers need all the help they can get and insurance can offer relief for

the sudden loss of income,” he said.

He said he will propose that government subsidize workers who were retrenched due to the crisis.

“Employees pay contributions to the Social Security System (SSS), Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and the Overseas Workers Welfare Authority (OWWA) for their retirement but they can also approach these institutions during crisis and calamities. However, the assistance they provide are often in the form of loans or cash advances. My plan is to help augment that,” he explained.

Estrada said many countries around the world provide unemployment insurance to their citizens for at least six (6) months until

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Will Actors go Full Frontal?

Of late, Hollywood movies and television showed full frontal from Benedict Cumberbatch in the Oscar best picture nominee The Power of The Dog and Bradley

Cooper’s in Nightmare Alley with screen scene partner Toni Collette having the chance to touch it.

Many male characters, with

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Pia Wurtzbach sets up her own travel-inspired food business

Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach is about to take fans on a culinary adventure around the world with her new travel-inspired food business, Pia's Kitchen. The beauty queen's business, which is available on a delivery app, will initially offer Japanese cuisine, but is set to change its menu throughout the year, Wurtzbach stated on her Instagram page last March 28. "After months of preparation, meetings [and] food tastings... I'm finally launching my own food business. [Pia's Kitchen] is an ode to my love of food and travel," she gushed. Wurtzbach admitted that the "first stop" of "Pia's Kitchen," Japan, is a special place for her since she picked up a "lucky amulet" in Tokyo after she lost Binibining Pilipinas 2014 and before she competed in Miss Universe. She opted not to reveal what her business' next food offering will be.



"Surprise muna kung saan ko kayo dadalhin next (Where I'll bring you next is a surprise!)" she quipped. Prior to setting up Pia's Kitchen, Wurtzbach had also launched another food business. Back in 2019, she set up a milk tea shop with her friends, actress Pauleen Luna and chef Niña Almoro. During her reign as Miss Universe, Wurtzbach also appeared on Miss Universe's online segment "Cooking with Miss Universe," where she showed fans how to cook lumpia and empanada.

Preggy Angelica Panganiban consoles fan after announcing leave from showbiz: "Balato niyo na sa akin."

Hinihinging balato ni Angelica Panganiban mula sa kanyang mga tagahanga ang pansamantala niyang paglisan sa limelight dahil sa pagbubuntis ng aktres. Ayon sa 35-year-old Kapamilya actress, tatlumpong (30) taon na siyang nagtatrabaho sa showbiz bilang artista kaya sana ay pagbigyan naman siya na makapagpahinga. Sa kanyang Twitter account nitong March 29, 2022, sinagot ni Angelica ang isang tagahanga na nasisenti raw dahil magpapahinga na ang aktres sa showbiz. Nagtanong din ang netizen kung ano ang paboritong role ni Angelica na kanyang ginampanan. Ang nakakatawa lang dito, ang netizen na rin ang sumagot sa sariling tanong. Saad ng netizens, "mami huhu nasesenti ako sa pagpapahinga mo sa showbiz to reminisce po, ano po ang favorite role na nakuha niyo? ako po, fave ko po yung rubi niyo suer iconic (ako ung sumagot? hahahh)" Natawa rin si Angelica sa katanungan ng kanyang follower. Ayon sa aktres, marami naman siyang nagawang



proyekto lalo na ang mga pelikulang maaaring panoorin muli ng mga tagahanga niya. Kaya ibalato na raw sana sa kanya ang bagong yugto na ito ng buhay niya. Tugon ng Kapamilya star: "Hahahaha. Okay lang yan. Mabuti nga at marami naman akong nagawang projects. Marami kayong pwede balikbalikan. balato niyo na sakin ang buhay ko ngayon :) 30 years naman na ko sa inyo!" "MAGIGING GANAP NA INA NA PO AKO." Noong March 20, inanunsiyo ni Angelica sa kanyang Instagram na siya ay nagdadalantao sa first child nila ng non-showbiz boyfriend niyang si Gregg Homan. Saad niya sa kanyang caption: "Ay! Na post!! [pregnant emoji] Sa wakas!!!" "Magagampanan ko na rin ang pinaka hihintay, at pinaka importanteng papel ng buhay ko. Magiging ganap na INA na po ako." Biro pa niya: "Opo, may matres ako mga baklaaah!" "Ipagpapasalamat ko na rin ang mga kapamilya, kaibigan, at mga marites na sumuporta, nagdiwang, nagdasal at patuloy na nagdadasal para sa pamilya namin. Waaaaaah! Huhuhu [crying emoji] may pamilya na ko [laughing emoji] kaiyaq pramis [lauging with tears emoji]" Ipagdiriwang nina Angelica at Gregg ang kanilang second anniversary sa July 11, 2022.

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'I'm happy here in Canada':

Maymay Entrata fulfills dream to study abroad despite pandemic

Kapamilya actress Maymay Entrata opened up about her views on self-love recently. The "Amakabogera" singer talked to the press about self-love, as she was introduced as the new endorser of cosmetics brand Megan Beauty. The 24-year-old actress is truly working on her self-improvement, as she is currently in Canada to finish her studies. "I'm happy here in Canada. I've long wanted to study abroad, even before I became an actress. My mom knows this," she said. "As we get older, we take on more responsibilities and obligations in life.



To be honest, I can't help but feel stressed because of all of them. A stress-free moment for me would be the time when I've finished all the things I need to do for work and for my studies, and when I've already cleaned the house. I really can't sleep if I'm not done with all of them." She added, "I don't want to just stop and continue the following day because, then, they would just pile up and I'd end up feeling more stressed. It feels great to know that you have done everything you're supposed to do and have nothing more to worry about. To relieve stress, I like watching movies and eating ice cream, which cools me down when I'm feeling so hot and bothered inside."

Aga Muhlach urges respect for right of individuals to their political choices

Hinikayat ng actor-TV host na si Aga Muhlach ang lahat na magrespetuhan pagdating sa kani-kanilang political stand lalo na ngayong umiinit ang political climate sa Pilipinas. Ito ay sa gitna ng lalong pag-iingay ng campaign colors na kumikilala kung sino ang sinusuportahang kandidato at grupo ng mga botante. "Pink" ang kulay ng tandem nina presidential aspirant at Vice President Leni Robredo at vice presidential aspi-

rant at Senator Kiko Pangilinan. "Red and green" ang kulay ng tandem nina former Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. at Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte. "Blue" naman ang kina Mayor Isko Moreno at Dr. Willie Ong. Para kay Aga, dapat irespeto ang napili ng bawat isa. Pahayag ni Aga, "Galangan lang. Kasi kung merong pink tayo, hayaan natin ang pink. "Kung merong pula, hayaan natin ang pula. Kung merong asul, hayaan natin ang asul.

Daniel Padilla reveals presidential bet



Daniel Padilla has finally made public his presidential bet as he and director Mandy Reyes posed beside a campaign poster for presidential candidate Vice President Leni Robredo. This makes Padilla's choice in contrast with his mother's, actress Karla Estrada, who campaigns for Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.

Padilla and Reyes stood beside a vehicle where a poster that says "#10 Robredo"

was displayed, as seen on the director's Facebook page today, March 9.

"Aba ewan ko sa inyo. Basta kay #LiderLeni kami ng tropa kong gangster," Reyes said. (I don't know about you all but I and my gangster friend are for [Leader] Leni.)

This won't be the first time Padilla showed his support to Robredo as he and his girlfriend, actress Kathryn Bernardo, endorsed Robredo in her vice presidential bid in 2016. Meanwhile, Bernardo's mom, Min, has also been vocal of her support for Robredo.

Estrada, who's endorsing Marcos and his running mate Sara Duterte, recently pointed out that though members of her family have opposing political views, they still respect and understand each other.

Aga Muhlach hosts feel-good reality show featuring ordinary Filipinos



Stories of ordinary people helping each other in times of crisis spark inspiration, which is why actor Aga Muhlach and Net25 wanted to train the spotlight on unsung heroes and everyday Juans in the new show Bida Kayo Kay Aga.

"Ang bida 'yung mga taong gumagawa ng kabutihan na walang announcement. 'Yung mga simpleng tao. Ang hinahanap namin 'yung mga taong gumagawa ng acts of kindness na hindi nila alam ni vivideohan sila, It's a feel-good thing," Aga said during the recent media conference.

The show will also feature different kinds of fathers. Get to know the OOHd or Out-of-Home-Daddies who get to balance daddy duties and adventure in their lives. While they provide for their families, OOHds still get to enjoy biking, surfing, hiking, etc.

Also aimed to be featured are Daddy D-I-Y or daddies who are reliable when it comes to household errands and repairs. Their skills come in handy when they need to act as a carpenter, plumber, and painter.

Daddy Foodie or dads who love to eat and cook will also have a share of the

spotlight. These are the dads who bless their families by whipping up dishes from the heart.

DAD's Entertainment will feature the different hobbies and interests of present-day dads. A lot of plantitos, pop culture item collectors, and music enthusiasts will be perfect for this.

Digital Dads or "dadfluencers" are social media-savvy dads who have the most entertaining posts.

The featured dads are in for a surprise as they will get to meet Aga Muhlach.

"Kayo ang hero talaga, saludo ako sa inyo. Gusto ko silang makausap; sa hirap ng dinadaan mo sa buhay, ano ang nasa puso mo para tumulong pa rin sa tao?," the Pinoy entertainment icon asks.

Catch Bida Kayo Kay Aga on Net25 TV, Net25 Facebook page, and Youtube channel.

Melai Cantiveros denies pushing for ABS-CBN franchise in her support for VP Leni Robredo

Marami nang artista ang nagsilabasan upang ihayag kung sino ang kanilang sinusuportahan sa pagkapangulo sa May 9, 2022 elections.

Isa na rito ang Magandang Buhay host na si Melai Cantiveros.

Sa Instagram ngayong araw, March 7, 2022, ibinahagi ni Melai ang kanyang quote card kung bakit ang boto niya ay para kay Vice President at presidential aspirant Leni Robredo.

Mababasa rito: "Ang boto ko para kay



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Life's brighter under the sun



VP Leni Robredo ay boto ko para sa magandang kinabukasan ng mga kabataang Pinoy."

Isa sa mga unang nagkommento sa post na ito ay ang dating co-host ni Melai sa Magandang

tang bumoto na ibasura ang franchise renewal application ng ABS-CBN, ang network na kinabibilangan nina Melai at Karla.

FOR THE SAKE OF ABS-CBN?

Marami ang nagkommento sa post na ito ni Melai na kanyang sinagot, at kinumbinsi pa ang iba na sumama sa kanyang krusada.

Makahulugan komento ng isa, "Patay rayo dyn melai."

Tugon ni Melai, "di nga tayu mama-tay mas mabubuhay pa tayu"

Melai Cantiveros shows support of presidential aspirant and Vice President Leni Robredo

May mga nagsabi ring kaya raw iboboto ni Melai si Leni ay para sa bagong prangkisa ng ABS-CBN.

Napaso ang prangkisa ang ABS-CBN noong May 5, 2020, at tuluyang ibinasura ng Kongreso ang franchise renewal application ng network noong July 10, 2020.

Saad ng isang follower, "For the sake of Abs-cbn, not for the Philippines and it's people, sa nkikita ko lang."

Paglililaw naman ng comedian-host, "for the sake of u and ur family kaya ko boboto si Leni"

Buhay na si Karla Estrada.

Sabi ni Karla: "Love you lai [white heart emoji]"

Dagdag pa niya: "Go go momshie mels! Amping [white heart emojis]"

Sagot ni Melai sa kanya: "yesyesyes ikaw pod chamber"

Melai Cantiveros shows support of presidential aspirant and Vice President Leni Robredo

Magkaiba ang sinusuportahan ng dalawa dahil iniendorso ni Karla ang katunggali ni Robredo na si former Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.

Si Karla ay isa rin sa mga nominado ng Tingog Party List, sa pangunguna ni Representative Yedda Marie K. Romualdez.

Isa si Romualdez sa mga kongresis-



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'There's so much more I can offer': Nadine Lustre ready for sexy roles

MANILA, Philippines — Actress Nadine Lustre revealed that she's ready to accept sexy roles in her upcoming movies.

In the presscon of her new movie "Greed," Nadine said she doesn't want to be boxed in her past self-branding.

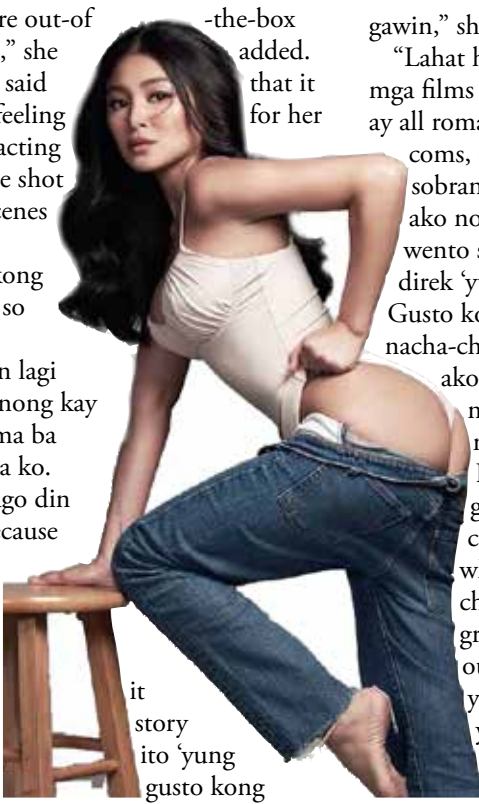
"If you say Nadine Lustre, that's the first thing you think about and personally I don't want to be in a boxed kind of branding because I know that there's so much more I can do and there's so much more I can offer," Nadine said.

"I really want to explore kasi do'n ako nae-excite talaga e. If something is really challenging, if something is really difficult. 'Di ba alam mo 'yung, 'Wow, gagawin mo 'to? Sobrang kakaiba nito ha.' It makes me excited kasi alam kong hindi madali. I know there's really a challenge so 'yon.

Definitely more out-of-project for me," she

Nadine also said was a strange feeling to go back to acting again when she shot the first few scenes of "Greed."

"Ang tagal kong hindi umarte, so 'yung first day of shoot namin lagi akong nagtatanong kay direkt kung tama ba 'yong ginagawa ko. Nakakapanibago din naman kasi because of pandemic ang daming projects na hindi natuloy. But when comes to the and the role, mga klase na



-the-box added. that it for her

gawin," she said.

"Lahat halos ng mga films ko before ay all romance, rom-coms, drama, so sobrang na-excite ako nong kinwento sa akin ni direkt 'yung storya. Gusto ko kasi 'yung nacha-challenge ako. Ayoko

ng parang madali lang. Kasi 'yung growth comes out when you're challenged, growth comes out when you're out of your comfort zone," she added.

Heart Evangelista on her bruises

Heart Evangelista's recent "get ready with me" video is going viral.

Note that in the voice-over, Heart said she would share details about her so-called "bruises."

She said: "Good morning to the martins, marias and mariteses. Ay yes, nabugbog, na-bash, you know, I'll explain some other time bakit ako may pasa dyan."

Note, netizens have been talking about the bruises as located on her tummy area.

An online user assumed it was the result of "melting fats."

But the 37-year-old socialite quickly reacted, reiterating it's not.

Meanwhile, some claimed that the marks are from IVF treatment.

Another related: "I hate to pry. But I got excited seeing the bruises 1 inch from your navel. I had the same bruises. Got my rainbow. I hope you get yours."

Rainbow baby is a name coined for a healthy baby born following a miscarriage.



Nadine Lustre recalls former 'influencer' friend who took advantage of her

"Money is the root of all evil."

This is what is tackled in "Greed," Nadine Lustre's comeback movie.

During a recent press conference, the 28-year-old star shared how she fell victim to a greedy person, an ex-"friend" who took advantage of her trust. "So everyone was telling me na she's a social climber, na dumidikit lang po sa amin because may pangalan po kami and she also wants to get on the train, so eventually, like, she would get projects din, mga - yung posting, kasi she's an influencer for mga posting, because she's hanging out with us," she shared.

It turned out the friend is a thief.

"There was this one time na I had money in my room and biglang nawala po yung pera," she related. "It so happen na she was the only one who went inside the room."

Later, they found out the same person has been stealing from their other friends also.

Nadine's love interest, Di-

ego Loyzaga, then interjected, encouraging Nadine to name the person.

But she reiterated: "Wag na. Okay na yun. Tapos na."

More than anything, Nadine has learned her lesson.

"I guess be wise with picking the people you surround yourself with. Especially for someone who is in the industry or someone who's like us, mahirap kasi hindi po lahat ng tao na nakapaligid sayo mapagkakatiwalaan," she said.

Nadine maintained how her "trust" has been broken so many times.

"It's really heartbreaking kasi these are people that I used to be close to and people that know everything about me. So medyo nakakatakot po kasi ngayon na hindi ko na sila nakakasama or hindi ko na sila nakakausap, we don't know kung ano po yung sinasabi nila about me or kung anong na sha-share nila sa ibang tao. So kailangan po talagang mag-ingat."

Filipino Centre Toronto Honours Ten Outstanding Students in Ontario



By Tony A. San Juan, OCT-Retired

The Filipino Centre Toronto-FCT, a 22-year old community-based, service-focused & volunteer-run hub in the Greater Toronto Area(GTA), has aptly recognized and honoured 10 top student graduates in Ontario during its 16th "Annual Rosalinda C, Javier Outstanding Students Awards



Most Outstanding Graduate Awardee Samantha De Vera

Day" (RC-JOSA) on March 13, 2022, at the FCT Social Hall, Scarborough, Toronto, Ontario. Celebrated yearly, the competition aims to

encourage, challenge, and recognize Filipino-Canadian students to achieve academic excellence and success.

The current crop of honourees belonged to those who completed their respective elementary, high school, and post-secondary studies in the school year of 2020-2021. Those who received awards are three Grade 8 graduates: Nicolas Manlapaz of San Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Elementary School-YCDSB; Mariella Gayle Bernasor of Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Elem. School- DPCDSB; and Maria Angela Alampay of Fr. Daniel Zanon School-DPCDSB; and three Grade12 graduates: Joanna Flor Chumacera of St. Basil Catholic High School-TCDSB; Kaira Clemente of Francis Liberman Catholic High School-TCDSB; & Jacob William Santos Bouckley of All Saints Catholic Secondary School-DCDSB. The post-secondary awardees are Samantha De Vera of McMaster University; Dennedy Yrvin Corcega of the University of Toronto; Ma. Lac-

son of CDI College; and Myles Matundan of the University of Toronto.

All ten graduates each received a Plaque of Recognition from the Filipino Centre Toronto and Cash Prizes, as well, from donors Atty. Ramon Andal, Ben & Fanny Calucag, Dr. Maria De Villa, Friends of Aida D'Orazio, Alvina Marasigan Flor, Kabayan Remit, and Precy & Segundino "Dodong" Tumalak. All the awardees were also given Congratulatory Certificates by 4 Members of the Federal Parliament (MP) and two Members of the Provincial Parliament(MPP).

The popular awards program, which started in 2005, has already presented a total of 134 recipients under the 3 categories in the elementary, secondary, and post-secondary levels. The annual ceremony should have been undertaken in 2021 but due to the pandemic crisis, it was rescheduled for this winter. FCT will start receiving applications for the 2021-2022 outstanding students competition in September 2022.

Selected by a panel of judges, the proud awardees have extraordinarily qualified and satisfied the 4 main criteria: Average Grades -50%; Extracurricular Activities- 15%; Community Involvement - 15%; and Interview Performance -20%.

The FCT-RCJOSA Committee is composed of Chairman Tony A. San Juan- founder of Filipino Heritage Council of Canada; Co-chair Mary Ann S. San Juan- president & CEO of Filipino Centre Toronto; and Members: Steve Pagao - president of Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto; Jodelyn Huang - community relations officer-TCDSB, and Fermer Santos -vice-principal of Agincourt Collegiate Institute, TDSB), and Rose Tijam- president of Philippine Press Club of Ontario.

Among the distinguished guests present was the Member of Parliament for Mississauga Streetsville Rechie Valdez, who was the event guest speaker and presenter of the awards. Likewise, Ms. Salma Zahid, MP for Scarborough Centre, Ms. Mitzie Hunter, MPP for Scarborough Guildwood, Ontario Minister for Seniors & MPP for Scarborough North Mr. Raymond Cho

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Fix yourself, Ana Jalandoni tells ex-bf Kit Thompson

Actress and social media personality Ana Jalandoni couldn't hold back her tears during her first public appearance since the incident that happened on March 18, when she was allegedly beaten by ex-lover Kit Thompson.



She admitted though that she was previously married in the United States in 2017. That relationship ended in 2018, she said.

Ana Jalandoni covers her bruises with sunglasses during her first public appearance after the incident

The 25-year-old Ana who was wearing sunglasses to hide the still visible bruises on her face, admitted that she still loves the actor and is ready to forgive him anytime he reaches out to her.

"Fix yourself," was her short answer when asked about her message to Kit.

"Mahal ko pa rin ang tao, pero ang galit nandun pa rin yun. Kaya nga ako nagfile ng case, dun ko idadaan ang galit ko, sa tamang proseso. Tao rin ako, marunong ako magpa-tawad pero lahat ng bagay na ginagawa natin ay may consequences lalo na kapag gumawa tayo ng mali," she carried on while breaking down in between words. "Hindi ko deserve 'yung nangyari sa akin. Kailangang ipaglaban ko ang sarili ko," she went on.

Accompanied by her lawyers and some family members, Ana clarified that there was no third party involved in their altercation and it was the alcohol that triggered the fight.

"There's no third party involved. Dun siya nageselos sa ex ko. Iniisip niya na iiwan ko din siya tulad ng ex ko. Duon nagsimula yung away," she said. Two counts of violence against women, illegal detention, and frustrated homicide have been filed with the fiscal's office in Tagaytay.

"The case will continue even if they decided to reconcile," Ana's lawyer Faye Singson said explaining that it's already a public case. As a parting message, Ana said that women should not be afraid to fight when they are being abused and trust that authorities will help them in their situation.

"Sa mga babae na nakaranas ng ganitong pangyayari, wag kayong matakot dahil unang una dapat hindi tayo sinasaktan ng mga lalaki, hindi tayo dapat pinagbubuhatan ng kamay. Kung mangyari ito sa inyo, huwag nating kimkimim o tanggapin dahil tayo ang kawawa, dapat putilin natin ang tali na yan. Nandun yung takot, pero sa ngayon dapat putulin natin ang ganyan. Dapat labanan niyo at lakasan niyo ang loob nyo," she ended.

Nadine Lustre, Katarina Rodriguez oppose Siargao bridge project

Nadine Lustre and Katarina Rodriguez are one with the residents of Siargao in opposing the Union-Malinao Bridge project in the island as they call for environmental laws to be duly followed.

Lustre expressed her support by sharing a statement from an unnamed resident present in the meeting with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the residents of Union and Malinao.

"Every single attendee, mostly local residents from Union and Malinao but also other stakeholders, local [non-government organizations] representatives, business owners present at the meeting voted AGAINST this project," it read.

Residents' stressed that the clearances issued before for the approval of the project were "in-



Nadine Lustre, Katarina Rodriguez

valid and illegal" as they did not consult it with the residents.

It was also pointed out that the DENR is not in favor of the project, citing that the bridge construction is "unnecessary" considering the existence of the Union-Malinao coastal road.

"All we ask is for environmental laws to be followed because they're there for a reason. They're there to protect the environment but more importantly to allow locals to have an avenue to take part in the management of Siargao [through] public consultations," it said. "We ask that we always be vigilant about following all laws in any project

because they are there to help us, but in this project laws were not followed."

One resident was also seen asking for specific benefits of the bridge construction, adding how the authorities were supposedly just giving them general and vague information on the matter.

Rodriguez shared the same statement on her Instagram Stories. The beauty queen also reposted a photo from non-government organizations Lokal Lab and S.E.A Movement, tackling the Expanded National Integrated Protected Area System (E-NIPAS) Act. According to the NGO, it is timely to talk about the policies on protected areas such as Siargao.

Lustre earlier called for the preservation of Siargao's Secret Beach, citing how the bridge construction would "totally destroy the area."

Charlie Dizon, on pros & cons of being part of a love team



Scene from “Maalaala Mo Kaya”

For award-winning actress Charlie Dizon, the hardest thing about not being part of a love team is creating chemistry with each and every male partner she has to work with.

Charlie has just finished taping for the drama series “Viral Scandal,” which is currently streaming on the Kapamilya Channel. There, she is paired with Joshua Garcia.

For an episode in the drama anthology “Maalaala Mo Kaya” (MMK) this April, she had to work with Kiko Estrada.

“It all depends on who I’m partnered with. I would usually try to check first if the person is easy to talk with. Most of the time, I’m the one who breaks the ice. I would often introduce myself first and ask how he is doing,” Charlie said during a virtual chat to promote the MMK episodes lined up for the month of April.

“I’m lucky that the actors I’ve partnered with were all nice to me. They’re also easy to work with. The advantage of this is that I get to learn from each of them, and that I grow as an actress. If I see that they have this particular technique that I also find effective, I adapt it. I’m lucky because all of them are as passionate as I am with the work they do,” added Charlie.

She was also able to work with Paulo Avelino in the movie “Fangirl,” and with Jameson Blake on projects like “Four Sisters and a Wedding,” and “Sunset Girl.” Charlie’s first MMK project, the 2021 Valentine’s Day episode, was with Jameson.

Testing limits
“I thought I was already challenged when I did ‘Fangirl.’

When I did ‘Viral Scandal,’ I realized that it’s far more difficult. Through the show, I got to test my limits. I learned about the technical side of acting, too. The experience was really different,” Charlie recalled.

“I’ve been acting for quite a while now, but I was never conscious of my camera angles and blocking. Back then, I’d say, ‘bahala na,’ but now I realized that I needed to take note of these things as well in order to make work easier for the rest of the team. I’m lucky that I was well taken care of on the set; that everyone I worked with was dedicated to playing their roles well, not just my coactors but also the directors and staff members. They’re all very passionate that you’d feel ashamed not to be at the same level as they are.”

Playing an OFW nurse
In the episode that will air on April 23, Charlie plays an OFW nurse named Raquel, who meets Ralph (Kiko) while she was in the process of mending her broken heart. Ralph eventually proposed marriage to Raquel. As they were preparing for the wedding, COVID-19 happens.

Charlie said playing Raquel had been a “refreshing change” from portraying Rica Sicat in “Viral Scandal,” but not necessarily easier to do. “To be honest, I really felt the pressure. I was portraying a real-life character. I just hope that my performance is close to what really happened. I hope I was

able to give the right emotions, even though I wasn’t really around when the story happened and that I was just depending on the script,” she pointed out.

“I really wanted to be told that I did well. It was a good thing that I got to talk with the letter sender before the shoot,” Charlie said. “I got a deeper understanding of what she is like as a person. I also asked her for tips on what she wanted to see from me, like the emotions I should express. I realized that I needed to portray this as truthfully as possible.”

Proud
Now that it’s done and will be seen by more people, Charlie said she couldn’t help but feel proud. “I’m happy that I was able to finish it, that it’s now going to inspire more people. For sure, many will be able to relate to this, especially because it happened at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic,” she declared.

Meanwhile, the April 2 episode will feature Hero Angeles, Marlo Mortel and Sky Quizon portraying the Villadarez brothers. They lost their parents prematurely and were left in the care of their strict grandmother, Dining (Peewee O’ Hara). Watch how Michael (Hero), Angelo (Marlo) and Anthony (Sky) overcome obstacles thrown their way and how they are able to repay Dining for adopting them.

Watch “MMK” on A2Z, Kapamilya Channel, Kapamilya Online Live on YouTube, ABS-CBN Entertainment Facebook page and iWantTFC. Outside the Philippines, it is available on cable and IPTV via The Filipino Channel.

Bea Alonzo asks Piolo Pascual if he feels bad about her transfer to GMA-7

“Kinompronta” ni Bea Alonzo si Piolo Pascual kung masama ang loob ng aktor na lumipat ang aktres sa GMA-7 matapos ang halos 20 taon bilang home-grown star ng ABS-CBN.



Matagal nang mag-kaibigan sina Bea at Piolo, na unang nagkatambal sa pelikulang Dreamboy noong 2005. Lumipat si Bea sa GMA-7 noong July 2021.

“Pi, kakausapin sana kita, e. Ang weird lang... Di ba ok tayo?” tanong ni Bea nang tawagan niya sa mobile si Piolo.

“May nakausap kasi ako. Gusto ko tanungin ka nang direktso.

“Parang, may nasabi ka na you didn’t like that I went to GMA. Things na parang medyo hurtful for me.

“Kasi magkausap pa tayo the last time. Mag-ka-Viber tayo. Gusto ko lang tanungin kung totoo kung may sama ka ng loob sa akin?”

PIOLO: “BA’T NAMAN SASAMA LOOB KO SA ‘YO?” Ang hindi alam ni Piolo, prank call lamang ang ginawa ni Bea sa ngalan ng April Fool’s Day. Hindi raw para kay Piolo na kuwestiyunin ang desisyon ni Bea.

Piga pa rin ni Bea, “Pero wala ka namang ibang kinasasama ng loob sa akin at all?”

Sabay paliwanag ni Piolo, “Nalungkot ako nung lumipat ka, pero hindi masama loob ko.

Pinigilan ni Bea ang matawa dahil seryoso si Piolo sa mga sinasabi nito.

BEA: IT’S A PRANK!; PIOLO TELLS HER, “ADIK KA!” Pero sumuko na rin si Bea.

“Alam mo yung akala ko talaga magkaibigan tayo. Matagal na... Wala lang, gusto ko lang sabihin sa ‘yo na prank call ito,” pag-amin sa wakas ni Bea.

“Adik ka. Yun na yun?!” reaksiyon ni Piolo. Bago ibinaba ang telepono ay niyaya pa ni Bea si Piolo na magkita sila dahil miss na niya ito.

Nang matapos ang call, komento ni Bea sa sariling prank, “I think ang baduy ko mag-prank call, guys.



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Sexual consent age raised from from 12 to 16

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte signed a law raising the minimum age of sexual consent from 12 years old to 16 years old, a move that reverses the Philippines' distinction of having the lowest age of sexual consent in Asia.

Republic Act 11648, which read as follows:

"The seduction of a minor, sixteen and over but under eighteen years of age, committed by any person in public authority... or any person who, in any capacity, shall be entrusted with the education or custody of the

minor seduced shall be punished by prison correccional in its minimum and medium periods."

Under the law, this means minors below 16 years of age cannot give their consent to sex — and any adult who has sex with a minor 15 years old and below would be automatically guilty of rape.

The law exempts consensual sexual activity between young couples who are both 16 years old and below with an age difference of not more than three years. The exemption does not

apply to victims 13 years old and below.

Senator Risa Hontiveros, primary author of the law, welcomed the passage of the measure and said, "Panalo tayo! (We won!)"

"It has been my greatest honor to be one of the authors of this law," Hontiveros wrote on Twitter. "To more laws to protect our children!"

"Our current law allows adults to have sex with children who are as young as 12 years old," Hontiveros said in September. "Our children would be made to

testify in court, recall traumatic events, just to prove the crime of rape. The pain of remembering alone has scarred many Filipino kids."

The senator argued that raising the age of sexual consent has been made more urgent after pandemic gave rise to cases of violence against women and children. Citing data from the Philippine Commission on Women, there were 13,923 reported cases of violence against women and children from March 15 to Nov. 13 in 2020. Of those cases, 4,747 were children.

Carlo and Albie: it's not easy to move on'

Carlo Aquino and Albie Casiño say they are unattached at the moment, which make them two of the most eligible bachelors in Tinseltown. Both of them can be seen in the ABS-CBN romantic comedy "How To Move On in 30 days" which is showing on YouTube on April 4. But the two actors say it definitely takes more than 30 days to recover from a failed relationship.

"For me, it's impossible to

move on in 30 days," Albie said and added that his last relationship was in 2019 or three years ago. It was with beauty queen Michelle Arceo who is currently representing the Philippines in the Miss Environment International 2022 pageant in India.

"Hindi ko alam kung totally naka-move on na ako kasi hindi pa ako nagka girlfriend since 2019," Albie noted. He obviously still holds a candle for his Fil-Am ex who is now in a

relationship with a member of the famous Tuason clan. The actor added that if he falls in love with a new girl, he knows it would be serious if he introduces her to his mom.



The multi-awarded Carlo, on the other hand, admitted that he will always have a soft spot for his former partner Trina Candaza. "I will always love her, if only because she is the mother

of my daughter."

Even though a third party was rumored to be the cause of their break-up, Carlo said he is not dating right now as he is so busy with work and focusing on his daughter, who is barely two years old.

According to Carlo, "moving on is a process" and there is no specific period for coping with the pain as each person is different. "It takes

THE TASTE OF MANILA FESTIVAL IN TORONTO IS BACK!



The ever-popular "Taste of Manila Street Festival", after a 2- year hiatus due to the pandemic health crisis, is back! This news was recently released by Taste of Manila, Inc. (TOM, Inc.) founder and president Rolando "Rolly" Mangante.

In a special contractual arrangement with International Entertainment Company(IEC), a not-for-profit organization registered with Canada Revenue Agency(CRA) and Ontario's Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, TOOM head honcho Rolly Mangante has entered an agreement designating IEC as the official and sole organizer of the "Taste of Manila 2022" event in Toronto". The annual summer fest is considered North America's first and largest Filipino-Canadian community street

festival since 2014.

The much-awaited return of the Taste of Manila will celebrate and showcase the best of Filipino culture, cuisine, and music. According to IEC President Cecille O. Araneta, the 2- day summer festival is planned to be held on August 20-21, 2022,(Saturday and Sunday) in the known "FilipinoTown" site In North York, along Bathurst Street, from Wilson Avenue to Laurelcrest Ave., North York. Mark and save the dates.

IEC is now in the process of event planning as well as soliciting support from former and new TOM sponsors and vendors to be part of the 2-day activity of Pinoy fun, food, family fair, and entertainment. For further information, interested parties are encouraged to contact Cecile Araneta at 647-588-7844 or Rolly Mangante at Tel. 416-845-4984. (TSJ)

time. Ang feelings mawawala rin eventually at minsan di mo alam, naka move on ka na pala."

He advises spending time with friends or communing with nature to distract oneself from the pain of a break-up.

Albie on the other hand, said his outlet is working out in the gym. The actor, who figured in a controversy with his ex-girlfriend Andi Eigenmann back in 2012, said one must always look at the positive side of relationships even though it ended badly.

"Everyone that I interacted with added to my experience as a person, and I am who I am now because of them," he pointed out.

Albie plays the boyfriend of Maris Rascal in "How To Move On in 30 Days" who eventually dumps her. To spite him, Maris hires a fictitious boyfriend played by Carlo. The series has been hailed by reviewers as the "romantic comedy to watch this season."





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they can find work.

"The main issue here, of course, is funding. If reelected to the Senate, I will help craft a law that will set aside a counterpart fund to match the minimal contributions that employees will pay as insurance premiums," he said.

Running under the UniTeam Alliance, Estrada is a champion of workers' rights having served as chairman of the Senate committee for two consecutive terms.

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NAGTATAKA ang singer-songwriter na si Rico Blanco sa itinatakbo ng relasyon nila ng young actress na si Maris Racal.

Nagkuwento ang binata tungkol sa mga kaganapan sa lovelife nila ni Maris ka-makailan matapos matanong kung paano nila pinatitibay ang kanilang relationship.

Ayon sa Kapamilya actor-singer, “Actual-ly nagugulat na lang din kaming dalawa ta-laga, eh. Kasi ako all these years I thought kailangan ng ganitong level ng hard work.

“I’ve been in relationships na talagang tumagal because of hard work from both

Rico Blanco nabahala sa takbo ng relasyon nila ni Maris:

Sabi ko, ‘Hala, hindi pa tayo nag-aaway!’

sides. Because you hear it all the time.

“But I’m no expert. To find someone like Maris at this point in my life, I’m probably not the expert. Ha-hahaha! But I’m the expert on not saying never.

“I did say never but Maris changed my mind. Nung bago bago kami medyo kinakabahan kami eh. Sabi ko, ‘Uy, hindi pa tayo nag-aaway hala,’ tapos sabi niya, ‘Bakit mo ba hinihintay yun?’ Sabi ko ‘Hindi ka ba nagtataka.’

“We’re still in the journey so we have a lot of ways to grow pa as a couple and we want to enjoy that,” chika pa ng binata.

Samantala, itinuturing namang blessing ni Rico ang unang pagsasama nila ni Maris sa isang acting project, ang iWant Original series na “The Goodbye Girl” na pinag-bibidahan din ni Angelica Panganiban.

“In terms of pressure, siguro kasi matagal na the last time that I acted and I know si Maris medyo hasa. And I really am a fan of her work as an actress objectively speaking.

“I tell her all the time because I’m very honest eh. Especially the closer you are to me, the more honest I am to you. So when she does well I really tell her.

“So alam ko na hasa siya kumbaga and then ako kinakabahan ako nung start. Sabi ko baka nagbago na, nagbago na ba yung language sa set, I’m sure nagbago na yung technology, yung mga ilaw, yung mga lente, yung mga camera, yung mga ganu’n.

“So du’n lang ako medyo na-pressure. Maris does the same for me. If there’s something that I’m doing that I can im-prove,” lahad pa ni Rico.

Lon puno ng pagmamahal men-sahe kay Vice

Isang maikling caption lang ng pagbati para sa 46th birthday ng Unk-abogable Phenome-nal Star na si Vice Ganda ang pinost ng kanyang better-half na si Lon Perez.

Pero punong-puno naman ng patotoo na sa halip na mga kung ano-anong pangako nga naman, sa part niya ay effort talaga ang ipinapakita na niya kay Vice. Sey ni Lon, “Efforts are always better than promises! I love you babe! Happy Birthday!”

Kaya naman sabi nga ni Vice na maituturing na ‘living his life’ na “46. Maganda. Malusog. Maligaya. Matagumpay. Masagana. May minamahal. May nagmamahal. Aarte pa ba!”



Nilinaw ng direktor na si Brillante Mendoza na hindi remake ng 1985 period movie na Virgin Forest ang ang kanyang bagong proyekto na kinunan ang mga eksena sa mga lalawigan ng Batangas at Quezon.

Itinuwid ni Mendoza ang mga maling akala dahil may kinalaman sa illegal logging ang kuwento ng kanyang pelikula kaya Virgin Forest din ang pamagat nito.

Virgin Forest ni Brillante Mendoza, di remake ng Virgin Forest ni Peque Gallaga

“Pro-environment,” sabi ni Direk Brillante tungkol sa pelikula na pinagbibidahan nina Ivan Padilla, Angeli Khang, Mark Anthony Fernandez, Sid Lucero, Vince Rillon, Markki Stroem, at Alma Moreno. Natapos na ang principal photography ng Virgin Forest na nag-

simula ang shooting noong February 28, 2022. Ang litratong may nakapulupot sa leeg ni Markki na malaking sawa ang isa sa mga “patikim” na inilabas nila ni Direk Brillante sa kanilang mga social media page. Ang Virgin Forest ang isa sa mga pelikula ni Direk Brillante na gagamit sa lumang pamagat dahil Virgin Forest

ang titulo ng 1985 film ni Peque Gallaga sa Regal Films na pinangunahan nina Sarsi Emmanuelle, Miguel Rodriguez, at Abel Jurado.

Noong January 2022, nagsimula ang streaming sa Vivamax ng Sisid na mula rin sa direksiyon ni Direk Brillante. Kapareho ito ng pamagat ng 2001 film nina Assunta de Rossi, Raymond Bagatsing, at Rodel Velayo sa Seiko Films.

Tulad ng Virgin Forest ni Direk Brillante, pro-environ-ment ang tema ng Sisid na tinampukan nina Kylie Verzosa, Paolo Gumabao, at Vince Rillon. Malayong-malayo ang kuwento nito sa pelikula ni Assunta, sa ilalim ng direksiyon ni Joey Romero.

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Nikki Valdez still healing from losing baby last year

Nikki Valdez disclosed that she's still in the process of healing after losing her baby last year, which was conceived through in-vitro fertilization.

Valdez talked about how she and her husband planned on having another baby after she was asked by TV host Melai Caniveros about their IVF journey. Valdez was a guest in an episode of the morning show "Magandang Buhay."

"It was last year when we lost our baby. Talagang pinagdasal namin 'yon, pinag-usapan namin nang mabuti and we felt that we were led to it like in everything — financially, emotionally. Sabi namin why don't we give it a try," she said.

The actress-singer also admitted that she came to a point where she doubted their decision but stressed that she has no regrets taking their chances.

"Merong times pa rin na I keep thinking to myself na, 'Dapat ba ginawa namin 'yon? Dapat ba hindi na lang at inenjoy na lang namin 'yung kung anong meron kami?'" she recounted.

"Because as everyone knows, I'm very blessed to have Luis in my life as my partner in raising Olivia whom he considers his from the very beginning," she added, referring to her husband Luisito Garcia and her daughter from a previous relation-



ship, Olivia.

Valdez then spoke about how she's leaving everything up to God, adding that she would gladly accept whatever His will is for her and her family.

"Ngayon nasa journey pa rin ako ng trying to pray for kung ano talaga 'yung path na gusto ni Lord na matahak ko. Nasa healing stage pa ako," Valdez said. "There are so many days na hindi ko lang pina-pansin pero ngayon, no regrets because at least sinubukan namin."

"I pray for the total healing of my heart at tsaka kung talagang si Olivia lang ang regalo sa amin ni Lord (and if Olivia is the only gift the Lord has for us), I will accept it and I will forever take care and love Olivia," she added.

Valdez married Garcia in a private ceremony in Hong Kong. The couple also marked their seven years of being together in December last year.



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Life's brighter under the sun



Zephanie follows her heart, now sings as Kapuso

A more mature, yet still very sweet, Zephanie wearing a dusty pink mini dress graced the stage at the Grand Ballroom of B Hotel on Thursday when she was introduced as the newest talent of Sparkle, GMA Network's talent management arm.

The 19-year-old singer said that the transition was smooth but it was not an easy decision.

"My management, Cornerstone, has been in talks with GMA since November. It's one of the things we had

on the table," Zephanie said.

"And now that I'm here, it feels like I have found a new home. And I'm excited to explore new things including acting if that will be presented to me. Acting is on my bucket list," she added.

She is ready to build new relationships and go on new adventures in her first home – GMA.



"I started [my career] in GMA," she revealed. "We thought it was a singing contest yun pala teleserye sya about singing contests. But isa po ako sa mga napili dun."

On her return to the Kapuso fold, Zephanie wants to work with the likes of Julie Anne San Jose, Lani Misalucha, Mark Bautista, and Christian Bautista.

When it comes to acting, she is excited if she would be paired with Jake Vargas and Derrick Monasterio.

In real life, romance is far from her mind.

"Kung ibibigay ni Lord...," she trailed off. The young singer feels like she's found a new home with Sparkle and GMA

Tall and moreno are what she looks for in a guy. If he could carry a tune, that would be a plus.

"May dating pag kumakanta sya, lalo na kung OPM or kundiman, iba talaga ang dating," she confessed.

Cornerstone's Vice President of Cornerstone Entertainment Jeff Vadillo shared, "We are excited, Zephanie will shine even more with our new partnership with Sparkle. Looking forward to new possibilities and platforms where Zephanie can showcase her talents."



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A night to say Thanks and a birthday for a cause

Kabayan Remit, formerly Asenso held a ‘Gabi ng Pasasalamat’ at FV Foods with singer Maria Panaligan as a featured performer. Business manager Philip Beloso had an invite-only dinner at the FV Foods hall. A mini-concert was includ-

ed for the vening. It was Kabayan’s way of giving thanks for the success they had in Ontario. it is also a way to drum up more business. More power to kabayn Remit.

Jerome Peralta had a birthday for a cause. All



50-year old Jerome Peralta poses with 3-year old Atlas D'Aoust.

proceeds of his birthday will be donated for the Bohol rehabilitation.

It was awell-attended affair, with everyone wanting to help Jerome in his casue. The Ageless dancers were out in full force. Marky Hugh was there with some of his performers. The centerpieces were also for sale.

Let’s hope that the parties continue and the covid leaves us for good.

Nadine Lustre refuses to be in a love team anymore

MANILA -- After rising to fame as the other half of the JaDine love team, Nadine Lustre is ready to make it on her own without her erstwhile reel and real partner, James Reid.

She is ready to resume her showbiz career without a love team. “I feel like I’m totally past the love team phase,” Lustre said. “I do believe that it’s something a lot of celebrities really go through.

“It’s not a bad thing, though. A love team is a partnership. If you’re in a love team, you pull each other up. It’s really team work. Feeling ko I’m already past that. When you reached this age, feeling ko wala ng love team.”

At the same time, Lustre will veer away from doing love stories in her forthcoming projects. “Alam na ng mga tao kung paano ako sa love stories,” she maintained. “I think it’s time for me to do other genres.”

Lustre turned 28 last October. “Whatever happens, I’m open to it,” she admitted. “Let’s see what happens. Sobrang na miss ko ang pag-arte. Ibang-iba talaga



ang pakiramdam kapag umaarte at iba din ang feeling kapag nagpe-perform ka, kumakan-ta o sumasayaw.

“Ang na-miss ko talaga sa pag-arte, where you portray a character. I don’t

mind doing thriller, action, horror.

Scripts that are mind-boggling. Kapag binasa mo talagang mapapa-isip ka.

“Gusto ko psychopath naman ako in my next project. Something different. Para naman exciting siya kung gagawin ko. Para iba din ang pakiramdam kung iba’t ibang characters ang gagawin mo.”

Lustre expressed her admiration to Hollywood actor Johnny Depp, who has played a wide array of challenging roles through the years.

“His range is so wide,” she said of Depp. “It’s something I love to do because I love putting myself into different characters’ shoes.”

Diego Loyzaga bonds with sisters, dad Cesar Montano

Since reconnecting with his father, veteran screen actor Cesar Montano, after seven years of being estranged, Diego Loyzaga seems to be making up for lost time.

And this time around, he brought his sisters Angelina, Samantha and Francheska to meet their dad. On Instagram, Loyzaga posted snaps of him with his sisters and Montano. He also uploaded clips, showing him and his siblings playing sports with their dad. The three girls are the daughters of Sunshine Cruz with Montano, while Diego is Montano’s son with actress Teresa Loyzaga. “Fun fun fun family daaay w Maestro and the twins,” Loyzaga wrote in the caption of



his post. Last month, he met again with Montano after seven long years.

“7 years is a long time for a son not to see his father. After seven years, after mistakes, God made a way to bring us together again. I apologize for the impulsiveness of my youth. If we could take back the words and the distance and the time wasted, I would,” he wrote at the time. fdsLoyzaga was raised in Australia by his mother but returned to the Philippines in 2011.

In 2017, the young Loyzaga called Montano a liar and a hypocrite, and attacked his dad for rejecting him when he was young.

Loyzaga unleashed several scathing posts against Montano whom he said has accused him of being drug addict.

He also lashed Montano for his broken promises.

Isabelle, nalalakasan sa cancel culture

Masyadong malakas ang cancel culture kaya mahirap magsabi kung alin sa mga naging tsikang Marites ang labis na nakaapekto ayon kay Isabelle Daza.



At kung ang TV host-actress-model ang tatanungin, hindi niya ma-pinpoint kung anong isyu ang nakaapekto sa kanya nang sobra lalo na sa social media.

Ani Isabelle sa studio visit ng entertainment writers sa daily noontime show na produced ng Brightlight Productions ni Albee

Benitez para sa TV5 na magkakaroon ng bagong segment, Maritest, beginning March 28 : “Sa social media ang hirap dahil ang ‘cancel culture’ natin napakalakas, ‘di ba? And so sometimes, it’s hard to explain ourselves and people are also not willing to listen.

“Sabi ng pinsan ko, in-explain niya sa akin ang psychology ng ‘cancel culture,’ it is propagated mostly by women and gays because ‘yung men wala silang masyadong paki to cancel someone out.

“Because women and gays feel like when they cancel someone out, (there’s) more room for them. I don’t know if it’s true. Pero for me, nu’ng in-explain sa akin, it can make sense. Parang ang point niya is men don’t feel like they need a place at the top kasi on top of the ‘food chain’ na raw sila. Pero ‘yung women, they feel like they need to pull someone down to get on top.

“That was what was explained to me, the psychology of it. Sabi ko, ‘oh, okay.’ And if you say cancel culture, you’ll see most of the people who take part in it are female and gays. ‘Yung men, parang dedma lang sila,” paliwanag ng regular guest co-host ng LOL!

At dahil isa siya sa mga artistang highly opinionated sa social media, natanong din siya tungkol sa umiiral na mainit na political climate ngayong ilang buwan na lamang at eleksyon na sa Mayo. Naniniwala siyang lahat ng tao ay entitled sa kanilang opinyon. “And I think that it’s very difficult to judge another person’s disagreement porke’t hindi lang sila... they don’t agree with you. Yeah, I think politically, wow, it’s hard because we’re getting divided as a country so...

“I try not to partake in ‘cancel culture’ kahit na I’m opinionated. Parang I wanna respect lahat ng opinyon ng mga tao kasi they have that right naman. And everybody has their own perspective.

“Actually, I’m so curious kapag ang isang tao is so passionate about something. I wanna know why,” giit niya.

Well, kanya-kanya ang interpretation ng cancel culture.

Transmitter at studio bibilhin, Chavit Singson may earnest money na sa ABS-CBN!?

Malapit na nga bang mapasa-kamay ni Narvacan Mayor Chavit Singson ang transmitter at building ng ABS-CBN?

Ayon sa isang reliable source, may earnest money or down payment na si Mayor Chavit sa ABS-CBN kaya talaga raw ‘in the bag’ o almost done deal na ang nasabing negosasyon.

Matagal-tagal na diumano ang nagaganap na negotiation between ABS-CBN and Mr. Singson kaya ‘wag daw magulat kung magkakaroon ng major announcement tungkol dito dahil nga sa earnest money, na sa nabasa ko sa <https://attorney.org.ph/> “An earnest money or “arras” is usually given by the prospective buyer to the seller. This is to show that the buyer is interested in purchasing the property. The main purpose of the earnest money is to bind the bargain. It is also considered as part of the purchase price and will be deducted from the total price.”

Maaalang hindi nagtagumpay si Mr. Singson sa GMA 7 several years ago na maging investor ng Kapuso network. Kasama sa nasabing nego sa GMA 7 si Sen. Manny Pacquiao, bago pa sila nagkaroon ng matinding ‘di pagka-kaunawaan. Kinumpirma ito noon ni Mr. Singson, noong 2015, na interesado siya sa GMA 7, sa naging interview namin sa Ilocos kasama ang ilan pang entertainment press. Kasama nga ba sa bentahan pati ang ABS-CBN Sound Studio sa Bulacan kung saan nagti-taping ngayon ang Darna na ang bida ay si Jane de Leon?

Nauna na ring nag-invest ang negosyante at pulitiko sa South Korea ng tumatagiting na 100 million dollars.

Wow, grabe, ‘pag natuloy ito, baka bumalik na ang sigla sa local TV dahil tiyak na mabubuhay ang network war na natigil nang hindi pagkalooban ng franchise ang Kapamilya network.

Pero alin o saang frequency kaya ang mapupunta kay Mayor Singson sakaling mabili nito ang lahat ng ari-arian ng ABS-CBN? Na wala man sa free TV ay ramdam naman ang presence sa digital platforms at ibang programa sa TV5.

Pinagkaloob na ng NTC (National Telecommunications Commission) ang dating frequency ng Channel 2 sa Advanced Media Broadcasting System (AMBS) ng Villar Group pero wala silang transmitter at mga kagamitan kaya diumano’y matatagalan pa bago makaere ang AMBS na napabalitang pamumunuan ni Willie Revillame.

Unless magsanib-pwersa ang grupo ni former Senator Manny Villar at Mayor Singson.

Wow, exciting times ahead.

Glaiza de Castro planning 2nd Wedding

After admitting that she’s already married to Irish businessman David Rainey in the Valentine episode of Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho, Glaiza de Castro revealed that they are pres-



ently planning to have another wedding in the Philippines.

“We’re already talking about it. We’re still finalizing the date and considering the logistics, the weather. It might happen next year if ever. We’re still looking for a venue. It would

be a beach wedding. The sea is very important to us. We already met with the event stylist and someone is helping us organize the whole thing,” the actress shared.

David’s folks will attend the wedding. And that makes her so excited since it will be their first time in the Philippines.

“They should enjoy visiting all our beautiful tourist spots. I want to show them our rich culture.” Interestingly, having a baby is not yet part of their immediate plans,” Glaiza said.

Talking about their baby plans, the 34-year-old actress stated that it’s their personal decision to enjoy first their time together.

“For the longest time, we’ve been in a long-distance relationship. So, we still want to travel more and explore. The baby will eventually come,” she ended.

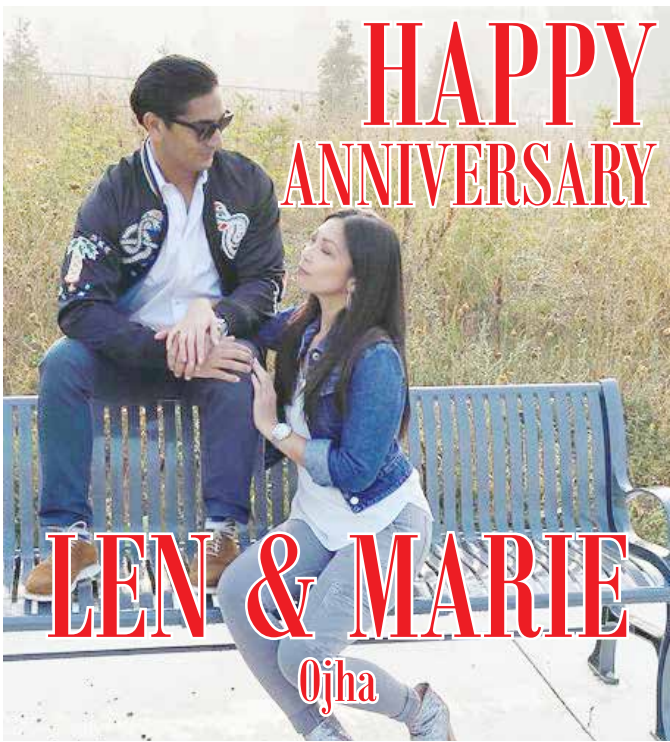
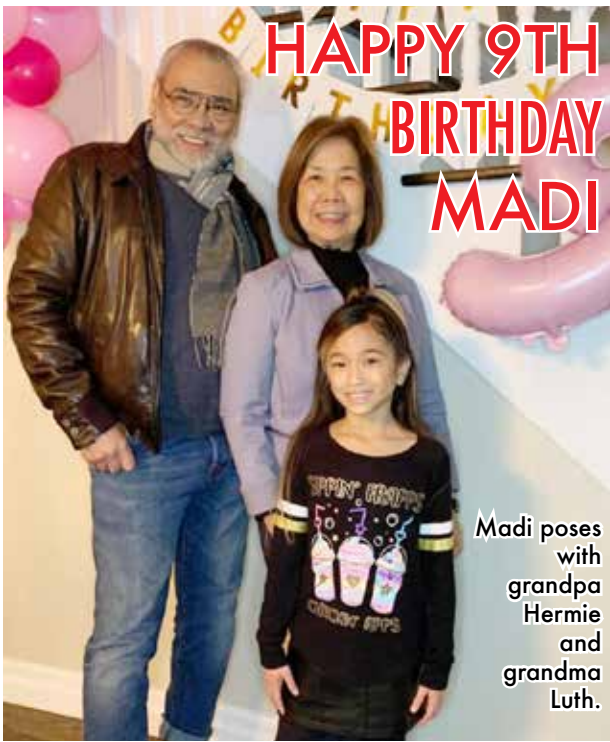


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There’s Going to Be a ‘Little Manila Avenue’ in New York City



A street corner in New York will be co-named “Little Manila Avenue” to celebrate the large Filipino community in the area.

A report in the Sunnyside Post, a community news platform in New York, said the southwest corner of Roosevelt Avenue and 70th Street in the Woodside neighborhood of Queens will also carry the new name after the NYC Parks and Recreation

the full NYC Council vote, which the Sunnyside Post says is “almost certain to pass.”

More than 3,000 people signed a petition to put up the street sign for “Little Manila Avenue” last year, which led a council member to sponsor legislation to make it happen.

This area of Woodside has long had a significant concentration of Fili-

This photo from ourlittlemanila.nyc shows what the street sign will look like once the measure is approved by the New York City Council.

Committee voted 15-0 in favor of the proposal. It will become official after

pino-American residents. According to the community presentation about the co-naming project uploaded on the OurLittleManila website, Filipinos settled in the area in the 1970s when immigration rules were eased. Many of them were nurses who filled a shortage at the time. Today there are numerous commercial establishments that cater to Filipino-Americans in the area, including restaurants, remittance centers, salons, clinics, and other professional services. In fact, Jollibee’s first-ever branch in New York City opened in Woodside in February 2009. A Red Ribbon bakeshop, which is also owned by Jollibee Foods Corp., opened there a year later.

There are about 86,000 Filipinos and Filipino-Americans living in New York City based on the most recent census, over half of whom live in the borough of Queens.

“People were talking about renaming the area Little Manila and I wanted it done,” the Sunnyside Post quoted Jimmy Van Bramer, the council member who sponsored the legislation to name the corner, as saying. “I wanted to honor the Filipino and Filipino American community who are an important part of the Woodside community.”

‘Wala po akong objections’: Bela Padilla on working with rumored ex-boyfriend Zanjoe Marudo

MANILA, Philippines — Actress Bela Padilla doesn’t mind working with Zanjoe Marudo again after they were rumored to be in a relationship back then.

In the presscon of her directorial debut film “366,” Bela said the rumored romance was in 2017 and that they are now both ready to work with each other now.

“The last time I worked with Zanjoe was in 2017. Kung meron link or anything, it was in 2017. The time we shot this film in 2021, I man So, by think we’re both already... I mean, I don’t wanna speak for Zanjoe, but personally, parang I already got past that stage of my life,” Bela said.

“I was completely different person already in 2021 from 2017. So, okay na okay na po ako. Also, at the same time, I made sure, kinakausap ko na si Z bago kami dumating sa set. I reached out and I already texted him, like to check if we’re both okay with these. I remember personally sending the script and asking him, ‘Meron ka bang ideas for the script? Meron ka bang parang gustong i-suggest o palitan?’ she added.

Bela also said that she wanted the project to be more collaborative so she’s open to the suggestions of her co-actors Zanjoe and JC Santos.

“I wanted this project to be collaborative also, not just for Zanjoe but also for JC. To also make them feel that they can trust me on set ‘coz I don’t want anyone to have any negative emotions pag-apak sa set naming,” she said.

“I made sure, on my end, I reached out and I hoped it gave comfort to my actors na, ‘You guys are safe on my side,’” she added.

The “366” actress-director-writer said that she has no objections when Zanjoe was casted in the movie.

“Wala po akong objections. Wala akong violent reactions nung sinabi nila sa akin na si Z ang makakasama ko sa 366 because he is a very good actor. Alam niya po na kahit noong 2017, lagi kong ikinukuwento sa kanya na I was a fan of his work even before I got to work with him, like I watched a lot of his movies and I’m a fan,” she said.

“So it was not something I had to think about. Kung fan ka ng mga tao na you’re working with, ang suwerte mo naman na nakakasama mo sila araw-araw. So, hindi siya naging problema sa akin na makakatrabaho ko si Zanjoe,” she added.

“366” will begin streaming starting April 15 on VivaMax.



Bea Alonzo fires back at bashers in her vlog

Kapuso actress and vlogger Bea Alonzo read and answered mean comments from bashers in her latest vlog.

The 34-year-old actress was even very game in reading comments that were supposed to hurt her feelings.

Most of the comments that she read were related to her

transfer from one network to another and her relationship with Dominique Roque.

A question was also raised about her being a vlogger.

One comment reads, “Nadapa lang ang nag alaga sayo, iiwan mo nalang, hindi ba pwde na aakayin mo para makabangon?”

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‘Wala akong kaaway’

Billy Crawford sets the record straight:

It’s confirmed! TV show “Lunch Out Loud” on TV5 is here to stay as confirmed by actor-musician Billy Crawford.

Billy said it was sad that L.O.L. was the target of malicious rumors.

“There are times na struggling kami sa ratings. Minsan nagugulat kami at pumapalo naman (sa ratings). Kapag wala kayong naririnig from TV 5, Sir Albee (Benitez), or sa aming mga host, wala itong kato-tohan,” Billy reiterated.

“Minsan nakakapikon. Ako yung

bad boy, ako yung ganito. Pero wala na silang maisip na ibang bagay tungkol sa akin. Kasi hindi ko sila tinitira, hindi ko sila dinedemanda,” he said. Billy, however, warned rumormongers from dragging his wife actress Coleen Garcia and their son Amari into controversies. “Lisa lang hindi nilang puwedeng gawin. Wala silang karapatan magsalita na laban sa anak ko at asawa ko. Doon na ako magwawala kung may sinabi na sila tungkol sa anak ko. Pero tungkol sa akin, negosyo, career, bahala kayo! Ako lang naman at

ang Diyos ang tunay na naka-ka-alam kung sino ako at ano ako.”

A person with integrity, Billy believes he doesn’t have enemies in show business.

“Wala akong kaaway, Kung may kaaway man ako hindi ko

alam,” he said. While he “lost” some of his friends during his network transfer, Billy said that his ties with other people have become stronger and solid. He counts Luis Manzano and Vhong Navarro as two of his best buddies. “At 40, ang hirap na maghanap ng mga bagong kaibigan. Hindi nadagdagan pero lumakas ang friend-

ships namin na magkakai-bigan. Naging solid.”

Believe it or not, but for several years now, Billy had no more nightlife. He doesn’t even drink wine and alcohol.

“Six years, walang wine at walang alcohol. Not even social drinking. Wala ring nightlife. Pinangako ko ito sa sarili ko,” he said.

Billy is going back to France for a special project beginning in July. He’s also happy that Coleen is heading back to work as the country relaxes its restrictions from Covid-19. “Hindi madali ang fatherhood to juggle time. Hands-on din si Coleen sa anak namin. For her sanity bilang ina, kailangan niya yun (work). It’s good na magve-venture na siyang magtatrabho uli. Kalmado na siya ngayon kesa noong pandemya.”

Miles Ocampo signs with Maja Salvador’s agency



Miles Ocampo recently announced that she is now signed with Maja Salvador’s talent agency, Crown Artist Management (CAM).

The actress shared the good news on social media with a video of her performing a dance, writing, “My new family, [Crown Artist Management].”

In another post, she wrote, “New chapter. Thank you, [Crown Artist Management].”

The agency itself posted a photo of Miles on their official Instagram account, and wrote, “Miles has come a long way.”

Miles is joining a slew of artistes who have signed with the said agency, including Lauren Reid, DJ Loonyo, Gino Santos, and Jessie Salvador, and top star John Lloyd Cruz.

It is noted that Miles is also working with John Lloyd in the Kapuso sitcom, “Happy Together”, after collaborating with the actor in his previous Kapamilya sitcom, “Home Sweet Home”.



Nenita Lora and Harold Guarin celebrate their anniversary.



IPEN Founder Edgar Sulit celebrates his birthday. IPEN beauty Melissa Ventocilla and her mom Flora pose with him.

Filipino Centre Toronto Honours Ten Outstanding Students in Ontario

FCT STUDENTS from page 4 gave their inspirational addresses. The Ontario Minister of Education & MPP for Vaughan King

Mr. Stephen Lecce sent his recorded greetings. Messrs. Shaun Chen, MP for Scarborough North, and Gary Anandasangaree, MP for Scarborough Rouge sent their respective messages via staff.

FCT president & CEO Mary Ann S. San Juan and FCT Treasurer Wendy Arena Villa made the welcome address and gave the invocation. FCT Vice president Tess Lumanlan ably hosted the

2-hour program while the Most Outstanding University Graduate Awardee Samantha De Vera provided the response. One of the awardees, Nicolas Manlapaz rendered a vocal solo. Also in

attendance were the FCT directors & officers, the awardees’ parents, relatives & friends, donors, community & media leaders & volunteers. (Tony A. San Juan-OCT-Retired.)



Member of Parliament (MP) Rechie Valdez, Guest of Honour



MP Rechie Valdez with FCT Directors and Executive Officers.



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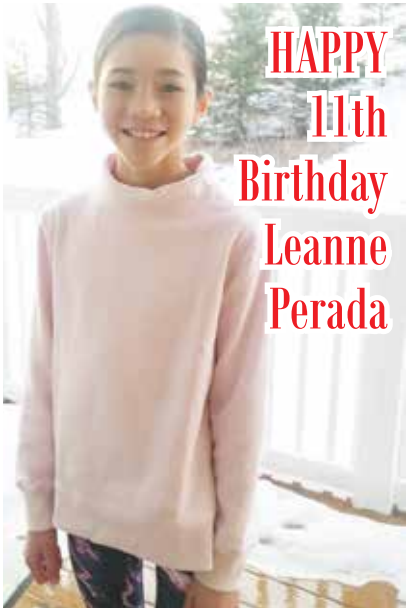
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Francine Diaz describes ‘Bola Bola’ boys KD Estrada, Ashton Salvador, Akira Morishita

Actress Francine Diaz described Thursday her leading men in the new iWantTFC series “Bola Bola” KD Estrada, Ashton Salvador, and Akira Morishita. Diaz said she was grateful about how caring and protective they were on the set. “Sobrang maalaga at protective silang tatlo kaya sobra akong natutuwa at masaya na nakatrabaho ko sila.”

Diaz added that she was also glad to share her personal suggestions with Salvador and Morishita that made it to the series.

“Fun fact: may mga adlibs si Aki sa isang eksena na ako ‘yung nag-isip. Medyo natuwa ako roon kasi talagang alam ko na nakatulong ako,” Diaz said.

“And ‘yung kay Ashton din, may isa kaming ekse-

na na nahirapan siya sa lines niya. Medyo ni-revise ko lang nang konting-konti ‘yung words para mas madali niyang ma-memorize,” she added. She added that she wanted to make sure that her leading men – all newcomers to acting – are comfortable working with her.

Morishita is a member of the new P-pop boy group BGYO, while both Estrada and Salvador were housemates of “Pinoy Big Brother: Kumunity Season 10.”

“Medyo tinatansya ko noon habang tumatagal pero nung naging ka-close ko naman na ‘yung tatlo ‘pag naririnig ko paano nila i-throw minsan ‘yung lines, tinutulungan ko sila. Or minsan kapag may mga kilig scenes kami tinuturuan ko rin sila paminsan-minsan kung paano ‘yung mga adlib namin pwede,” Diaz said.

“Ginawa ko na lang ding natural, parang ako na lang nga rin po ‘yun eh kasi ‘pag masyado akong



naging Thea baka ma-pressure si KD gumalaw sa eksena.

Asked if they were also able to spend quality time together, she said: “Simple lang pero talagang mababaon ko habang buhay.”

Sharon Cuneta praises Coco Martin

Kapamilya veteran actress Sharon Cuneta showered actor Coco Martin with love and praises as she honored the “Ang Probinsyano” lead star on social media.

Cuneta took to her social media accounts to laud Martin, whom she called brilliant and kind.

“My Coco has given me one of the best and happiest experiences not just of my career but also my life! I seriously love and respect this guy, now more than ever,” she said in the caption.

“Brilliant. Kind. Good to everyone. Does everything – directs, writes, acts – gives his



all for our show and our loyal audience. I have nothing but respect for him.”

Cuneta also shared that Martin calls her “Mi,” short for mommy, and that she doesn’t mind.

“He gave me a new, genuine, loving family by bringing me into our show. And I will always be grateful for that,” Cuneta said.

“How will anything else measure up to the standards Coco has set? Waaaaaahh!!! Love you my handsome, smart, hardworking and loving son,” she added.

Cuneta started appearing in the long-running ABS-CBN series as Aurora last November.



AUBREY PANALIGAN B'DAY

Aubrey Panaligan (SEATED) celebrates her birthday with family.



Mel Galeon shows his dance moves at Jerome Peralta's 50th birthday party with a cause.



JEROME PERALTA'S B'DAY
Knights of Columbus Vince Dumael awards a certificate of Appreciation to birthday celebrant Jerome Peralta.

BELOW, Jerome dances the night away.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kathryn Rodricks celebrates her 12th birthday.



Melai Cantiveros, may pasaring sa kanyang mga bashers

Kaliwa’t-kanang pambabash ang natanggap ng Kapamilya TV host na si Melai Cantiveros.

Kaya naman hindi na ito nakapagpigil at bumanat na sa kanyang mga bashers na pinu-putakte siya sa social media.

Sa isang Facebook post, ibinahagi ni Melai ang isang litrato kung saan nakasulat siya ng kulay pink na dress.

Dito, nagbigay siya ng



mensahe sa kanyang mga bashers na tinawag niyang mga “sam” o “samukan” o mga nakakainin na tao.

Sinulat ni Melai ang kanyang post sa salitang bisaya.

Ani Melai, ibalik niya ang sinabi sa kanya ng mga bashers kabilang na din ang pagtira sa kanyang itsura.

Dagdag pa ni Melai, busy umano siya sa mga mahahalagang bagay sa kanyang buhay at

wala umano siyang oras panoorin ang mga ginagawang pambabash sa kanya gamit ang mga videos sa TikTok.

Biro pa ni Melai, parang ang swerte niya para pagtuunan siya ng pansin ng kanyang mga bashers.

Samantala, pinuntirya naman si Melai ng mga trolls na lalo siyang pinag-initan.

Pero tila “unbothered” ang Magandang Buhay host dahil hindi niya na pinansin ang mga ito.

MP Shaun Chen Covid19 Drive

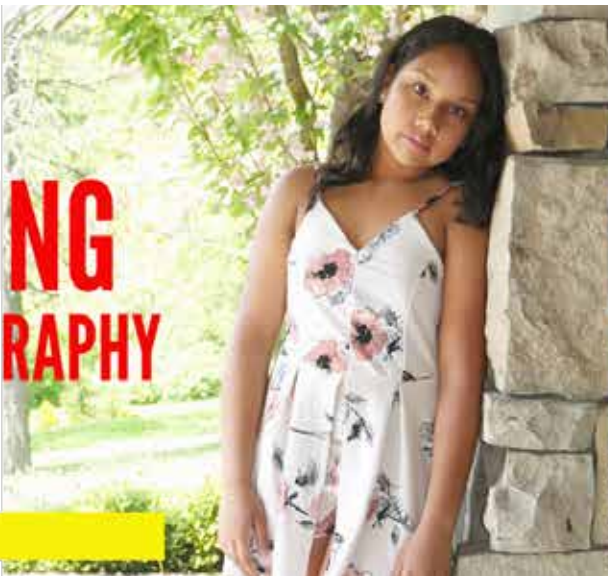
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Charlie Dizon on working with Kiko Estrada: ‘Madali siya katrabaho’

Charlie Dizon will prove yet again her versatility as an actress in her upcoming “Maalaala Mo Kaya” episode, this time with Kiko Estrada.

In the presscon, the “Viral Scandal” actress candidly talked about working for the first time with Kiko.

“Noong nalaman ko na makaka-partner ko si Kiko, hindi kasi kami magkakilala in person talaga. Nahiya rin po ako siyempre bagong partner ulit, tapos totoong tao gagampanan namin na mag-jowa,” she recalled.

According to her, the only time she met him prior to the shooting was when they had to do their pictorial for promo materials. “Medyo nakaka-awkward po sa umpisa pero nagjive naman po kaagad. Nagkabiruan kami kaagad so na-feel ko na madali siya katrabaho,” she added.

Charlie also praised the actor for being so professional on set, saying how she witnessed his passion with his craft.

“Nakita ko na passionate siya sa ginagawa niya, memorize niya kaagad ‘yung script, napag-usapan namin ‘yung gagawin namin, kung paano ‘yung dynamics namin sa isa’t-isa bilang



mag-jowa,” she said.

The “Four Sisters Before the Wedding” actress believes Kiko, who hails from a family of actors, has passion that is something he learned from his parents and grandparents, who are known screen veterans.

“Si Kiko galing din po siya sa family ng mga artista and nai-share po niya ‘yung passion nila, kung paano siya pinagsasabihan ng parents niya pagdating sa show business. And malaking tulong din po ‘yun sa ‘kin na naiintindihan ‘yung pinanggalingan nila,” Charlie said.

“Yung mga advice ng parents niya naintindihan ko rin po. Hindi lang sa acting pati ‘pag nakakausap ko siya, nakikilala ko siya as a person talaga,” she maintained.

Charlie and Kiko’s “MMK” episode will air on April 23.

Rabiya, obsessed kay Jeric?!

Aww, lagi raw nakabuntot si Rabiya Mateo sa boyfriend niyang si Jeric Gonzales.

Yes, parang ayaw na diumano halos humiwalay ng dating beauty kay Jeric. Kaya nga raw hindi na napagkikikita ang actor ng ibang dating nakakasama niya.

Samantalang noong wala pa raw sa buhay nito ang former beauty queen, maku-musta ang actor sa pamilya at mga kaibigan, pero

nung maging sila na raw ni Rabiya, na-busy na ito. At parang lahat daw ng lakad nito kahit wala sa plano ay sumasama ang dating beauty queen.

Super in love raw kasi talaga si Rabiya kay Jeric.

Parang obsessed level na nga raw. At parang totoo nga dahil kahit naglalaro ng basketball ang actor, kasa-kasama si Rabiya na nasa IG stories pa niya, kung saan nga naglaro si Jeric ng basketball sa Batangas.

Recently lang naglantad sina Jeric at Rabiya sa social media pero matagal na raw actually ang kanilang relasyon at madalas na noon pa si Jeric sa condo unit ni Rabiya.

Pero away-bati raw ang dalawa na ang madalas maki-pag-ayos ay si Rabiya.

Hmmm ano kayang meron si Jeric at maraming nai-in love sa kanya?



4-DAY WORKWEEK, from p1

stead of five days, it will be four days, and instead of eight hours, it will be 10 hours per day,” he said.

The official said that the same arrangement was implemented in 2008 when fuel prices increased.

“This will also help save money because instead of commuting every day, they will be commuting for four days only. This will also help manage our economy,” Chua said.

Chua said that increasing the minimum jeepney fare by P1.25 will also cause inflation to go up by 0.4 percentage points.

Increasing the minimum wage by 6 percent or P39 per day in the National Capital Region will also cause inflation to go up by 1 percentage point. “Higher inflation rate is a tax on all and leads to higher interest rates. We will all be affected by the faster increase in prices,” Chua said.

The Labor department said that implementing the four-day workweek requires no new law.

It can be implemented anytime by employers in consultation with their employees, Labor Undersecretary Benjo Benavidez said.

“So the proposed four-day work week does not need a law anymore to

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be implemented.” “In my opinion it can help but at the end of the day, the decision will not be made by the Labor department but by the employer and their workers if they wish to implement such a work arrangement,” he said.

Senators Emmanuel Joel Villanueva and Panfilo “Ping” Lacson supported the NEDA’s to implement alternative work arrangements to address rising fuel costs.

“Implementing flexible working arrangements like working from home is one of the best interventions that the government can do because it protects productivity for businesses and workers’ welfare while cutting fuel consumption,” Villanueva said.

The reelectionist senator renewed his call on the Department of Labor and Employment to work with businesses for the full implementa-

tion of the Work From Home Law, which was enacted in 2018.

“We have yet to see the end to the problems of traffic and high price of fuel, and WFH is one way for industries to adjust and cope,” Villanueva said.

Lacson said that shortening the workweek “is a good idea because at least three days [worth of fuel cost] would be saved.”

KABAYAN REMIT (KR) GABI NG PASASALAMAT

LEFT, Scarborough Ontario Seniors Association attend the dinner-entertainment. ABOVE, Kabay Remit Business Manager Philip Beloso and singer Maria Panaligan raffles some prizes.

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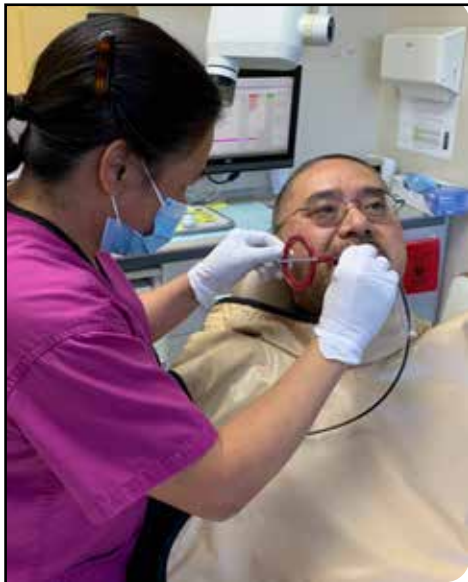
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Philippine Consulate in NY condemns increasing attacks on Filipinos; calls on authorities to ‘do more’

NEW YORK - The Philippine Consulate General in New York condemned the increasing attacks on members of the Filipino community in New York after two more cases of violence against Pinoys surfaced.

“The Philippine Consulate General in New York condemns in the strongest terms the latest attacks against members of the Filipino Community after two more kababayan (fellowmen) have been added to the growing list of victims of the senseless violence that has left many Filipinos in fear,” the consulate general’s

Security footage shows the attacks on Filipinos in New York.

post read.

After a 67-year-old woman was brutally attacked and punched 125 times in Yonkers, New York, another elderly Filipino was attacked Sunday while on his way to church in Manhattan. The man, 73, was reportedly assaulted by a homeless individual between 8th Avenue and 40th Street in New York City.

Footage showed that the

73-year-old man was tackled to the ground in an apparent attempt to steal his wallet. He suffered black and swollen eyes and bruises all over his body. While authorities did not identify the attack as a hate crime, the victim reportedly thought he heard a racial slur.

Earlier this week, a 53-year-old Filipino was beaten unconscious and robbed by another homeless individual while at a McDonald’s store on 7th Avenue near 34th Street.

About seven attacks against the Filipino community in New York

have been reported this year.

“In view of this, the Philippine Consulate General in New York again reminds kababayan to be vigilant at all times and to take the necessary precautions, especially when in public,” the post read.

The consulate called on authorities to do more to “make sure that New York City is safe again for everyone by removing dangerous individuals, especially those with criminal records, from the streets and addressing concerns related to homelessness and mental health.”

Willie Revillame on him supposedly begging GMA to take him back: ‘Fake news!’

Willie Revillame has denied rumors alleging that he wants to return to GMA, even supposedly begging to be taken in by the network again.

In a recent episode of “Wowowin” as streamed on YouTube, the 61-year-old star reiterated it is “fake news.”

“Meron hong lumalabas sa diyaryo na kung ano-ano. Ako daw ay nagmamakaawang bumalik. Hindi po totoo yun! Yun po ay fake news,” Willie said.

“Kung malaman niyo man ang mga katotohanan, basta ito lang ang masasabi ko, Mr.

Gozon, thank you so much. Atty., maraming salamat! I miss you, I love you,” he added, going on to mention other Kapuso executives.

It was in February when the final episode of “Wowowin” aired on GMA.

Willie urged fans to simply ignore the rumor.

“Kapag nakakabasa kayo ng fake news, huwag niyo na hong pansinin ‘yan. Naku, mahirap na lang magsalita,” he related. “Pero hindi ako naaapektuhan diyani, whatever you say, basta ang importante alam namin kung ano ang totoo, at alam namin ang

programang ito ay gumagawa ng paraan para makatulong sa mga ating kababayan.”

News about him being a billionaire is also fake.

“Hindi ako bilyonaryo, simple lang po ako, masinop lamang ako sa buhay. Kung ano man ang meron ako naging mabuti lang ako sa aking sarili para sa aking mga anak para pag nawala na ako sa mundong ito, yung mga anak ko hindi naman maging kawawa. So nasa sa kanila na ho yan, sa mga anak ko, kung paano nila i-ha-handle yung aking iiwan,” he added.

The veteran artist went on, “Sa mga bilyonaryo na news diyani, dapat reliable ang source niyo, kasi napi-fake news kayo. Sayang lang yung news niyo, sulat niyo ako nang isulat, kahit anong sabihin niyo sa akin – masama, walanghiya – wala sa akin ‘yan. Basta alam ng Diyos, alam ng aking mga kasama kung ano ang pagkatala ko at kung ano ang totoo. Di ba, yun ang importante?”

FILAMS WIN AT GRAMMYS

Filipino-American artists conquered the 64th annual Grammy Awards in Las Vegas, bagging three of the four major awards.

Olivia Rodrigo scooped three gramophone trophies at the 2022 Grammy Awards on Sunday evening; Pop Solo Performance, Best New Artist and Best Pop Vocal Album for Sour. Bruno Mars’ Silk Sonic swept all four nominations for “Leave The Door Open,” including Record of the Year and Song of the Year.

His comeback song also won Best R&B Song and tied with “Pick Up Your Feelings” by Jazmine Sullivan for Best R&B Performance.

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GOD'S LITTLE PARADISE

Another gem of the Visayas, Bohol's Historical significance extends way back to the blood compact between boholano chieftain sikatuna and the Spanish Conquistador, Miguel Lopez de Legaspi, in 1565.

Scenic Bohol Casts an enigmatic charm drawn from the many archaic mementos spread throughout the oval-shaped island: from the chocolate hills and the tarsier to the 16th century watchtowers and jesuit baroque mission churches. The Chocolate Hills that abound in Central Bohol, two have been developed into top class resorts.

One of the Rare Faunas found in the Phillippine archipelago, the Tarsier is the smallest primate in the world. It is a nocturnal primate measuring from four to five inches, with a tail that is longer than body.

Those interested in tarsier watching are always welcomed by the Boholanos to see the famous primate in its natural adobe up the hills in the town of Corella

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PH fourth in 'crony capitalism'

CRONY, from page 1

In The Economist's maiden crony-capitalism index in 2014, the Philippines was in fifth position, behind Malaysia, Russia, Ukraine and Singapore.

In the latest 2021 index covering 22 countries, also part of the top 10 were Ukraine, Mexico, India, Indonesia, Thailand and China.

"Globally, crony wealth has declined as a share of the total, reflecting in part the surge in tech-related wealth. Nonetheless it remains entrenched in many places," The Economist said.

IMF, Forbes data

The Economist had been using data from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as well as Forbes magazine's yearly billion-

aires' list as measures of crony wealth.

"Rent-seeking entrepreneurs tend to use their relationships with the state to maximize profits. Technically speaking, an economic rent is the surplus remaining once capital and labor have been paid a market price. With perfect competition that surplus would not exist," The Economist noted.

"But rents can be artificially elevated if firms win contracts at beneficial prices, form cartels to stitch up consumers or lobby governments for favorable rules. Most rent-seeking businesses are operating perfectly legally," The Economist added.

In general, wealth acquired from crony sectors flourished more in autocratic than in democratic countries.

Lovi Poe's Hollywood producer BF is a scientist

Alam mo, Ateng Salve, marami ang nagulat na after ng contract signing ni Lovi Poe sa Regal Entertainment, Inc. with Roselle Monteverde ay biglang nasa Los Angeles, California na siya.

Eh, natanong kasi siya sa contract signing kung ano ang plano niya dahil bakasyon naman siya sa lock-in taping ng Pinoy adaptation ng Flower of Evil ng ABS-CBN.

Sabi ni Lovi, very spontaneous siya at kung ano ang maisipan niyang gawin ay ginagawa niya.

Nang makasama



nga namin si Lovi sa dinner sa West Hollywood ay naikuwento ko sa kanya na marami ang nagulat at kasama na siya ng boyfriend na si Montgomery Blencowe sa LA.

Sabi naman ng Kapamilya Precious Jewel, that time ay wala pa talaga siyang planong umalis, pero dahil wala pa nga siyang gagawin at after Holy Week

pa ang cycle 3 ng lock-in taping nila ni Piolo Pascual for Flower of Evil kaya naisipan niyang dalawin muna si Monty sa LA.

Understandable naman ang desisyon na 'yon ni Lovi dahil pagdating naman sa relasyon nila ni Monty ay very open siya.

Anyway, that night nga pala ay katsikahan ko si Monty.

Second time ko nang makasama ang boyfriend ni Lovi kaya comfortable na ako sa pakikipagkuwentuhan sa kanya. Sa tsikahan namin, nasabi ko 'yung reaction ng isa kong editor nang isulat ko na scientist siya. Akala ng editor na 'yon ay nagkamali lang ako dahil mas kilala si Monty bilang Hollywood producer. Pero isa nga talaga siyang scientist at mas gusto niya na ganoon ang itawag sa kanya.

Siyanga pala, pare-parehong nasabi nina Ogie Alcasid, Paulo Avelino, Janine Gutierrez at Leo Dominguez na sobrang bait ni Monty nang maka-dinner namin ito.

Kahit big time si Monty, napakabit niya at ang sarap pang kausap.

Kaya nga super in love sa kanya si Lovi, huh!

Matapos sumikat sa Indonesia, Teejay pang-support na lang

Isa pang sinasabi ng marami na nakakahinayang ay si Teejay Marquez. Noon hindi nila pinapansin 'yan, aba biglang sumikat nang mapunta sa Indonesia. Nakagawa siya roon ng mga serye sa telebisyon, at endorse- Noong dapat bumalik Indonesia dahil sa mga project na naghahintay sa kanya, nakulong naman siya sa Pilipinas ng pandemic.

Pero dito naman ok na sana ang career niya. Gumawa siya ng isang seryeng boys' love kasama si Jerome Ponce, na mataas naman ang audience. Kaso may mga ginawa siyang pelikula na natapos, pero naipit din at hindi pa nailalabas kahit na sa internet.

Ngayon naman may serye siya sa telebisyon na ginawa siyang support at madalang ang mga eksena. Aywan kung bakit, pero hindi nila ginamit ang potentials ni Teejay para bumatak ng audience.

Nakakahinayang ang mga ganyang artista. Magaling, may hitsura, pero hindi nabibigyan ng tamang break.



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Hermie Esguerra wears Feliston sports outfits with his grandsons.

Why Bela Padilla is not yet ready for marriage

Bela Padilla is relishing her life of anonymity in London, her home base for now until further notice. But being away from show biz has not made her creative juices stop flowing.

After proving her worth as an actress and screenwriter, she makes her directorial debut in the poignant film “366.”

Topbilled by Zanjoe Marudo and JC Santos, it is about coping with grief and moving on. Is it time or love that heals all wounds?

“366” is loosely based on a tragic story I heard in Maldives about a woman who was also on vacation there. The level of pain is the same, situation is different. The plan was to shoot in Buda-like its gothic and somber which fits the story. But pandemic travel restrictions, shot in Turkey instead. choice, because it’s visually



Up Next

I am enjoying my total aloneness and independence here in London. Back to basics. No driver, no car, no helper. I love to “people watch” while I’m on the train or in the park here. It sparks ideas for my writing.

My boyfriend lives in Switzerland. We meet up from time to time. But marriage is not yet on my agenda. I started working when I was 16, so feeling ko, parang now lang ako nag-turn 17 because I am living it up here in London.

I wanted Liza Soberano to star in “366” so I could focus on directing.

But due to the pandemic, I ended up being the lead actress. People ask why most of my films are tearjerkers. Akala nila tuloy marami akong “hugot” sa buhay. But I’m actually a cheerful person. I don’t wallow when I have a problem. I am solution-oriented.

There’s no formula for moving on. Pain has no timetable. There are others who are also going through pain, so don’t feel that you are alone. And take comfort in the thought that there is always someone willing to help you if you reach out.



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KABAYAN REMIT GABI NG PASASALAMAT

1. Maria Panaligan, DJ Arnold, DJ Jeff, Kabayan Remit Business Manager Philip Beloso, Country Manager Princess Manalo; 2. Jerome Peralta, Chela DelMar, Marites Beloso, Princess Manalo Joy D’Aoust, FV Foods owner Mel Galeon; 3. Country manager Princess Manalo, Business Manager Philip Beloso, Featured singer Maria Panaligan; 4. Genelie Panaligan, Maria Panaligan, Ed Tubale



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Jerome Peralta’s Birthday for Bohol Rehabilitation

1. MH Productions support Jerome’s (FAR LEFT) birthday for a cause; 2. Elvie Ortiz buys the centerpiece to support the charitable cause of Jerome’s birthday, to rehabilitate Bohol; 3. Joy D’Aoust and Mel Galeon listen to tiktok instructions; 4. Kabayan Remit shows it’s support; 5. Mark Sibula and Marky Hugh support Jerome Peralta’s birthday for a cause.

Angel Locsin on why she isn’t in a hurry to have a baby

Many of her friends are already mothers.

Some, including Angelica Panganiban and Dimples Romana, are currently pregnant.

But Angel Locsin is not eager to follow suit.

Not yet anyway.

In an interview with Ogie Diaz, Angel revealed that this is partly because she is currently dealing with a medical condition.

“Wala talaga sa plano namin ‘yun plus meron din kaming konting health issues na kailangang ayusin because I have a thyroid problem kasi. I have Hashimoto’s disease, autoimmune disease siya sa thyroid but under control naman siya, under medication ako,” she told Ogie.

“Pero okay kami kasi plano naman talaga namin, chill kami. At saka honestly wala pa kaming honey-moon kasi di ba nag-pandemic so nakulong kami,

‘yung kasal namin sa garden lang di ba?’”

Asked how she feels about Dimples and Angelica being pregnant, the actress replied, “I’m so happy for them, alam mo ‘yun? Ang tagal nilang hinintay ‘yun. Pinagplanuhan nila ‘yun talaga and darating din tayo diyan.”

“Happy din ako na wala pa ‘ko sa ganu’ng posisyon sa totoo lang, di ba? ‘Pag oras mo na talaga, ‘pag tingin ni Lord na you’re ready bibigyan ka naman niya ng blessing eh,” she added.

“Alam niyang hindi pa ngayon so kahit kami hindi pa ngayon. Kumbaga moment pa nila ‘yun; ‘wag muna ako”

Maris Racal’s advice on moving on after a heartbreak: “Hindi dapat minamadali.”

Ipinagpapasalamat ni Maris Racal na kung ang iba ay nahihirapan makapag-move on sa heartbreak, siya ay madaling natatanggap kapag hindi talaga para sa kanya ang isang tao.



Maria Panaligan’s Birthday
Maria Panaligan (2ND FROM LEFT) celebrates her birthday with family; Ed Tubale (1ST FROM LEFT) treated us to Fishman Lobster House.

Sabi pa ni Maris, kailangan talagang dumaan sa tamang healing process.

“So the moment na mag-decide ka na break na kayo, you finally accepted na hindi kayo para sa isa’t isa.

“Then, iyak-iyak lang for three days, then okay na ako.

“It’s a process, hindi dapat minamadali. Dapat mag-take time ka.

“Whether it’s fast or mahaba, i-enjoy mo lang yung process because that’s what gonna make you are in the future.”

‘Don’t be scared to take risks’, Maymay Entrata

Kapamilya actress Maymay Entrata opened up about her views on love recently.

Recently, the actress made headlines as she introduced her non-showbiz boyfriend, Canadian Aaron Haskell, on Instagram.

“I’m drowning in love. My February had been really fun. My heart was happy because I got to spend time with someone special (referring to Aaron). Another reason my February was memorable was that a lot of the members of my family celebrated their birthdays this month. We would communicate with each other almost every day,” she began.



Grateful for all the love and support that she’s been receiving, Maymay encouraged her supporters to, like her, always choose to be happy and to take risks – even in their love life.

“Sa mga taga-suporta ko na nandito ngayon sa meet-and-greet, sana nag-enjoy kayo kahit hindi man tayo in-person. Sana mangibabaw kung ano man ang nakakapagpasaya ng puso natin. Huwag na huwag po tayong matakot na mag-risk sa kung ano ang magpapasaya sa atin kasi sinasabi ko sa inyo magiging worth it talaga ‘yun!”



Samantha Gavin (1ST ON RIGHT) celebrates her 17th birthday with friends from left, Angela Castillo, Krystal Castillo and KC Adajar.

Sharon Cuneta praises Mariel Rodriguez’s online live selling; Mariel asks, “Ano bang size niyo po, Mega... ng paa?”

star Sharon Cuneta sa live online selling ni Mariel Rodriguez via Facebook.

Muling sumalang sa online selling ang former Pinoy Big Brother host nitong Miyerkules ng gabi, March 30, 2022, na inabot ng hanggang madaling-araw ng Huwebes, March 31.

Naging matagumpay ang pagbebenta ni Mariel, na pinanood pa ng kapwa niya showbiz personalities gaya ng asawang si Robin Padilla, si Aubrey Miles, at ng Megastar na si Sharon.

Sunud-sunod ang mga komento ni



Sharon sa kasagsagan ng pagbebenta ng pre-loved branded items ni Mariel.

Makalipas ang higit isang oras na pagbebenta ni Mariel, nakita nitong biglang nagkomento si Sharon.

“Tuwang tuwa ako sayo bebe!!! Hahahaha ang cuuuuuute mo!!!” unang komento ni Sharon.

Sabi pa ni Mega, “Ang galing

natututo ako!!!!”

Sa puntong iyon ay ibinebenta ni Mariel ang kanyang Louis Vuitton shoes.

Panandaliang natigilan si Mariel sa pagbebenta para magbigay-pugay kay Sharon.

Sabi ni Mariel, “Awww, maraming salamat po, Mega. Thank you so much, Ma’am. Thank you so much, Inay.”

Comment ni Sharon, “Wag

mo nga ako mina MAM! Inay tama!”

Sabi muli ni Mariel, “Inay, maraming-maraming salamat for watching.”

Tanong niya pa kay Sharon, “Ano bang size niyo po, Mega...”

Na dinugtungan niya ng “...ng paa, ng paa. Kasi alam ko sa katawan, small na po kayo.”

Sumagot pa si Sharon na “size 10” ang kanyang paa.

Napanood din ni Sharon ang pag-“mine” ni Robin sa Chanel bag na sinubukang ibenta ni Mariel.

Nakaabang din kasi si Robin sa online selling ng asawa at may mga pagkakataong nagma-“mine” siya.

Ito ay kapag alam ni Robin na gustung-gusto pa rin ni Mariel ang ibinebenta niyang gamit.

Kaya si Robin na ang bumibili nito para hindi na mapunta sa iba at maibalik sa “closet” ni Mariel.

Si Sharon, tuwang-tuwa sa pagiging maaalalahanin ni Robin sa asawa.

Komento ni Sharon, “Ahahahahahahahahahahaha Kambal binili uli para kay misis!!!!!!”

“Kambal” ang tawag ni Sharon kay Robin, na dati niyang leading man at naging boyfriend din.

Samantala, ito ang ikalawang beses na sumabak si Mariel sa live online selling. Una niya itong ginawa noong March 15, 2022.

Sinabi noon ni Mariel sa isang post na natupad niya ang kanyang pangarap maging online seller.

Jake Ejercito on changes in his life when Ellie came:

‘I had to man up, take responsibility’

Jake Ejercito opened up on how his life changed after his daughter Ellie entered his life, recounting an advice from his father, former President Joseph Estrada, on having a child at a young age.

Ejercito spoke about the remarkable advice he got from Estrada in an exclusive interview with talent manager Ogie Diaz.



Jake Ejercito with daughter Ellie

In the said vlog, Ejercito was interviewed along with his brother, senatorial candidate Jinggoy.

“Nung time na ‘yun, I was only 21. Bumabarkada pa ako and everything. Sinabihan niya ko na, ‘May anak ka na, kailangan mo nang tumino. Hindi lang sarili mo ang kailangan mong isipin,’” the actor recalled. “So nung dumating si Ellie talagang 180 degrees. I had to man up and take responsibility.”

Ejercito also talked about how he bonds with his daughter and how their frequent out-of-town trips are his way of maximizing his time with Ellie.

“Pag nagpo-post ako ng photos na bu-ma-biyahe kami, maraming nagco-comment, maraming nakaka-appreciate pero ako naman I’m just trying to be the best father that I could be for my daughter. Hindi siya kabawasan kasi iba rin ‘yung maliit lang ‘yung age gap niyo, para kayong barkada,” he said.

Ejercito added that he has a good relation-

ship with Ellie’s mom, actress Andi Eigenmann, noting how they’re now mature in handling things which involve Ellie.

Aside from being a father, Ejercito was also asked by Diaz how he and Jinggoy compromise when it comes to their opposing political stance.

“I’m very grateful kay kuya kasi hinahayaan niya rin naman ako. He respects that I have my own opinion kasi I guess wala namang masama. I mean, we all want the same thing in the end, ‘di ba? Pilipino naman tayong lahat,” Ejercito stated. “Hindi naman kailangan ‘yung you know, ‘yung cancel culture ngayon.”

Jinggoy then stressed that they respect each other’s opinions, adding that he never meddled with Ejercito’s political beliefs and persuaded him to adopt his own.

“I never convinced Jake to transfer to my presidential candidate. Basta alam niya kung kanino ako — pulang-pula. Siya rosas na rosas,” Jinggoy added.

Ejercito and Ellie recently bonded over an underwater adventure which marked Ejercito’s first ever diving experience. The father and daughter also recovered from COVID-19, after experiencing mild symptoms.

Pokwang hits back at bashers who call her and Melai Cantiveros ‘pangit’:

“Kailan namin sinabing maganda kami?”

May halong biro ang buwelta ng Kapuso comedienne na si Pokwang sa bashers na tinatawag siyang “pangit.”

Hindi naman daw kasi niya kailanman sinabing maganda siya.

Sa Twitter kahapon, March 30, 2022, ibinahagi ni Pokwang sa followers niya ang palaging tawag sa kanya tuwing siya’y babatikusin ng bashers—pangit.



kelan ko ba sinabi na sikat ako?! kelaaaaaan?!? hehe labyul!”

Tugon ni Pokwang, “sikatan ba bff para sakin at mga nagmamahal syo”

Bukod sa kanya, idinamay rin ng bashers ang komediyana rin at dating kasamahan ni Pokwang sa ABS-CBN na si Melai Cantiveros.

Post ni Pokwang: “bashers: Ang pangit mo Pokwang! kayo ni Melai pangit nyo! Me: kailan namin sinabing maganda kami? Kailaannnn???”

Diin ni Pokwang, “fake news” ito dahil hindi naman talaga nila binanggit sa anumang panayam na maganda sila. “kung may sinabi kaming maganda kami, pwes! na FAKE NEWS NANAMAN KAYO!!! Gusto nyo yan e” Sa comments section, biniro naman siya ng matalik na kaibigang si K Brosas.

Ayon kay K, mayroon ding bashers na sinasabihan silang laos na. Pero tugon naman niya, hindi niya kailanman sinabing sikat siya.

Saad ni K, “lol! haaay! meron din ilan na nagsasbi na ‘laos ka laos!’ eh

“PWES DI AKO DIOS!”

Bago ito, may naunang post si Pokwang sa Twitter tungkol sa mga naninira ng kanyang “good vibes” na tinawag niyang “mga daot.” Kapag sinasagot niya ang mga ito ay umuunong at magpapa-victim at sinasabihan siyang mataray. Pero hindi naman daw siya Diyos kaya pinapatulan niya.

Sabi ng komediyana, “Yung saya ng post mo napaka GV tapos may mga daot uumpisahan ka tatawagin ka ng kung ano anong okray tapos pumatol ka at binagsakan mo ng katotohanan biglang play victim!”

“Ganyan ka pala idol pa naman kita akala ko mabait ka! PWES! DI AKO DIOS! ako ay #PinkAngPokienyongLahat”

Nauna nang nanawagan si Pokwang sa trolls at bashers na i-unfollow siya sa kanyang social media accounts lalo na kung ayaw nila sa kanyang sinusuportahang kandidato.

Isang “Kakampink” si Pokwang na sumusuporta sa tandem nina presidential aspirant at Vice President Leni Robredo at vice presidential aspirant at Senator Kiko Pangilinan.

Is Carlo Aquino open to reconciliation with Trina Candaza?

Naging usap-usapan ang hiwalayan nina Carlo Aquino, 36, at Trina Candaza, 25, nang magpost si Trina na lumipat na siya ng tirahan kasama si Baby Mithi.

Si Mithi, one year and six months old, ay anak nina Carlo at Trina.

Inusisa si Carlo kung posibleng maging present at future niya ang isang tao mula sa kanyang past.

“Hindi ko alam, e, ayoko na munang magsalita nang tapos,” safe na sagot ni Carlo.

“Kung ano yung ibigay ng universe, ng tadhana, siyempre tatanggapin mo yun kasi wala ka namang magagawa. Yun ang nakasulat sa palad mo, e.”

Carlo was asked at the presscon of romantic-comedy series na How To Move On In 30 Days.

“Oo, civil naman kami. Yun naman yung importante kasi siyempre para kay Mithi,” ani Carlo.

BLAMED BY BASHERS

Isa si Carlo sa naging paboritong i-bash ng netizens mula pa nang hindi magandang paghihiwalay nila ng landas ng dating girlfriend na si Angelica Panganiban.

Hanggang nang sila naman ni Trina ang nauwi sa hiwalayan ang relasyon, siya uli ang nasisisi ng netizens.

Tinatanggap at nirerespeto

raw ni Carlo kung anuman ang sinasabi sa kanya ng iba.

“Wala kasi akong magagawa sa opinyon ng ibang tao towards sa akin. Kung ano ang nakikita nila, at least transparent ako na pag kasama ko ang anak ko, ang saya ko. Hindi naman puwede na, ano sa bahay lang ako? Palagi akong lugmok?” katuwiran niya.

Kasama ni Carlo sina Maris Rascal at Albie Casiño sa proyektong How To Move On In 30 Days.

Kaugnay ng tema ng proyekto, gaano ba katagal para kay Carlo ang maka-move on pagkatapos ng isang breakup?



Tugon niya, “Hindi ko alam, e. Dapat ba may timeline? Wala yatang timeline kapag ganun, e. “Kung kailan yung pakiramdam ng buong pagkatao mo na okay na, so ayun siguro.”

ENJOYING FATHERHOOD

Para sa Kapamilya actor, iba ang saya na ibinibigay sa kanya ng pagiging isang ama.

Ani Carlo, “Masarap, ang sarap lang na iba pa palang pagmamahal na hindi ko pa alam. Ang sarap lang na yun pinagtatrabahuan mo ay hindi lang para sa iyo, para sa anak mo, e.

“Saka ang sarap talagang amuyin. Minsan natutulog sa akin, kahit na awkward ang position mo, di ka gagalaw.

“Kahit two hours, tatlong oras

kang nakahiga, ngawit na ngawit ka na, hindi mo maramdaman yung kamay mo, basta hindi lang magising ang anak mo.”

Kuwento pa niya, “Pag uuwi ako ng lock-in, maglalaro lang kami sa playroom, yung dollhouse na ibinigay ng sister ko para sa kanya. “Tapos minsan nag-a-out of town, nandun sa farm. Sa Tanay, malamig, masarap, kasi sobrang init.”

Tinitiyak naman daw ni Carlo na hindi siya basta nakikipagkita sa anak kapag galing siya sa gathering. “Katulad ngayon may event, medyo exposed, maghihinatay ako ng one week.

“Pero nakakatuwa kasi nandito na naman uli tayo after two years na nandun lang tayo sa maliit na laptop,” sabi ng Kapamilya actor.

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A NEW GIRL GROUP IS BORN

A new-girl group is set to take on the world of Philippine pop music with the launch of "G22" composed of four young, beautiful, individually unique, and very talented ladies, namely: AJ (leader/main rapper), Jaz (main vocal), Bianca (main dancer/sub-rapper), and Alfea (visual/lead vocal).



As the leader of G22, AJ shares that she is excited that the group will finally be able to showcase their talents and what they've been working on to the world. She also mentions that working with the group has been an experience she won't trade for anything else

because meeting people with the same drive, passion, wavelength, and goal, is a rarity and blessing. Each girl may have their own unique personality, forte, and background, but as a united squad with a common goal, they can create something much bigger than themselves that could positively impact and change the P-Pop landscape in the near future.

Ai Ai delas Alas denies being 'kakampink'

Comedy Queen Ai Ai delas Alas has slammed a YouTuber who named her a "kakampink" or one of the supporters of presidential candidate Leni Robredo just because she wore a pink ensemble. On Instagram, Ai Ai uploaded the screenshot of the video where her picture was edited along with Miles Ocampo, Anne Curtis, Angel Locsin, Lara Quigaman, Rica Peralejo, Pokwang, and Sharon Cuneta. She deemed it "fake news."

"Utang na loob NANAHIKIM AKO wag nyo akong masali sali sa mga ganito .. tahimik buhay ko .. lahat na lang .. huy !!!!," the comedienne wrote.

According to her, the said picture was a press release photo for her role in the 2003 film "Ang Tanging Ina." "Tanging ina ka kung sino ka man na gumagawa ng mga ganitong ka cheapan ... pls hindi po ako vp LENI supporter ..," she reiterated along with the hashtags "#panahonpanimatusalemangpicturenayan," "#iwantpeace," "#iwantunity," and "#silenceisdeadly."



Patrick Quiroz wins Bidaoke

Big congratulations to Patrick Quiroz for winning the Ultimate Bidaoke Singe-brity in TV5s "Sing Galing". Patrick is thankful for all the support from his management team and friends who gave their time from the start of the competition. " This journey wouldn't be possible without all of you guys na sumuporta sa'kin. To my family and friends na sumuporta sa'kin mula umpisa hanggang dulo, maraming salamat po! My Cornerstone Studios family, thank you for believing in me. To my Sing Galing family, staff, directors, artists, production, and to all the people behind this show and who made this

show happen and successful, maraming salamat po! And congratulations to all of us! To God be the Glory!" says Patrick. "Sing Galing" is now on its second year of bringing the original videoke game/talent show format with its main hosts Randy Santiago, Donita Nose, Ariel Rivera, K Brosas and Ethel Booba.



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