

# Free Buffet For Life

Olympic 2-Gold medalist Carlos Yulo already has P13M from the government, a BGC Megaworld condo, and a Tagaytay house and lot from the POC chief.

**As they say, when it rains it pours.**

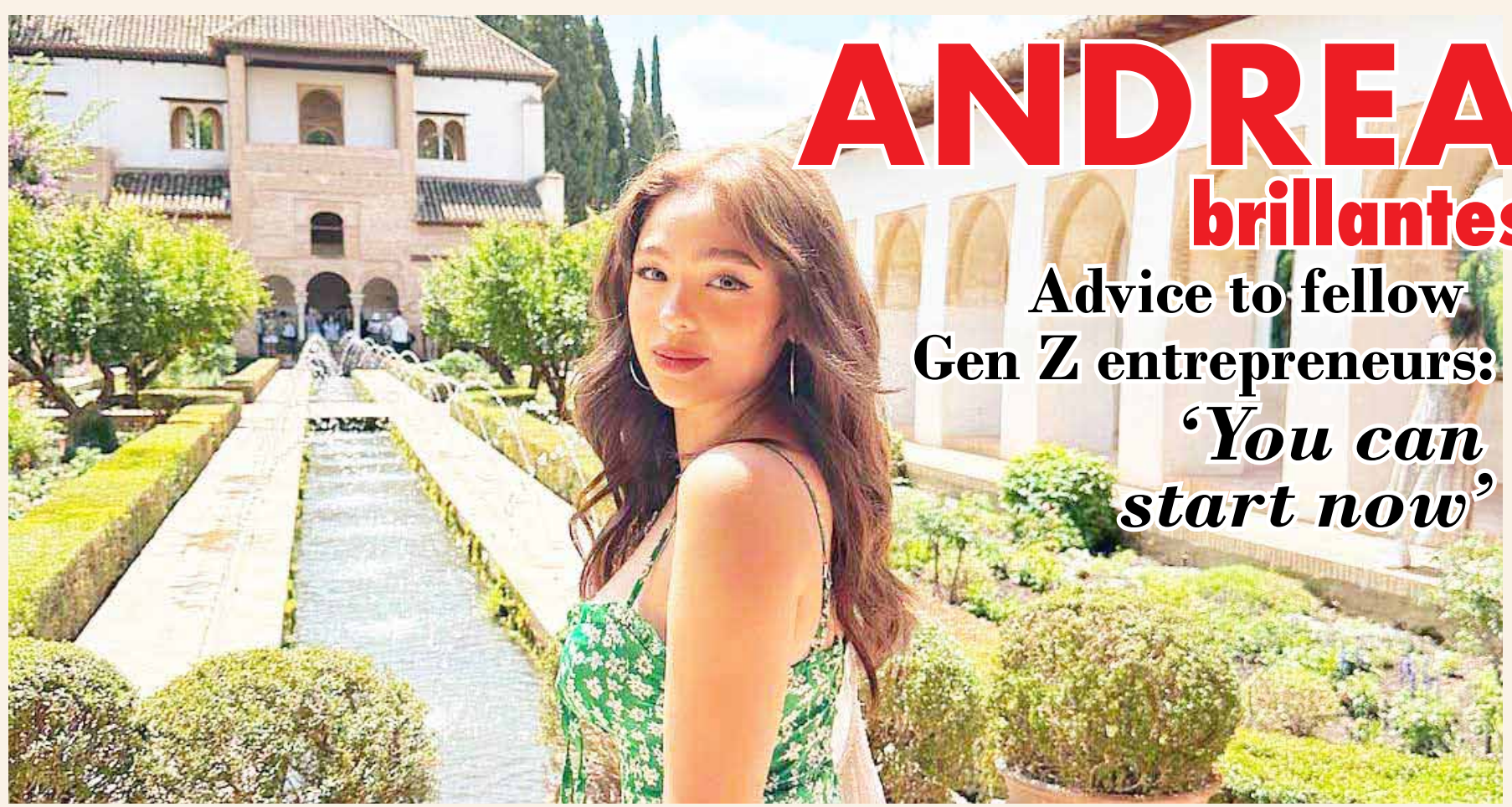
That's exactly what is happening to Carlos Yulo. After a mind-boggling gold medal

victory in the floor exercise of the gymnastics competition



in the Paris Olympics, cash and kind

are pouring like rain, no, like a storm, to the 24-year-old  
**CARLOS YULO** p15



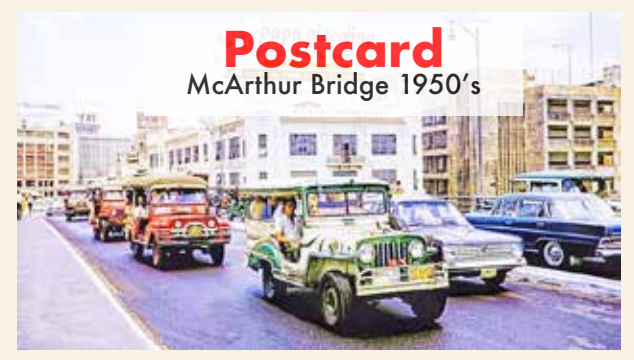
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Advice to fellow Gen Z entrepreneurs:  
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### HIGH-END RETIREMENT HOME OPENS IN MUSKOKA



Heidi Lorenz Mayor Town of Gravenhurst, District Chair Jeff Lehman, members of Town and District Council and the community attended the Grand Opening ceremony.  
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### COCKFIGHTING DOCUMENTARY CANCELLED

'Security' force cancellation of 'Lost Sabungeros' showing

MANILA - The Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival has abruptly canceled the screenings of the GMA Public Affairs and GMA Pictures documentary,

"Lost Sabungeros," citing security concerns.

"Due to security concerns, the screenings of 'Lost Sabungeros' on August 8, 2024, and

August 9, 2024, have been canceled," the post read.

The film was originally set to premiere on Aug. 8 and 9 at  
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### TORONTO GIRL IN PHL

Miss Philippines PIDC 2024, Chelsea Star is Doing Charity Work

TORONTO: Chelsea is currently in the Philippines engaged in charity work for the "Gabay sa

Kapwa Tao" initiative. This noble cause is sponsored by the Agnes Miwork for the  
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# Skyre Zane Sarmiento Baptism



Parents Renjeina Mae Sarmiento & Matthew Sumook are happy as Skyre Zane Sarmiento is baptised at St. Aidan's parish church.



## Liza Soberano now has same acting coach as Johnny Depp and Meg Ryan

And just like that, she's back in Hollywood as we speak. "I have a pretty big announcement coming soon at the end of the year. I will say that I have one series, one reality show, and one movie that I'm working on right now," she said.

I know fans have been eagerly waiting for her next big screen role after her impactful portrayal as Taffy in "Lisa Frankenstein," and she is, too.

"I've been very, very busy, but I'm actually so excited to get back into actual filming work," she shared.

What I can tell you is, we all know Hollywood is no easy journey and Liza has been making sure that she is planting the right seeds to be in the industry for the long haul. Patience, strategy and persistence are what Liza

is showing. Landing the next big project is not a walk in the park, but she soldiers on.

"I've been taking in also a lot of auditions," she said.

Liza with the author after the one-on-one chat.

As she should! Liza said that she is not stopping with her plans to represent the country in Tinseltown.

Right now, Liza is sharpening her skills in acting, learning from the 12-time Best Acting Coach in the business.

"I've been taking acting classes. I've been very busy



with that, and I'm taking that four times a week with this amazing acting coach named Alex Taylor."

Wow! The Taylor Studio of Alex Taylor is actually one of the top five acting schools in Hollywood.

According to his profile, Alex is the youngest acting teacher to have worked with legendary acting teacher Sanford Meisner. He was in the last class to work with Meisner before Meisner's death in 1997. So, Liza is learning the Meisner approach, wherein actors do not focus on themselves and instead concentrate on the other actors in the immediate environment. It is one of the most prevalent techniques in Hollywood today.

What is more significant about Liza's acting school is that she is also working with the same acting coach as Johnny Depp, Jessica Lange, Meg Ryan, and Mickey Rourke. Okay, Liza! Good move! We see where this one is going.

Given that Liza has been around and has deep roots in the Philippine scene, she said that all that she is doing is for her Filipino fans, "Like with anything, I have been hands-on. I've been setting up businesses in L.A. and my production company."

Like the creative that she is, Liza has been collaborating with international producers.

"I am the Philippine producer, but I am also working with people from L.A. and people from Korea," said she.

Another major life update, too, is that finally, Liza has already moved into her own apartment in Los Angeles. We even played around with the idea of an apartment tour, to which she made the most sensible reply. "Hindi ko alam! Nakakatakot mag-apartment tour doon, buti kung dito sa Pinas! Okay lang sa Pinas kasi safe baka may kidnapper na pumasok kapag doon! hahahaha!"

See you when we see you next time, Liza.

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## FILIPINO CANADIANS TO CELEBRATE 11th TASTE OF MANILA FESTIVAL By Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

The “Taste of Manila Festival 2024” is celebrating its 11th year. This year’s street festival dubbed “Festival For Everyone!” is to be held at the Bathurst St. and Wilson Avenue area in Little Manila, North York, Toronto on August 17 and 18, 2024 (Saturday and Sunday).

According to Rolly Mangante, President & CEO of the Taste of Manila, Inc., the 2-day festival is officially organized and delivered by the Society of Professional Artists, Recreation and Community (SPARC), under the leadership of Sani Baluyot and his executive officers.



It is expected that the ever-popular festival will welcome and entertain partici-

pants and visitors from across Canada, the United States and other parts of the world. As in the past, the organizers and sponsors will have booths and spaces for food vendors, small businesses, and professional, social and community organizations to promote and market their products and services.

The annual event will have live musical and entertainment programs featuring local Filipino Canadian talents and groups to

perform popular, classic and contemporary songs. According to SPARC, Alden Richards, a Filipino multimedia actor, and Boobay, a top comedian, will entertain the public during the 2 days of celebration.

Arguably one of the best and most popular ethnic-centric summer festivals in the Greater Toronto Area, the Filipino culture-focused festivities will generate attendance by the thousands. Come and join us for 2 days of great food, fun, fellowship, festive entertainment and activities. (Tony A. San Juan, OCT)

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## Why Vilma Santos thinks starring in reality show ‘too bold’ for Pinoy taste

While award-winning veteran actress Vilma Santos said she is now open to making more movies and TV projects, she draws the line at doing a reality show that will also feature other members of her family, similar to the American reality series “The Kardashians.”

“I was offered to do a sitcom with my son Lucky (Luis Manzano) by the team of Cory (Vidanes, ABS-CBN COO for Broadcast), but we still did not agree on the theme. But I don’t think I’m ready to do a reality show—like ‘The Kardashians,’ for example—because I still need my privacy. It’s too bold for me. I’m not as brave nor as open as they are to show everything to the public. We’re Pinoys, and we have family values, and I think it’s more important that we promote them,” Vilma said.

Vilma did let on that she is “leaning toward” doing a film with writer-director Dan Villegas.

“Everyone knows that I have negotia-



tions with Dan. I told them, ‘Let’s just do one good film.’” the actress said.

Vilma was last seen in the romantic drama “When I Met You in Tokyo” (WIMYIT), for which she won two best actress trophies.

Vilma added that she is very pleased that WIMYIT topped the Netflix chart two days after it premiered on the streaming platform.

### Agot Isidro urges more funds for other PH sports aside from basketball

Following Carlos Yulo’s historic double gold medal win at the 2024 Paris Olympics, actress-singer Agot Isidro suggested decreasing the financial sponsorship for basketball and putting it instead in gymnastics, boxing, and weightlifting, the sports that are currently performing well in the Olympics.

Isidro took to X to share her thoughts about providing more financial support for other Philippine sports aside from basketball,



prompting a divided discussion in the comment section.

“So pwede na ba natin bawasan ang sponsorship at funding ng basketball at idagdag na lang sa gymnastics, boxing, and weightlifting? (So can we reduce the sponsorship and funding on basketball and pour more funds into gymnastics, boxing, and weightlifting?) Agree or Disagree?” she wrote.

Some netizens asserted that there should not be a decrease in the funding of any sports but an equal budget for all kinds of PH sports, as they all provide a different kind of entertainment and achievement to the country.

“I think hindi ganyan dapat na bawasan or dagdagan. Why not ipantay ang lahat ng funds allocation, kahit anong sports pa yan? boxing, basketball, and gymnastics. AT SWIMMING. ATBPA. KUNG GUSTO NYO NG FAIR TREATMENT, DAPAT FAIR DIN ANG FUNDS?” stated one X user.

Other users claimed that they understand Isidro’s suggestion because gymnastics, boxing, and weightlifting haven’t been receiving sufficient financial support from the government and private sectors, despite Filipino athletes excelling in these sports in the interna-

tional arena.

“I agree. Sa basketball, wala ga tayong chance manalo sa Olympics. Better focus tayo sa may competitive edge tayo (I agree. In basketball, we really have no chance to win the Olympics. Let’s better focus on where we have a competitive edge),” said one netizen.

After the heated discussion in her first post, Isidro penned another statement, saying, “Daming palang triggered. Sahree naman. Nagtanong lang. Eto na lang. Can we agree to have a public gymnasium built for every municipality? Meron pa bang Palarong Pambansa?”

The Palarong Pambansa 2024 concluded on July 17 while other netizens reasoned that local governments usually provide only basketball courts, and there are gymnasiums in some areas, but they are usually not properly maintained with equipment.

Yulo made Philippine sports history after winning two gold medals in the gymnastics category of the 2024 edition of the Olympic Games in Paris, France.

During the 2020 Summer Olympics, weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz won the gold medal for the Philippines, becoming the first Filipino to ever win an Olympic gold medal.

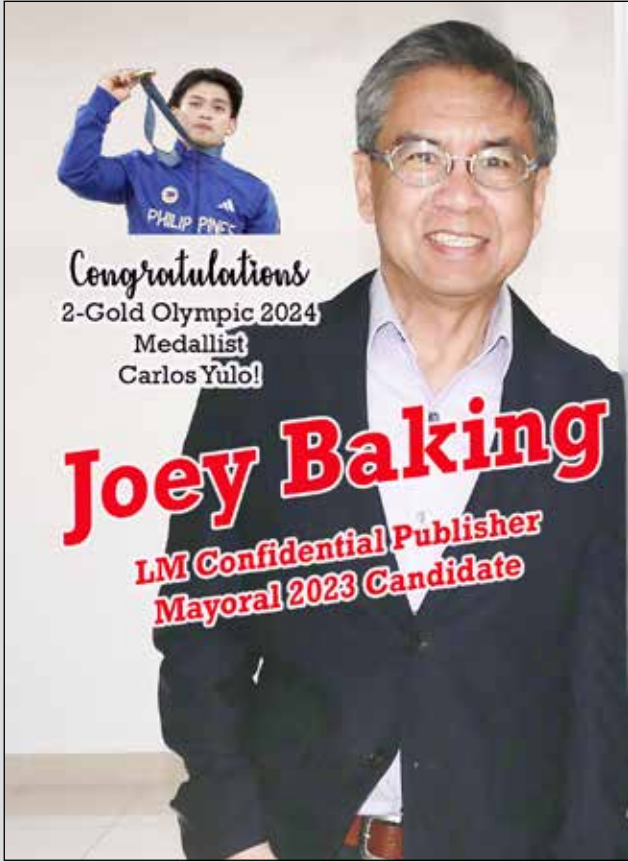




# What The Fact

by Joey Baking

🙄🙄 Babati na rin nga ako. 😊🙄



Carlos. Sabi nga ng friend ko, "Congratulations lang..?! wala man lang libreng lifetime supply ng taho every MWF, o di kaya libreng pantusok ng squid balls, o di kaya libreng upsize ng gulaman kay Diwata, o di kaya libreng extra rice sa jollieep..?!?! Tapos, mas malaki pa yung piktyur nyo kesa sa golmedalis..?! 🙄🙄🙄"

Mabuti na lang hindi nakasabay ng election. Otherwise, kali-kaliwa ang invitation niya mag-appear sa mga campaign. Libre pa.

### Naki-sakay pa ibang Business

Pagkatapos po ng mga politicians, may mga businesses pa na sumakay na hindi nagbayad. Iyong iba nagbayad naman. Marami ang mga nag-o-offer ng free for life. Free coffee. Free gulaman. Free lifetime free meals. Free combo corndog. Unli-combo ng Mang Inasal for life. May mga print na sila with his picture. May permission na kaya sila na gamitin ang picture niya kahit may offer sila na free



foor for life sa kanya? . At kapag Kapag kumain siya morning noon and night, "pag inavail nya yan, hindi na sya makakasali sa LA olympics... magiging malaki na tyan nya, tataas ang bp, sugar, magiging overweight, etc. etc. "

So far, Chooks lang ang may offer na 3 million Pesos instead na free meal for life.

### Maki-epal na nga tulad ng mga politicians

Iyan po ang psoter ko sa pagbati kay Carlos Yulo, ang two-gold medallist na gymnast sa paris Olympics 2024. Siyempre, nagegets ko idea from Philippine politicians. Greetings sila left and right, complete with posters na malaki pa picture nila kesa kay

## Rivermaya to entertain Toronto

RIVERMAYA  
The Origin Story, Hits and Achievements

Rivermaya is a Filipino alternative rock band. Formed in 1994, it is one of the several bands who spearheaded the 1990s Philippine alternative rock explosion.

Rivermaya is currently composed of original members Mark Escueta and Nathan Azarcon, together with the band's longest serving guitarist Mike Elgar. Notable former original members include chief songwriter Rico Blanco and vocalist Bamboo Mañalac, who later formed the band Bamboo and eventually went on his solo career. Rivermaya is one of the top thirty best-selling artists in Philippine history.

Vocalist Bamboo Mañalac later joined the band, which started off with Rico Blanco, Mark Escueta, and Nathan Azarcon. They set off on an incredible trip, creating a sound that really connected with its listeners. They shot to stardom with the 1994 release of their self-titled debut album, "Rivermaya," which solidified their place in the OPM (Original Pilipino Music) scene.

Many of the singles on Rivermaya's catalog have grown to be legendary in the Philippine music industry. Popular songs such as "214," "Hinahanap-Hanap Kita," "Umaaraw, Umuulan," "Kisapmata," and "Elesi" have left a lasting impression on Filipino music enthusiasts. Their songs were popular throughout Southeast Asia in addition to dominating local charts.

As a result of their chart-topping success, Rivermaya was recognized as one of the most influential bands in the region and received multiple honors and accolades, including distinction from the MTV Asia honors and the Awit Awards.

Challenges and Lineup Changes  
During its existence, Rivermaya experienced inter-

nal strife and multiple lineup changes, just like many other bands. In 1998, vocalist Bamboo Mañalac left to pursue a prosperous solo career. A number of changes occurred as a result of the departure of important players, adding new players to the squad such Jayson Fernandez, Mike Elgar, and Japs Sergio. The band's creative spirit remained unabated despite these turbulent transitions.

Despite the adjustments, Rivermaya persisted in creating outstanding music, demonstrating their adaptability and tenacity. Their spark was maintained by the band's musical energy and Rico Blanco's skill as a songwriter.

### The Chant for Reunion

The possibility of a Rivermaya reunion show has generated a lot of passionate discussion among supporters. Famous bands getting back together usually creates a wave of excitement and nostalgia, and fans of Rivermaya are excited at the prospect of the group performing live again.

Even if each member has followed various solo projects and new band formations, the notion of a reunion concert is still very intriguing. A reunion is possible, as suggested by the band members' public remarks and sporadic collaborations, which gives fans hope for a return of the magic that characterized a bygone age.

In October 2023, events producer Live Nation Philippines announced that the classic 1994 to 1998 quartet lineup of Mañalac, Blanco, Azarcon, and Escueta will be having their first ever reunion concert on February 17, 2024 at the SMDC Festival Grounds.

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ASAP 2024: The very young entertainers led by BINI captivated the 11,000 jam-packed crowd of Toyota Arena, the biggest and most modern arena within the Inland Empire, region of California. When BINI performed their hit Salamin Salamin, the crowd roared like crazy. Congrats too to these new young idols: Kyle Echarri, DonBelle, Maymay Entrata, BGYO, and Inigo Pascual who is going to topbill PIDC's Mabuhay event on Aug 24 at Nathan Square Toronto.

1. BK Jimenez with Bini; 2. BK Jimenez with Inigo Pascual



2

### Marian Rivera reveals similarities with her role as Emmy in 'Balota'

Ano kaya ang pagkakatulad ni puso Prime-time Queen Marian Rivera sa kanyang karakter na si Teacher Emmy sa 'Balota'? Matapos panoorin ang pelikula ay nagkaroon din ng talkback session, kung saan ibinahagi ng cast at crew ang kanilang experiences at insights tungkol sa Balota. Isa sa mga tanong para kay Ka-



"Una sa lahat, pangarap ko maging teacher. Sabi ko naman kung hindi ako artista-sa mga past interview ko-pang-arap ko talagang maging teacher. Pangalawa, nanay ako at gano'n kasi ako sa mga anak ko, gano'n ka-close sa mga anak ko. At siguro, 'yung pagiging determinado ni Teacher Emmy. Kilala n'yo naman ako in showbiz, sobrang transparent ko. What you see is what you get,"

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sabi niya. "Sasabihin ko kung ano talaga 'yung nararamdaman ko at kung ano'ng gusto kong sabihin nang walang filter, gano'n si Teacher Emmy e. Basta makakabuti para sa lahat, siguro sa akin, gagawin ko makakabuti para sa pamilya ko, sa mga anak ko, sa mga kaibigan ko, lahat 'yun gagawin ko para sa kanila. Siguro 'yung sobrang mapagmahal ni Teacher Emmy to the point na hindi niya naiisip 'yung sarili niya basta maging safe at save niya lahat," pagbabahagi niya. Sa panayam naman ni Aubrey Campel kay Marian para sa Balitanghali, sinabi ng award-winning actress na sobrang "priceless" ang kanyang experience sa Balota. "Sabi ko nga, 'yung experience ko rito sa Balota, sobrang priceless. Nagpapasalamat talaga ako na nagawa ko talaga ito," aniya.

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## No politics in aid distribution, says Nograles amid dispute with Duterte

MANILA, Philippines — No politics are involved in the distribution of assistance from any government agencies, PBA party-list Rep. Margarita “Migs” Nograles said, following her and Davao City Rep. Paolo “Pulong” Duterte’s row over the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) funds.

Nograles issued the statement July 10 “to prevent unnecessary confusion.” Before this, Duterte accused her of not releasing funds needed for his district and pointed out that the funds are used for “politics.”

“Gusto ko lang klaruhin na walang pamomolitika involved sa pagdala ng assistance ng bawat ahensya ng gobyer-



no para sa mga qualified beneficiaries,” the lawmaker said.

*(I just want to clarify that there is no politics involved in bringing assistance by each government agency for qualified beneficiaries.)*

“In fact, politics should not be associated with giving out assistance. DSWD made it clear that the department’s funds in Davao are sufficient and are being utilized. It is essential to understand that DSWD financial assistance is disbursed

directly to the intended beneficiaries and not through any office as an allocation,” she added.

In an earlier statement, Nograles revealed that barangay captains or kagawad (councilors) in Davao City (three districts) had barred her from entering and providing services through a caravan, among other things.

“Kaya nga po, nakikiusap kami sa mga Barangay Kapitan at mga opisyal na payagan na po kami na makapasok sa inyong mga barangay. Kumakatok kami sa inyong puso na makipagtulungan tayo para maibaba at maihatid ang nararapat na tulong para sa mga taumbayan, para sa mga Dabawenyo,” the lawmaker said.

*(That’s why we are asking the barangay captains and officials to allow us to enter your barangays. We are knocking on your heart to work us to bring down and deliver the necessary help for the people, for the Davaoños.)*

Nograles pointed out that one of her roles is to be “an extension of DSWD” and ensure that locals or qualified beneficiaries receive the aid they need.

“This process ensures transparency and accountability, preventing any misuse of funds for political purposes such as the prevention of disbursement due to the non-issuance of barangay/LGU certifications or use of barangay property,” she added.

## Angeli Khang felt ‘taken advantage filming Vivamax movies

Angeli Khang admitted that there were times that she felt she was “taken advantage of” while filming love scenes in Vivamax movies, as her co-actors tended to be extra passionate with her.

Sitting down recently on “Toni Talks,” the young actress said that there were “a lot of times she felt violated” as her co-stars tend to go overboard with their actions.

“Yes, a lot; lalo (especially in) na mga last movies ko,” she opened up. “May times na habang nakaplaster natatanggal ‘yung plaster kasi tumitigas tapos bago pa magtake ‘yung director, hinahalikan na ako after mag-take hinahalikan pa rin ako.”

Khang shared that when it happens, she usually tells the director, but she did not disclose if certain actions were taken for accountability or anything to make her feel more safe in the set.

When asked how she feels when the audience tends to judge her for being a sexy star, Khang admitted that she used to feel affected by the criticism.

“Nung first sad na sad ako sabi ng mga tao sa industry ganto ‘yan, it’s a form of art, a craft like music, but bakit ‘yung mga masa ganto ‘yung tingin sa kininabaw lang ako, hubadera ako, tingin nila sa kininabaw pangit ‘yung ugali ko hindi ako pinalaki ng tama ng family ko,” she expressed.

Khang also revealed that there were many times she received indecent proposals, and she just learned to ignore them.

“Sobrang nadidisrespect ako noon kasi I’m doing my work professionally, pero marami rin pala na mga sexy artist na ganon rin nakaka anong indecent proposal. Hanggang sa one day naisip ko as long as hindi ko naman ginagawa, ‘wag na hayaan mo na sila baka nagpapapansin lang rin,” she explained.

The “Mahjong Nights” actress also detailed that she grew up in an abusive household and has a history of self-harm because of her past experiences.

Khang rose to fame for her adult movies on Vivamax. She recently made her debut role in mainstream media as she

briefly joined GMA Network’s TV series “Black Rider.”

She was also recently charged with a cybercrime case for violation of Article 201 of the Revised Penal Code in relation to the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012, which declares criminal the propagation of “immoral doctrines, obscene publications and exhibitions, and indecent shows.”

**Actress Karla Estrada calls for support, not bashing, for son Daniel Padilla**

Actress-singer and television host Karla Estrada appealed to fans to stop bashing her son but did not elaborate in a post on Facebook this week.

“Panawagan sa lahat ng mga supporters ni Daniel Padilla or DJP, pakiusap lang po... No bashing tayo please (A call to all the supporters of Daniel Padilla or DJP, please... no bashing, please),” she wrote on Wednesday.

Estrada said that their family did not desire this kind of support for Padilla.

“We appreciate your support, but please, no bashing of others. Be proud of all DJP’s blessings. Respect the blessings



of others. Let’s be happy with each other’s success,” she said.

More than 12,000 Facebook users have reacted to Estrada’s message as of posting time,

with some agreeing with her.

“True! Let’s support them and be happy for both of them because they made us happy once too. It’s just disappointing that other fans comment or post negative things. Let’s share positivity and be happy with their achievements, blessings, or wherever they are now,” said one fan.

“The other side should do the same... I call out their fans who bash DJ... because of that, I have deeper respect for you, Ms. Karla... I hope the other side will do the same... for the peace of everyone... Stop the below-the-belt comments... Let’s all celebrate DJ’s success,” another fan wrote.

Estrada did not mention the reason behind her appeal although her son was had broken up with actress Kathryn Bernardo with whom he had an 11-year relationship.

Padilla and Bernardo confirmed on Nov. 30, 2023, that they had ended their relationship in separate Instagram posts.

Padilla, however, was the target of most of the rumors, which even included accusations that he was seeing someone else.

## Baron Geisler, a totally changed man

As relayed to this writer by a colleague-friend many years ago, these half-serious yet threatening words once came out from an actor he’s friends with, “I think I wanna finish off anybody.”

For the record, their friendship goes a long way. That actor happened to be Baron Geisler.

It was a night-out at a popular hub somewhere in Quezon City with just the two of them.

At first, everything seemed normal until an already inebriated Baron spoke those words. Grippled with fear, my colleague-friend signaled to the waiter to prepare the check.

After footing the bill, my friend politely excused himself and left in a jiffy.

This must have been the period within which Baron was struggling with alcoholism. I just couldn’t ascertain

if with excessive booze came use of drugs, or which one came first.

He has likewise rekindled his passion for what he does and loves best: acting.

Of late, the 42-year-old actor of German-American descent takes pride in what can be the “first” ever milestone spanning his how many years in the biz.

Not one to brag about his mundane possessions (unlike most celebrities whose assets are splashed all over social media), Baron cannot contain his excitement over a (long overdue) house he’s having built in Cebu where he currently stays.

“It’s 85-percent finished,” he shares. Instead of squandering the money he was blessed with, “I put it all in building my house.”

And not only does Baron need to have one for himself and wife Jamie Evangelista.

“That house is primarily for our daughter Talitha. At least, when the time comes na we’re no longer here, we got something we can bequeath to her.”

Baron can only look back how his life had miserably been. Back then, he confesses that profligacy got the better of him.

“When I had so much money before, I wouldn’t think



twice if I wanted to get myself a brand-new motorcycle. Of course, I wanted to look smart!” he gushed.

In the vernacular, the actor would consider himself as “galit sa pera.” Worse, his “one day millionaire” extravagance was consistent with his predilection for illegal substance.

“Back then, when I had P1 million on hand, I’d spend it on cocaine up to the last centavo! But look where it got me?” came his realization.

Aside from seeing his Cebu house brought to fruition, Baron also intends to have an apartment built for steady income most especially if acting assignments become scarce.

To pamper himself, he swears that also in his agenda is owning and maintaining a ranch somewhere in Mindanao. His equine love very well explains it.

Why all these build-and-own plans, is Baron contemplating slipping into early retirement?

Taking from where he stumbled for messing up with his life himself: “It’s good I’m now getting things done right.”

Who are we to deny Baron that “one million-peso chance”?

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# PIDC TO HOST MABUHAY PHILIPPINES FESTIVAL 2024

By Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

The Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC), the ever-popular Filipino-Canadian community organization and solid proponent of Filipino culture-centred promotion in Ontario will hold its annual signature event, the "Mabuhay Philippines Festival" on August 24 & 25, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM at the Nathan Phillips Square, City Hall Grounds, Queen Street East, Toronto.

With its apt theme: "Kabataan" (Our Youth), the 36-year-old quintessential not-for-profit & volunteer-run umbrella organization of Filipino-Canadian associations is building a bridge to its long-term future, which will showcase heritage-focused and meaningful related activities during the 2-day celebration. The special guest star headliner will be the young musical

artist, Inigo Pascual, featuring his latest hit: "Kahit Di Mo Ko Nakikita."



on August 22, 2024, (Thursday) at the City Hall Foyer, City of Toronto. The event will also



commemorate significantly the 75th anniversary of the Philippines-Canada Bilateral Relations. Several government officials from the Philippines Department of Tourism, local dignitaries, community leaders and luminaries are invited to attend

The weekend will be full of both Filipino traditions, featuring the Mindanao Tapestry II of fashion icon Renee Salud, whose beauty queen fashion models will showcase the Collection to

musical stylings of vocal tenor artists: The Angelos; and also new, edgy Filipino entertainment led by the fabulous Filipina drag queen Sofondo, who will perform the Marina Summers smash hit.

On August 25, 2024, Sunday afternoon, the festival will have a Santacruzian and the traditional parade to be participated in by past and reigning PIDC beauty pageant winners & faith-based "Reynas", and several professional, business, and social organizations.

Likewise, the 2-day festivities will have several business, vendor and community organization booths promoting and marketing their products and services, especially Filipino culinary delights & snacks, and street

foods, Filipiniana clothing and wares, artwork murals by PATAC (Philippine Advancement Through Arts and Culture), and typical Filipino hospitality. For basketball fanatics, the Battle for the Square will return with a tournament, with George Brown Huskie going up against the Jollibee at Centre Court.

The festival events are organized and led by President Tom Tan, Exec. Vice President Karen Pascual Binaday, and Vice-Presidents Agnes Miranda, Ben Corpuz, and Jean Pardo with support from MPF Founder & Chair Emerita Norma Carpio, the Executive Directorate, Council of Leaders, and volunteers. As rightly expected, festival-goers as in the past, will witness and enjoy the best of what Filipino Canadians can offer and share in the cultural festival. ( Tony A. San Juan, OCT)

## Dennis Trillo elated about villain role in Pulang Araw

Masayang-masaya si Dennis Trillo na napunta sa kanya ang role bilang Colonel Yuta Saitoh ng Japanese Imperial Army sa Kapuso primetime series na Pulang Araw.

Katunayan, noong una raw narinig ni Dennis ang kuwento ng Pulang Araw may sampung taon na ang nakararaan ay pinangarap na niyang mapasama sa proyektong ito.

"Siguro hindi pa ito yung original na kuwento noon. Nag-evolve na lang.

"Pero noon pa lang narinig ko na yung Pulang Araw, noon pa lang sinasabi ko, 'Sana maging part ako nito.'

"Dahil alam ko, malaking proyekto ito."

Pero hindi raw niya inakalang mapunta sa kanya ang role bilang main kontrabida.

Saad ni Dennis, "Gusto ko lang maging part kahit anong role.

"Pero mas maganda pa nung naging villain.

"Dahil ang alam ko, talagang naghahanap sila dito ng isang Japanese na artista. And parang nahihirapan sila talagang i-cast.

"Kaya nagtataka ako, ako yung kinuha nila.

"Pero siguro, yun, naniniwala talaga sila sa akin."

### JAPANESE OCCUPATION IN THE PHILIPPINES

Bakit kailangang mapanood ang Pulang Araw, lalo na ng mga kabataan ngayon?

Sagot ni Dennis, "Kailangan nilang panoorin ito ng ating bagong henerasyon dahil hindi lahat nakakaalam nung mga nangyayari nung panahon ng Hapon, lalung-lalo na siyempre itong mga bagong mga kabataan ngayon.

"Hindi sila nakuwentuhan ng mga lolo't lola nila, nung mga ninuno nila, nung mga karanasan nila ng panahon ng Hapon.

"Kaya importante na mapanood ito ng bagong henerasyon para malaman nila yung pinagmulan nila, para mas maging proud sila naging Pilipino sila.

"Makita nila yung kagitingan, yung mga dinanas na hirap ng mga Pilipino noon para mas ma-inspire sila.

"At siyempre, para makita nila yung

kung gaano kahirap yung panahong giyera, di ba?

"Ayaw nating maranasan ulit kaya siyuro importanteng mapanood nila ito para maging maayos yung relasyon nila sa lahat.

"Huwag na silang magkaroon na giyera sa mga pamilya nila o sa mga ibang bansa na ayaw nating mangyayari ngayon."

Sa tingin ni Dennis, ano ang magiging reaksiyon ng mga bagong henerasyon sa karakter niya sa Pulang

Araw? or, "Of course, maiinis sila diyan sa character dahil talagang walanghiya yung character ko dito.

"Wala pa akong nakikitang mabuting ginawa niya.

"Lahat ng mga pinapakita niyang kabutihan niya ay parang sa facade lang ng kanyang pagkatao.

"Pero deep inside, mayroon siyang mga deep dark secrets at mga malalagim na plano na gusto niyang mangyayari."

Mapapanood na ang karakter ni Dennis sa Pulang Araw simula sa August 21, 2024.



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# Fewer Filipinos want to work abroad, but most still eager for foreign remote work

MANILA — Fewer Filipinos want to work abroad, but local professionals are eager to work remotely for foreign employers.

In a 2024 report conducted by Jobstreet, 80% of Filipinos expressed a desire to work abroad, higher than the Southeast Asian average of 68%.

However, Jobstreet noted that this percentage has decreased compared to previous years. In 2018, 96% of Filipinos

wanted to work abroad, but by 2020, this number had decreased to 91%.

“Financial motives and career progression rank highly as their reasons to relocate, along with better social systems and healthcare when thinking of working overseas,” Jobstreet said.

The report also found that Filipinos who wish to work abroad come from a variety of backgrounds, ranging from manual laborers to skilled professionals.

On top of wanting to work abroad, the survey revealed that Filipinos want to work remotely for foreign employers.

“Filipino professionals are now more eager for remote international work than ever (84%), way above the Southeast Asia and global averages,” Jobstreet said.

In the study, the global average is 66%.

The Philippines is now the 56th preferred work destination for those wishing to work outside their own country,

11 spots higher than its ranking in 2020. However, this ranking is still low compared to other Southeast Asian countries.

For comparison, Singapore is the eighth most preferred work destination in the world.

When respondents were asked why the Philippines was chosen as their top work destination, most pointed to the country’s welcoming culture and inclusiveness, cost of living, and quality of job opportunities.

## Angeline Quinto sings for K-Drama

OPM singer Angeline Quinto has released a new track, “Take It All,” for the recently concluded Korean drama series *Begins ≠ Youth*.

This special rendition of the song, originally performed by South Korean artist JEMMA, is Angeline’s first release under Universal Records after leaving ABS-CBN’s Star Music. Her version of “Take It All” is recorded entirely in English.

*Begins ≠ Youth* premiered in April and follows the journeys of seven boys navigating personal and familial challenges in Songju-si. The drama draws inspiration from the fic-



tional narrative *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life*, which BTS members have been developing through their albums and videos since 2015.

Earlier this year, Angeline also released the single “Salamat Ika’y Dumating” in April. In 2023, she released a series of singles including “Kumikinanang,” “Miss Manila,” “Sana Ngayon Lang Ang Kahapon,” and “Pagbigyang Muli,” all under Star Music and ABS-CBN.

## Jennylyn Mercado advises Dennis Trillo to make stronger password after hacking incident

Jennylyn Mercado defended her husband, actor Dennis Trillo, after the latter’s TikTok hacking incident caused an uproar online.

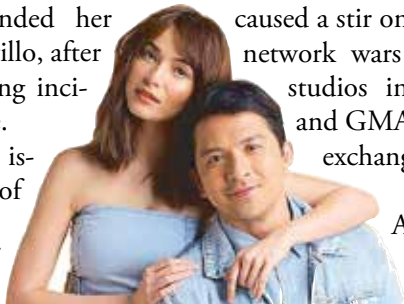
The actress reacted to the issue during the recent launch of one of her endorsements.

Jennylyn was unaware of the hacking incident and was only informed about it by her management.

“Sabi ko, ‘Anong nangyari?’ ‘Yung management ko ‘yung nagsabi sa akin. Sabi ko, ‘Imposibleng mangyari ‘yan. Hindi si Dennis ‘yan, hindi siya ganu’n,” Jennylyn said.

Last month, Dennis made headlines after he supposedly replied to a fan’s query on his TikTok regarding Jennylyn’s absence from GMA-7’s new station ID.

The reply read, “May ABS pa ba?” This



caused a stir online as fans of the so-called network wars involving the two major studios in the country, ABS-CBN and GMA-7, were engaged in heated exchanges.

Dennis’ management, Aguila Entertainment, said that the actor’s TikTok account was hacked.

Dennis would later reiterate that he has no malice towards ABS-CBN, citing his two decades in showbiz with a good standing.

“Ayokong magpaapekto dahil hindi naman totoo ‘yung mga naririnig ko, mga nabasa kong comments dahil siyempre, na-hack nga ‘yung account ko,” the actor said in an interview with GMA-7 reporter Nelson Canlas.

“Sa 20 years, sabay tayo sa industriya na ito, wala po akong naging kaaway, wala akong

pinagsalitaan ng masama. Wala po akong anything against ABS-CBN. Mataas po ang respeto ko sa kanila, doon po ako nanggaling, doon tayo nanggaling pareho. At siyempre ‘yung respeto, importante sa akin ‘yun, kaya pinapahalagahan ko ‘yan. Ako po ay hindi sasagot ng mga ganong klaseng comments sa isang simpleng tanong.

Kaya kong sagutin ‘yan with full respect, pero hindi sa ganoong manner,” the actor said.

As advice, Jennylyn quipped about creating a hack-proof way of protecting Dennis’ social media account.

“Ang advice ko na lang sa kaniya, ‘Hirapan mo nga ‘yang password mo!” Jennylyn said.

## Gabbi Garcia teases upcoming international film with Hollywood star Scott Adkins

Actress Gabbi Garcia has teased her collaboration with British action star Scott Adkins for the upcoming film *Death March* by Hollywood filmmaker Louis Mandylor.

In a post shared on Instagram, Garcia shared several photos of her and Adkins during a script reading session held in a holding tent for a shoot in Subic.

“Working on something with @thescottadkins. #DeathMarch coming soon!” the actress said in her post’s caption.

While further details about the upcoming film such as Garcia’s role have yet to be shared to the public as of writing, *Death March* will have Adkins portray James Ratt, a British SAS officer.

Known for his martial arts background, Adkins has

previously starred in hit action films such as *Deadpool 2*, *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*, *The Bourne Ultimatum*, and *The Expendables 2*.

The film will serve as the first time Mandylor will direct Adkins as both have previously starred together in several action films like *Avengement*, *The Debt Collector*

franchise, and many others.

While Garcia works on *Death March* as her first international film project, the actress will also be busy with the spin-off series of the hit show *Encantadia* called *Sang’gre* where she will be reprising her role as Alena.

Angeli Khang, Robb Guinto thank Vivamax for being stepping stone; will continue doing sexy films

Sexy actresses Angeli Khang and Robb Guinto thanked Vivamax for being a stepping stone in the launch of their showbiz careers.

During the recent media conference of their upcoming movie “Unang Tikim,” Angeli said that she’s delighted to be a part of GMA-7’s “Black Rider.”

“Thankful ako na naging stepping stone ko ang pagpapa-sexy. Ngayon nakikita ng mga tao na kaya pala, na I’m more than

that (pagpapasexy),” she said.

“No’ng nando’n ako sa ‘Black Rider,’ ibang genre naman. Sobrang nakaka-excite. Dito sa Vivamax puro drama, sa GMA action naman kaya nagamit ko ‘yung pagta-Taekwondo ko,” she added.

For her part, Robb said she will continue to star in Vivamax projects even if they already crossed to main-stream showbiz projects.

“Ako rin po sobrang saya kasi napabilang ako sa ‘Black Rider.’ Hindi ko akalain na mapapabilang ako. Sobrang nagpapasalamat ako sa Viva, sa management. Kasi ito nga yung naging stepping stone namin yung Vivamax,” she said.

“Sabi ko nga, hindi mag-close ‘yung door ko sa Vivamax. Kasi kung san ako nagsimula, babalik-babalik ako,” she added.



Happy birthday Shy Cortez, surrounded by son Marky Hugh and the rest of the family.





## 'Maawa kayo sa akin': Willie Revillame blasts staff on air

TV host Willie Revillame blasted his staff on air recently, just a few days after the launch of his new TV5 show "Wil To Win."

Willie asked his staff to have pity on him as he is doing almost everything in the show.

"Naiintindihan niyo ba ako kung bakit ako nagagalit? 'Yan po ang problema 'pag hindi alam ang ginagawa sa show. Ako lahat ang nananagot," Revillame said. "Tapos sasabihin niyo mayabang na naman, bina-bash niyo ako — kasi pinapaganda ko ang programa," he said.

"Nire-rehearse namin ito ha. 'Pag ni-rehearse, nagkakamali pa rin kami — bakit?... Gusto ko lang ipaliwanag kasi ako ang nag-



iging kawawa, arogante at mayabang sa show na ito.

"Maawa kayo sa akin. Lahat ako ang nag-iisip para sa inyo."

Willie chose not to continue a segment because they did not have enough time due to delays.

"Diyos ko, aatakinin ako sa inyo dito... Napakaswerte ko ngayong araw na ito. Bukas naka-dextrose ako," he said.

"Maawa kayo sa akin. Nahihirapan na ako sa show na 'to. Ako lahat," he stated. "Tapos ako ang naba-bash 'pag nagagalit ako sa ere."

## Nadine Samonte — too good for her own good

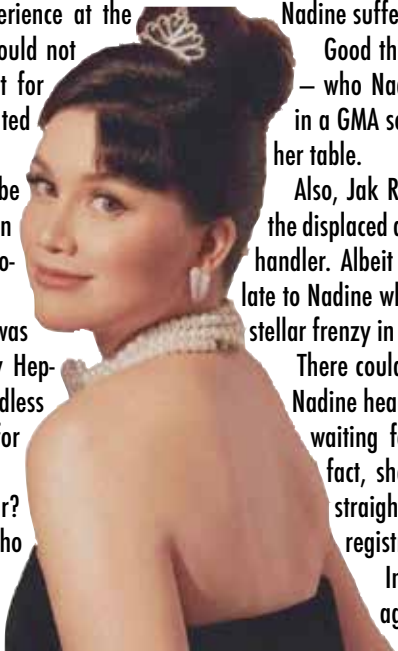
NADINE Samonte's unpleasant experience at the star-studded GMA Gala last July 20 would not have been made public if it were not for her stylist Keith Manila who felt insulted for her.

Understandably, nothing could be more dehumanizing than being sent an invite only to find out her name was nowhere on the guest list.

I could imagine how excited Nadine was to have prettified herself a la Audrey Hepburn only to be seated at a "namecardless table" (at the far end of the venue) fit for gatecrashers.

Is it because Nadine is a lesser star? But isn't she a homegrown GMA artist who deserves to be treated right?

I wish Nadine's Starstruck batch-mate Jennylyn Mercado made it to the event if her son Alex Jazz wasn't down with fever that night. Had Jennylyn been around, the first ever artista search ultimate winner would sure have not allowed



Nadine suffer in humiliation!

Good thing, there was Althea Ablan — who Nadine had once worked with in a GMA soap — who asked her to join her table.

Also, Jak Roberto was in sight to help the displaced actress contact their common handler. Albeit already seated, I could relate to Nadine who felt ill at ease amidst the stellar frenzy in the air.

There could be no better decision than Nadine heading toward the exit without waiting for the program to end. In fact, she should have rushed back straight to her hotel room from the registration area!

In spite of it all, Nadine managed to keep her "very Audrey" composure until she

went up the room.

In her interview with Ogie Diaz uploaded July 23 on YouTube, Nadine recalled that it was when she locked



herself up inside the loo where she admittedly could not hold back her emotions any longer.

Nadine crying it out must be loud enough to be heard by her husband. It was after Nadine came out of the restroom that she tearfully told him what happened down there.

Naturally enraged, the husband — who wanted to go down and confront whoever was responsible for mistreating Nadine — turned to her, "I didn't consent to letting you go back to showbiz to be treated that way!"

In an instant, it dawned on me the kind of a person that Nadine is unbeknownst to the

public: to be good is not at all good.

Depending on the circumstances, methinks that being bad — well, not all the time — isn't exactly bad. In Nadine's particular case, I would even have advised her to settle scores with whoever staff had messed it all up.

Talk about immortalizing film legends of yesteryears, in my cool yet intense real-life confrontation scene with the staff, I would have probably chosen to do a Cherie Gil.

After all, I am not a Sparkle star for nothing!

## FILIPINO ARTIST INIGO PASCUAL HEADLINES PIDC FESTIVAL SHOW by: Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

Filipino actor, singer and songwriter Inigo Pascual is coming to town! The artist will perform at the "PIDC Mabuhay Philippines Festival" on August 24, 2024, at the Centre Stage of Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square, Queen Street East.

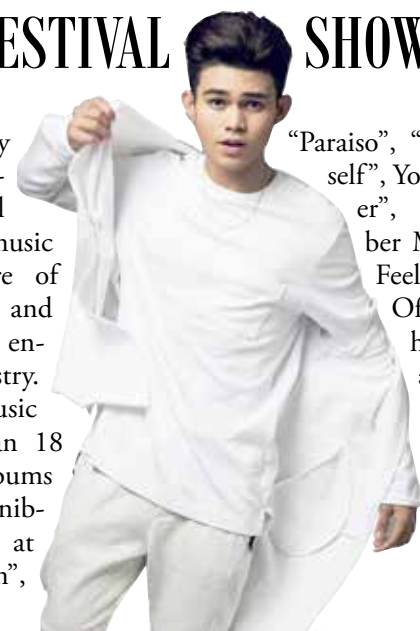
Pascual is known for his hit single, "Dahil Sa'yo", the first number-one song in 2016 on Billboard Philippines' Top 20 chart. The single also won "Song of the Year" at the 30th Awit Awards, the Philippine version of the Grammys.

Born in the Philippines, Inigo is the son of famous Philippine actor Piolo Pas-

qual. He grew up in the United States, from age 8 to 17, and moved back to the Philippines in 2014.

As a movie actor, Inigo has appeared in 8 feature films from 2007 to 2020. His television credits include appearances in 10 drama series and anthology shows from 2014 to 2022 such as "Maalala Mo Kaya" and "Waynsapanataym". In 2021, Pascual made his American television debut when he joined the drama series "Monarch", as the Ace Grayson character, starring the famous Hollywood star Susan Sarandon.

At the Mabuhay Philippines Festival 2024, Inigo will perform his best music singing a repertoire of what he is so loved and admired for in the entertainment industry. With a successful music record of more than 18 singles and nine albums such as "Buko", "Binibini", "Dito", "Ikaw at Ako", "Extensyon",



"Paraiso", "That Hero", "Fallen" Himself", "Your Love", "Live Life Brighter", "Lullabye-Bye", "Remember Me", "Options", "Catching Feelings", "Love", and "All Out Of Love", Inigo Pascual is highly expected to give his audience a great performance never before shown on stage in the City of Toronto, Canada. ( Tony A. San Juan, OCT.)



**FUN PHILIPPINES:** Long line-up form to buy ice cream from the Ihalo Krunch ice cream truck during the Fun Philippines festival at Harbourfront.



# Joey Baking The Socialist



When Fiesta Extravaganza Vaughan (FEV) was going on during the weekend of July 6, Taste of Lawrence (TOL) was happening at the same time. I remember going to FEV last year and I did not see FV Foods. Now I know why. With TOL going on and it is easier to set up at the parking space at their branch at Lawrence Avenue east than to truck your whole store to Vaughan. It also costs less to pay the Business Improvement Association than FEV. With extremely more people at TOL, FV Foods will surely make a lot more money.

Rocel Enverga celebrated her birthday last July 13 at L'Amoreaux Community Centre. It was attended by family, friends and relatives.

Realtor Joy D'aroust held a client appreciation event at her co-

owned branch of Ihalo Krunch at 2114 Bloor West. It turns out to be a blessing of the store. It was a festive gathering as family, relatives and friends attended in droves. A lot of influencers were also in attendance. Known for their coconut-flavoured with activated charcoal soft-serve ice cream, Ihalo serves other unique flavours like pandan, matcha, Madagascar Vanilla bean, ube nut and the now ubiquitous ube nut.

The Filipino Centre Toronto had a food handling certificate course for Overseas Filipino workers, students and permanent residents. I was covering the seminar and decided to take the course also. Thank fully, I passed.

Pinoy Toronto Canada, headed by Jonats Miguel had their annual Boodle in the Park get-to-

## Free Food Handling Seminar at FCT



FCT held a Food Handling Certificate seminar for OFW's, international students and permanent residents.



And the Toronto Kapuso Lions Club is definitely age-diverse. The youngest 4 members are in their mid-20s and the most seasoned member is in the mid 80s. We think the mix is perfect. The older members bring with them wisdom, expertise and experience; the younger ones teach the advantages of new technology and other generation related skills. The resulting dynamic is interestingly fun, creative, innovative and well-rounded!

On to a productive year ahead, Toronto Kapuso Lions!

Toronto Kapuso Lions Club 7th Charter Anniversary, Installation of Officers for LY 2024-2025 & Induction of New Members. Congratulations for a simple, yet very meaningful event, Toronto Kapuso Lions!

The Club thanks District A711's DG Julian Austin VDG Abdullah Gamandie SVDG Verona Payne Toronto Kaiteur Pres Robin Soulbird Dennis PDG Ann Stevens PDG Ferdinand Polintan-Coronel & Zone Chair 58B Arlyne Tiam-Coronel PDG Teddy Boyce PDG & Secretary @Rolly dela Cruz & Lion Lilia for celebrating with us. Your support and guidance is much appreciated!

Lord Jesus, please bless our simple and intimate 7th year charter Anniversary, installation of new Officers and induction of new members. May each one of us truly feel the need of humanities. We serve local and global, so please give us more strength to carry on our 7 pillars which include

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## Canada Promote Equality in the Philippines



MP Rechie Valdez goes to the Philippines to see how Canada is making a difference in the lives of Filipinos.

Inspired by the incredible mentorship and support network Bayi has made for women leaders in the Philippines.

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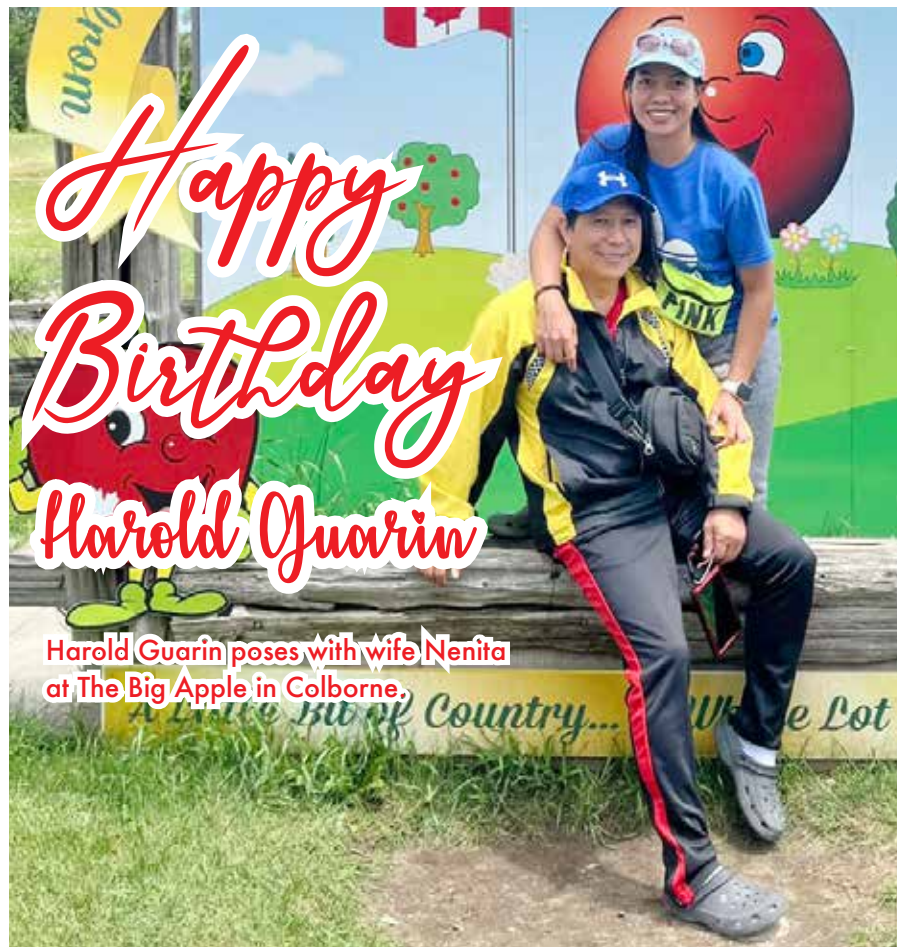


FUN PHILIPPINES:

1. Philippine Artists Group Earl Dacara with PH Ambassador to Canada Maria Andrelita Austria, PH Consul General Angelica Escalona, and Consul RJ Sumague.

2. Earl Dacara, Mayor Chow and Francia Dacara

3. Dashlee Go (MIDDLE) and her parents are thrilled to take the oath and officially become a Canadian citizen July 26, 2024. Grateful for this new chapter in a beautiful country.



Harold Guarin poses with wife Nenita at The Big Apple in Colborne.

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Ivana Alawi signs off as 'Bubbles' on 'Batang Quiapo'

Ivana Alawi has officially ended her stint as Bubbles in the hit series "FPJ's Batang Quiapo".

The actress took to her social media on Wednesday, July 30, to reflect on her journey as one of Coco Martin's leading ladies.

"When I was first offered Batang Quiapo, a big question came to my mind. Why me? Can I do this? Do I deserve this? But because of my trust in ABS-CBN, especially Tita Cory and Direk Coco, and through my prayers, I accepted it wholeheart-

edly. And I am very proud of this show," wrote Ivana.

She also expressed her gratitude to the show's cast, crew, and viewers.

"So I want to thank everyone who is part of Batang Quiapo. From Direk Coco to all the artists I worked with, the technical staff, production staff, and utilities... Thank you for taking care of me. And now that one chapter of my life



in Batang Quiapo is over, I will carry all the lessons I've learned," she continued.

"From the bottom of my heart, thank you all for your unwavering support and love for Bubbles every night. Thank you very much, and I hope you continue to support Batang Quiapo. Until next time, Bubbles signing off," added Ivana.



# Ihalo Krunch Client Appreciation Day and Blessing



Ihalo Krunch had their client appreciation and blessing last month at their 2114 Bloor Street West branch. It was attended by influencers, friends, and family. Joy D'aoust and Charlene D'aoust of Ihalo are happy with the outpouring of support.

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# JDL Goes Hollywood



Josie De Leon School of Performing Arts presented their JDL Goes Hollywood at the City Playhouse.

Fresh from their two-show successful run of the Disney-licensed Moana Jr Presentation, students performed song and dance numbers from some

popular Hollywood movies. It was a very entertaining show and it coincided with founder Josie de Leons's birthday. happy birthday Josie

de Leon. Congratulations and More Power to you and your JDL students.

# Happy Birthday Roxel Enverga





# The Alexander Muskoka Residence Opens for Business

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emonies for The Alexander Muskoka Residence today at 520 Isaac St in Gravenhurst. The new Residence will house over 100 seniors and brings over 50 jobs to the Community. Members of Staff from the Town and Greystone were onsite to commemorate the day as well.



# Pinoy Canada Toronto Boodle in the Park



Boodle in the Park was held at Earl Bales park by Pinoy Canada Toronto led by Joants Miguel and his dedicated volunteers of organizers. MP Rechie Valdez visited the celebration while they were still preparing. It is one way for Filipinos to bond with one another and also help one another in a very relaxed atmosphere. Congratulations of Pinoy Canada Toronto for an event well done.





**LONG SERVICE AWARDS 2024**

*Congratulations Josie Rodricks*

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*Happy Birthday*

*Elsie Yerro (4TH FROM LEFT)*



**Heart Evangelista jokes about bashers: "Sarap nang manampal."**

Kahit gaano kaabala sa kanyang trabaho bilang artista at influencer, gayundin sa pagiging pinuno ng Senate Spouses Foundation Inc., sumasagot din minsan si Heart Evangelista sa bashers.

"Minsan," pabirong banggit ni Heart nang usain siya ng PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) kung pinapansin pa niya ang bashers sa social media.

Ayon sa kanya, masarap din "manampal" lalo na kapag kulang siya sa tulog.

"Pag kulang sa tulog, sarap nang manampal din ako.

"May karapatan din naman akong manampal.

"Sinasampal, sinabunutan na nga ako. Black and blue na nga ako dun sa comment section,

"Hindi ba puwedeng kumurot o pumitik nang slight? Sometimes.

"Kailangan talaga, ang advice diyan, eight hours of sleep."

Eksklusibong nakapanayam ng PEP.ph si Heart sa contract signing niya bilang Kapuso muli nitong nakaraang July 29, 2024, sa Studio 7 ng GMA Network.

Dito ay sinabi ni Heart na may dream TV project siyang nakatakdang gawin sa GMA-7.

Aniya, "Actually, feeling ko madami na ako nagawa, pero may isa na hindi ko pa nagagawa.

"And that is a secret, and that is actually what I will be doing next."

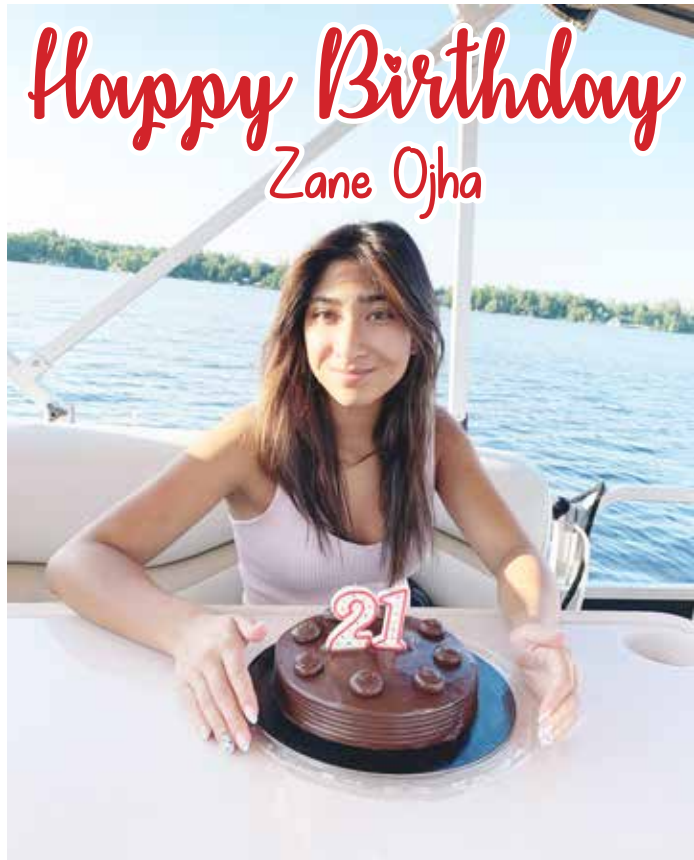
**Music video for 'Slow Dancing' by Shanaia Gomez released**

The music video for the single "Slow Dancing" by actress-recording artist Shanaia Gomez has been released.

The over four-minute video, which features actor JC Galano, has been uploaded on Star Music's official YouTube channel.

"Slow Dancing," a song about a new-found love, was released in June.

The single was composed and produced by Jeremy G, while StarPop label head



*Happy Birthday*

*Zane Ojha*



*Happy Birthday Alexa Grant*



Roque "Rox" Santos was credited as the supervising producer.

In 2022, Gomez, a former "Pinoy Big Brother" housemate, released her debut single "Para Sa 'yo" which was quickly followed by the upbeat track "Awake."

'PBB' ex-housemate Shanaia Gomez releases debut single 'Para Sa 'Yo'

Prior to joining "PBB Community Season 10," Gomez auditioned in the first season of "Idol Philippines" in 2019.

On TV, Gomez appeared in series such as "Click, Like, Share," "He's Into Her" and "FPJ's Batang Quiapo."

She was also part of the blockbuster film "Rewind" and became part of the musical comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

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Regine had her baby shower. Picture with husband Ferenc and mom Fe Tafuran.



Mirella had her christening with mom Michele and Christian Panganiban.



## LIFESTYLE BUSINESS

## Andrea Brillantes' advice to fellow Gen Z entrepreneurs: 'You can start now'

The pandemic has taught actress Andrea Brillantes that time is important, and it made her realize that starting one's business can be done "anytime, anywhere."

Andrea is a popular figure onscreen, but the 21-year-old is also carving a name in the beauty industry.

She has many endorsements, one of which is Dear Face Beauty Milk, which she recently renewed with a longer contract. She has a stake in the Filipino-owned luxury jewelry brand LVNA by Drake Dustin. Last year, she put up her own cosmetics brand Lucky Beauty, which recently launched its new scents.

Here are a few lessons actress and budding entrepreneur Andrea learned in pursuing her business ventures:

## 1. Pursue your passion

Andrea has been consistent in professing her love for makeup. In several past interviews, the young actress said she is a self-confessed makeup enthusiast. In fact, it was one of the reasons why she was immediately drawn to her role in "Drag You and Me," a show where her love for makeup and skills for it was put to good use.

"Mahilig po kasi talaga ako sa makeup. Simula nu'ng three years old po ako,

nagme-makeup na po talaga ako. Besides acting, makeup is something that I'm really passionate about po.

"So, na-feel ko na kung meron akong papasukin na business, gusto ko pong pasukin ang isang bagay na confident akong i b e n t a k a s i m a - h a l k o , a l a m k o , g i n a g a m i t k o a r a w - a r a w," she told reporters after the renewal of her contract with Dear Face last week.

## 2. Start your business now

Andrea acknowledged that it is always good to have plans, but if there was one thing that the pandemic taught her, it was to start acting on one's dreams.

"As a Gen Z, I think ang dami po kasing nagsabi sa akin na parang ang bata ko pa or meron pa akong laging hinihintay. Lagi po akong may sine-set na goal before na dapat ito 'yung makuha ko para ma-

start ko 'yung business ko. Ang dami kong ma-reach na level para ma-start ko siya, and it's nice naman. Nice 'yung meron tayong kini-create na goals or set a goal for us, pero super unpredictable po kasi ng life.

"Hindi ko expect na magkakaroon ng pandemic at lahat tayo noon ay naapektuhan sa pandemic. Hindi ko alam kung ano 'yung mangyayari sa akin noon. I was 16, 17 when that happened. So, for me, you can always start anywhere, anytime. Like, you don't need to reach this certain level of success to be more successful. You can start now," the young actress said.

## 3. Be hands-on

She might be busy as someone who acts on TV, especially since she has an ongoing teen thriller drama "High Street," but Andrea said she makes it a point to know the tiny details of her businesses.

"Tutok po ako sa pagpili ng bagong ilo-launch, sa pag-iisip kung ano 'yung ilo-launch, pag-iisip kung ano 'yung

bagay for the brand, sa pag-iisip ng shade names, colors, packaging. Lahat po ng creatives [like] storyboard, campaigns," she said.

Andrea said she has yet to learn more about the technical aspect of business, such as dealing with numbers.

## 4. Make good use of social media

Andrea is a believer of the powerful influence of technology, and as a Gen Z, she is surely adept at promoting herself as an actor and businesswoman just by looking at her social media accounts.

"Gamitin natin itong era natin bilang Gen Z kasi sa simpleng post lang natin, we are making (a) change," she said.

## 5. Explore and enjoy

Her youthful spirit is still palpable as she said that while pursuing a business is a serious matter, she still emphasized its fun aspect. She credits it to their youth, which can afford one the time to commit mistakes and learn from them.

"Tayong mga Gen Zs, let's not forget, bagets pa rin tayong lahat. We have all the time in the world. We have all the time to make mistakes pa. Ito 'yung best time to learn and explore so enjoy natin ito," Andrea said.

## Rhian Ramos reveals boyfriend Sam Verzosa's political plans

Busy with promotions for her first movie this year, When the World Met Miss Probinsyana actress Rhian Ramos admitted she is thankful for all the blessings in her life right now, in and outside showbiz. The Fil-British beauty also celebrated her third anniversary with boyfriend Sam Verzosa.

"Three years na kami. Actually wala pa naman kaming pinaplano anytime soon. Except for maybe a vacay but nothing big. Just to celebrate," she said.

During the presscon for When the World Met Miss Probinsyana, Rhian also revealed to the press that

Sam definitely has plans to run for office next elections, but did not disclose for what position.

"Oh he's definitely running, but I can't confirm for what," she said. "Minsan, 'pag may time ako, nakakasama ko din siya. I think twice na nakapunta ako. Definitely umiikot siya. Madami siyang tinutulungan."

Rhian was grateful that she and Sam shared the same values and dreams.

"You know what, when we were new, aside from 'yung mga personality namin na we get along, one of the things talaga that we really agree upon is that

it's important to use your life or your skill or your success for the better," she shared.

"And at that time, when we knew we bonded about that, we actually shared our dream eh. Parang we talked about when you run, what's your dream? And we had the same dream and it was really centered also on helping others and doing something for others," she added. "At the time, hindi ko alam na 'yung paraan niya

to help other people was to run for office. So it just kind of came about naturally."

Rhian also admitted that she initially was not excited about his plans to go further into politics, but changed her mind eventually.

"Noong una kasi, you know how sometimes you sometimes have a negative connotation of what it means to be a politician, especially in the Philippines where we have a more negative connotation of what a politician is," she said.



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## Free Buffet for Life

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Olympic star.

They are coming from the government and the private sector. If Hidilyn Diaz's haul during her gold medal win in weightlifting in the Tokyo Olympics is a measure, Yulo stands to receive at least P60 million, making him an instant megamillionaire.

Top of the heap is a three-bedroom, fully-furnished condominium worth P24 million located in Mckinley Hill, a pricey



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enclave just outside Bonifacio Global City in Taguig City.

This condo is besides the house and lot in Tagaytay City offered by Philippine Olympic Committee President Abraham 'Bambol' Tolentino located in Tagaytay City whose value is unknown but could

also be in the millions. Then there's the cash component, topped by the P10 million from the Philippine Sports

Commission as provided by law under the Athletes Incentives Act. Also a P3 million incentive has been allotted by Congress to Yulo as per House Appropriations panel chairman Rep. Zaldy Co.

Like Diaz and other Filipino Olympic medalists, Yulo is also in line to get brand new vehicles, although this has not been itemized yet.

Then there's also the lifetime supply of free buffet meals courtesy of the Vikings Group.

Yulo actually isn't done yet.

He became the first Filipino Olympian to become double gold medal winner.

Winning the second gold medal raised Yulo's incentive to P20M in cash under the Athletes' Incentive Act.

Even before going to Paris, Filipino Olympians were already given financial incentives of at least P1.5 million each through pledges made by members of the Senate including Senators Risa Hontiveros and Bong Go.



# Nadine Lustre channels “girl boss” energy as an entrepreneur

**Nadine is her own “girl boss” in the world of entrepreneurship. The award-winning actress isn’t just impressing on the movie and television screens, she’s also wowing in business too! Check out her various businesses below!**

And the most important part is Nadine’s businesses fall under her advocacies in life, may it be mental health, veganism, or sustainability, just to name a few. Talk about using business as a catalyst for social change! Check out Nadine’s various businesses below.

## PRELOVED WITH A PURPOSE

Nadine helps in doing such by selling her preloved stuff online. At [nadinelustre.store](http://nadinelustre.store), you can find a number of items from Nadine’s wardrobe, including shoes, sleepwear, casual clothes, and many more. You can also purchase Nadine’s “Luster” perfume on the site.

## PLANTITOS AND PLANTITAS TO THE FRONT

Nadine has also helped her mother with her plant business, Betty Blooms, which opened its physical branch at Katipunan, Quezon City last 2021. It also has an online store at [betty-blooms.com](http://betty-blooms.com).

## WINE UP

Last 2023, Christophe and Nadine,

along with a few business partners, ventured into the food and beverage industry with Maison Bukana Wines which features three wines: Les beaux jours reviennent (a somewhat fruity wine that means “the beautiful days are ahead” in French), Presqu’île (a white wine meaning “almost island” or “peninsula”), and Vendange d’Été (a red wine translating to “Summer Harvest”).

## MINDFUL MATTERS

Nadine has also been an advocate

for mental health for the longest time. That is why it’s no surprise that she is one of the co-founders of Mind You, a platform and app that helps destigmatize mental health and offers consultations and sessions with psychiatrists and therapists that are more accessible to the general public.

Co-founding the app with actress Yassi Pressman, Nadine emphasizes the importance of mental health in Mind You as it shares information regarding mental health and helps organize talks and summits that can further bring mental health conversations into the table.

## HEALTHIER FOOD OPTIONS

Nadine and Christophe further ventured into the food & beverage industry by franchising a vegan restaurant called Verde Siargao. Its original branch is in El Nido, Palawan, called Verde Puerto Prinsesa, but the couple decided to bring it to Siargao to bring healthier food options to the is-



landers and tourists.

## A SUSTAINABLE BRAND

Nadine, a known vegan and advocate for sustainable food con-

sumption, is set to launch Dehusk, a plant-based milk brand that is a healthy alternative for the body and the environment.

# Julia Barretto proud of BF Gerald Anderson’s initiative to help Carina victims

After Gerald Anderson went viral for doing a good deed during typhoon Carina, Julia Barretto shared that she felt hugely proud of her boyfriend’s charitable work, but admitted she was worried about him while he was out.

“It’s a proud moment, of course, but I was really worried. But by nature, that’s who he is. I just hope he will be safe doing that for others. It’s a proud moment, but ang hirap grabe ‘yung worries ko (it was hard, I was quite worried),” she told MJ Marfori.

Barretto said that Anderson’s initiative to swim in flood waters and help a stranded family evacuate shows

how good a person he is, saying, “Whatever you see, that’s the heart he has.”

Last month, Anderson helped rescue a family with a child stranded in Barangay Sto. Domingo, Quezon City, due to the floods brought by Typhoon Carina. It wasn’t the first time the Kapamilya actor joined rescue efforts.

It can be recalled that in September 2009, Anderson also participated in rescuing victims of Typhoon Ondoy. His neighbor, Dr. Divine Rosales-Murao, took to social media to share photos of the actor swimming through the flooded streets of their village, Vista Real Classica, in

Quezon City, to check on his neighbors.

“Gerald tried to check on us since he knows and he saw I have three small kids with me, plus the house staff. The whole ground floor of our house was affected by the water. We told him we are still okay, and the second time he went back to us there, he was with Cesar Montano and Bayani Agbayani, plus others. We were telling Gerald if they can check on Queensland Street because my brother is there and we cannot go through that street

anymore,” Dr. Divine told Cosmo.ph at the time.

Meanwhile, Anderson and Barretto have been dating for over three years now. In his recent interviews, the actor said he already sees Barretto as the woman he will marry.



# Hyacinth Callado on love team partner Gab Lagman: “i feel very safe with him.”

Kilig ang dinala nina Hyacinth Callado at Gab Lagman, collectively known as the HyGab love team, sa press conference ng Chasing in the Wild, ang upcoming series na kanilang pagbibidahan sa Viva One.

Nang tanungin sila ng press tungkol sa kanilang bond as a love team, agad sinagot ni Gab na masaya siyang katrabaho si Hyacinth at makita itong mag-grow as an actress along the way.

“For me, I’m really happy of what me and Hya have ‘cause we’ve been closer for the past few months that we’ve been doing workshops, relationship works, and, especially the music video [we did],” sabi ng aktor. “I’m just happy to be there with her, seeing her grow as an actress.”

Sa mga usapin naman ng pagcompare sa love team nila sa mga naunang pair na bumida na sa first two University Series na sina Marco Gallo at Heaven Peralejo (MarVen) at Krissha Viaje at Jerome Ponce (KrisshRome), diniin naman ni Gab na gusto lamang nila ni Hyacinth na magkaroon ng sariling identity ang kanilang growing love team.



“Ayaw po namin magcompare and we just want to grow as a love team na may each identity,” dagdag niya.

Hindi naman maiwasang kiligin ni Hyacinth sa mga binatong statement ni Gab while echoing his sentiments na pokus lang sila ngayon sa mga proyekto nila.

“So far, we’re just really focusing sa project namin and, of course, our relationship and the foundation of our relationship din,” sabi ng aktres.

Agad namang shinower ni Hyacinth

ng words of gratitude and appreciation si Gab, saying she feels very safe with him as a love team partner.

“All I can say is I’m very grateful that Gab [and I], we’re a team together. I feel very safe with him and I feel very grateful for that,” sabi ni Hyacinth.

Chasing in the Wild, an adaptation of the third installment of Gwy Saludes’ University Series on Wattpad, will premiere its first episode on Viva One this August 16.

## Yam Concepcion, husband Miguel CuUnjieng expecting their first child

Congratulations are in order for Yam Concepcion who is expecting her first child with non-showbiz husband Miguel CuUnjieng. Congrats, you two!

Yam Concepcion took to Instagram last Saturday, July 27, to announce that she is expecting her first child with her non-showbiz husband Miguel CuUnjieng.

The actress shared photos of her and

Miguel having a wonderful time on a beach getaway in the Bahamas, including a photo of the latter kissing her baby bump.

“Stingrays, turtles, pigs, and a bump,” she wrote.

Yam’s celebrity colleagues, like her Halik co-star Jericho Rosales, actress Meg Imperial, actress-singer Sue Ramirez, and



actress-host Dianne Medina, expressed their elation in the comments section.

Yam, who is currently based in the United States, tied the knot with Miguel in an intimate ceremony in New York last July 2021. The two were in a long distance relationship before saying “I do” to one another.



## Another heartbreak for James Yap?

Have basketball star-turned San Juan alderman James Yap and Italian wife Michela Cazzola broken up?

While this is Cristy Fermin's latest buzz on "Showbiz Now Na," she hopes there's hardly any tinge of truth to it.

However, a fellow scribe has long before gotten wind of the separation based on the absence of James' recent posts on Instagram.

James' last posts included photos taken of him with his wife and two kids MJ and Francesca in April 2023. This was followed by his birthday greeting to Michela in October.

James, however, didn't let this last June slip by without greeting his daughter on her sixth birthday.

In between, all that James' Instagram posts were his photos taken outside the country.

Still, according to unconfirmed reports, the couple's separation resulted in Michela's bringing her kids to her native Italy leaving James behind.

If true, the James-Michela marital falling out reminds showbiz of exactly the same scenario involving Paolo Contis and LJ Reyes.

Back in 2022, LJ broke up with Paolo and left for New York in a huff with their only child Summer. LJ likewise brought her son Aki by Paulo Avelino.

Meanwhile, James' former partner Kris Aquino has long before become friends with Michela.

Prior to her US trip to seek medical treatment, Kris and Michela used to exchange



pleasantries once in a while, catching up with each other's life activities.

At present, Bimby — Kris' son by James — is in town. James is expected to keep tabs with Bimby.

It is uncertain though if Bimby is just as eager and excited to see his dad.

Julia Barretto, Dani Barretto never experienced sibling rivalry

Julia Barretto and Dani Barretto maintain a good relationship as sisters.

"We support each other in everything," Dani said.

Dani also addressed their possible sibling rivalry and said, "Iyan 'yung isang bagay na proud ako talaga kasi we never fought about anything regarding work kasi magkaiba kami ng ginawa sa buhay."

She said, "We're very close. I think isang bagay 'yan na proud ako kasi [...] bata pa lang kami, close na talaga kami."

Meanwhile, Julia lauded Dani

about her being a good older sister to her and their younger siblings, Leon and Claudia.

Julia also added that she and Dani have a bond that helps them look after their younger siblings.

"I think we have this dynamic that because we're both the ates, parang we really have to have a strong [and] unbreakable bond, kasi paano 'yung younger siblings namin?"



She added, "Me and my younger siblings are just so grateful that Dani is our ate and that she's the ate of all of us because if I have to be the ate of everyone, I don't know [what to do]."

Dani, Julia, Claudia, and Leon are children of Filipina actress Marjorie Barretto. They also have a younger sibling named Erich.

## 'I should've been more specific': Karen Davila addresses SB19, BINI remark

Karen Davila said she should have been "more specific" when she was talking about Pinoy pop (P-pop), BINI and SB19, which sparked heated discussions on X, formerly Twitter.

In an X post this afternoon, the broadcast journalist addressed her viral remark.

"SB19 first opened the doors for P-pop internationally and made history! BINI is carving their own - being the first all girl group to hit it big.

"I should've been more specific. SB19 & BINI, you make us all proud! And may you both open more doors for aspiring local artists," Davila wrote.

She ended her post by commending the two P-pop groups and a Philippine flag emoji.

"Both are Proudly Filipino," the broadcast journalist said.

Davila caused a debate among fans of the two groups as well as fans of P-pop and even casual observers on X after she commented on the two groups in her closing remarks during the July 23 newscast of "TV Patrol."

"Ang galing ng BINI. At saka maganda d'un, ang K-pop sikat sa buong mundo, maganda 'yung BINI na silang magbubukas ng pintuan para [sa] P-pop. 'Pag sumikat sila,



sisikat din 'yung iba pang Pilipino," Davila said on "TV Patrol."

"Not Karen Davila discrediting SB19's contribution to PPop music. FYI (for your information), SB19 changed the world's perspective on P-pop. They are a force to

be reckoned with. I'm a Blooms, but I must admit they have a HUGE IMPACT on P-pop music. Get your facts straight, girl!" one X user wrote, mentioning Blooms, the fandom name for BINI.

Another one wrote: "Hala, Ate Karen kahit ako na K-pop fan at esp. BTS, we all know na nakilala sa P-pop dahil sa SB19 lol. No hate to BINI cause they are great/talented pero let's be honest u all, they did not paved the way, they walk[ed] & followed SB19 to the door SB19 opened."

Some fans came to the defense of the broadcast journalist.

"I feel bad about the bashing of Karen Davila by A'TIN fans of SB19. She was not being specific but was not discrediting the efforts of SB19 in rising P-pop to the international scene. I hope the fans of SB19 choose to be kind and understanding in this matter," one X user wrote.

## Canada Promote Business Opportunities in the Philippines by MP Rechie Valdez

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## Kathryn Bernardo arrives in Canada for 'Hello, Love, Again' production

Actress Kathryn Bernardo has arrived in Canada to begin shooting "Hello, Love, Again," the sequel to local blockbuster "Hello, Love, Goodbye."

A few days ago, fans trooped to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1 to see off Kathryn and her team before they flew out.

Kathryn also shared snippets on her Instagram stories, expressing her gratitude to those who showed up.

The actress recently posted photos of her arrival in Canada, including airport and plane pictures, food photos, and the number of luggage her and her team brought.

The very last photo in Kathryn's post was of the "Hello, Love, Again" script written by Carmi G. Raymundo and Crystal S. San Miguel under the direction of Cathy Garcia-Sampana.



Both screenwriters and the director worked on "Hello, Love, Goodbye," which was the highest-grossing Filipino film of all time until it was surpassed by "Rewind."

A sequel to the 2019 film was confirmed earlier this year to be partially set in Canada where Kathryn's character Joy flew to at the end of the film.

Kathryn's co-star Alden Richards previously said there will be a three-week shoot in Calgary, and last month, filmed scenes in Hong Kong — setting of the original movie — with Joross Gamboa and Jeffrey Tam.

Alden recently attended the 2024 GMA Gala after doing press tours for "Pulang Araw" and is expected to fly to Canada soon as well.

"Hello, Love, Again" is set for release in Philippine cinemas on November 13, just four months from now.

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## Enough is enough! Melai Cantiveros out to end spoken Bisaya mockery in new online show

The Philippine Statistics Authority's Population and Housing Census of 2020 indicates that the Bisaya or Bini-saya language ranks the second most widely spoken language among households nationwide, totaling 4.21 million or 16 percent.

Regrettably, despite its prevalence, mainstream media persists in disparaging the Bisaya language, particularly when its accent is employed by individuals speaking in English and Filipino.

For proud Bisaya and ABS-CBN celebrity Melai Cantiveros, enough is enough and she is putting an end to the mockery of her native tongue on her new online show, "Kuan on One."

"Kaming mga Bisaya, hindi maiwasan na mag-self pity kasi malayo kami sa central. Pero itong show, parang it's let our voice be heard. Sobrang importante ito lalo na sa amin para mawala na 'yung mga separation ng mga Bisaya, mga Tagalog, para in one na tayo [We Bisaya people can't help but feel self-pity because we're far from the center. But this show lets our voices be heard. This is very important for us as we hope that the separation between Bisaya and Tagalog can finally end and we can all be united]," Cantiveros said in a media conference.

ABS-CBN's first mainstream Bisaya talk show, "Kuan on One" has the General Santos-born and bred discovery of "Pinoy Big Brother" featuring celebrity success and inspirational stories using the Visayan language.

"Ini ang talk show na para sa mga Bisaya ug mga Bisaya at heart [This is the talk show for all Bisaya and Bisaya at



heart]."

Explaining the title of her show, Cantiveros said it highlights the power of the simple word "kuan" that is always used by Visayans.

"Pag hindi namin ma explain ang gusto naming sabihin, ang 'kuan' ay malaking tulong, filler siya. Tapos yung kausap mo, miraculously, naintidihan nya. Iba talaga ang power ng 'kuan.' Yung dalawang tao na hindi magkaintidihan ay biglang magkaka-intidihan. [When we can't explain what we want to say, the word 'kuan' is a big help; it's a filler. Miraculously, the person you're talking to begins to understand you so the power of 'kuan' is really something else]."

Besides serving as a platform for the public to get to know Bisaya celebrities and for the Filipinos in Visayas and Mindanao to feel seen and heard through relatable experiences, Cantiveros furthered



Cantiveros with her first guest, Cebuana actress and host Kim Chiu

the talk show will spread joy to viewers.

"It's all about happiness. Here, you'll really cry from laughter. The interview in Bisaya is just for the guests to relax. We'll talk about their past and everything under the sun in Bisaya as they open up to me, 'Kuantie,'" the regular morning talk show host explained.

For 13 episodes, viewers are set to enjoy Cantiveros' candid conversations and interactions with her guests as they speak in their vernacular to discuss a hodgepodge of topics.

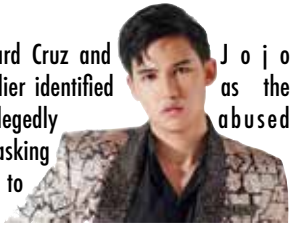
Her special guest for the premiere was proud Cebuana and top Kapamilya celebrity Kim Chiu. Both a product of the reality show of PBB, the two talked about their showbiz journey and matters of the heart, among others. The pilot episode surpassed 1 million views just two days after its premiere on YouTube.

Among other guests scheduled this season are Maymay Entrata, BINI members Aiah and Colet, Sheryn Regis, Vivoree, Jason Dy, and Christian Bables.

Kuan on One is now streaming on ABS-CBN Entertainment's YouTube channel and iWantTFC.

## TV consultants accused of abuse by Sandro Muhlach seek burden of proof

The camp of Richard Cruz and J o j o Nones, who were earlier identified as the TV consultants who allegedly abused Sandro Muhlach, is asking for burden of proof to bolster his claims of sexual harassment.



Atty Maggie Abraham-Garduque, counsel for both Cruz and Nones, said they have received a copy of the administrative complaint filed by Muhlach at GMA, the network where he is signed with, and where the respondents are contracted as consultants.

Cruz and Nones were given five days within which to file their response.

While not inclined to disclose the full details of the complaint, Abraham-Garduque said that one of the "evidence" presented by Muhlach needed verification — that he was enticed to go up to the room of the respondents.

"I don't want to go to details but I just want to say that in every proceeding whether that is administrative or criminal, the person who alleged has the burden to prove. In the formal complaint, one of the allegations of Mr. Muhlach was he was lured by our clients to go up to the hotel room," said Abraham-Garduque.

"However, his own evidence proves otherwise. Based on the text messages, it was Mr. Muhlach who messaged Mr. Nones with 'Andyan pa ba kayo sir? Baka po pwede dumaan saglit (Are you still there, Sir? Should I show up for a bit?)' haha," she continued.

INQUIRER.net sought comment from the Muhlach camp but has not received a reply as of posting.

The Muhlachs earlier said they wanted to proceed with a sexual harassment claim to be handled privately. They have already asked the National Bureau of Investigation to step in the case.

Showbiz insider Ogie Diaz earlier said he received information from the Muhlach camp that the young star was told to come up to the hotel room of one of the respondents, to be with the other network creatives. His source further told Diaz that Muhlach was also persuaded to take a form of an illegal substance that made him hallucinate, before the alleged sexual abuse took place.

## Cockfighting Documentary Scrapped

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Ayala Malls Manila Bay.

As a replacement, the festival will screen the Marian Rivera-starrer, "Balota," but "The Wedding Dance," took over the Aug. 8 slot.

Following the announcement, GMA Public Affairs' assistant vice president Lee Joseph Castel expressed his disappointment over the cancellation of the docu-film's screening.

"All threats should be taken seriously. But canceling the screening of 'Lost Sabungeros' at Cinemalaya is a victory for those who sow fear," wrote Castel.

"We spent nearly two years creating this docu-film, accepting the inherent risks. However, the production braved the dangers to investigate the disappearance of over thirty sabungeros. As journalists, and even as ordinary people, we should not accept that individuals can mysteri-



ously vanish," he continued.

"Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival. No longer free. No longer indepen-

dent. In the game of the powerful, the voiceless victims continue to seek justice," added Castel.

"Lost Sabungeros" marked the first investigative documentary from GMA Public Affairs and delved into the mysterious disappearance of over 30 sabungeros since 2021. The film was directed by Bryan Kristoffer Brazil.

The Cinemalaya Film Festival runs until Aug. 11.

## Edgar Mortiz goes full circle and returns to singing

Two years ago, before director-actor Edgar "Bobot" Mortiz turned 68, he thought of recording an all-standards album and releasing it on vinyl before he turned 70. The man had been away from the limelight and detached from singing, choosing instead to take the director's chair for some of the most successful shows in Philippine TV history.

Mortiz was only 13 years old when he started singing professionally and joined "Tawag ng Tanghalan" in 1967. He soon got into acting and formed half of the iconic Bobot-Vi love team for a time with Vilma Santos. Eventually, his career in directing soared, and music took a back seat.

Fast forward to the present, thanks to Curve Entertainment recording executive Narciso Chan, "Goin' Bulilit" creator and director Mortiz's eight-track, all-standards album has finally seen the light of day. And what delight it has delivered. "I asked for Ciso's help," the longtime singer shared. "I told him, 'Kumanta ako sa [I sang on an] iPad and made him listen to the tracks. I asked Ciso, 'Boss, pwede pa ba ko [do I still have it]? I want to release an all-standards album,' so we produced it."

Mortiz added, "That was what I wanted. 'Yun ang trip ko noon. The album had always been a passion project that had been brewing through my heart and mind. Those songs became part of my life then. Like when I became broken-hearted, I had a song for that."

Mortiz's voice glides through all the standard tracks on the album: "You And Me (We Wanted It All)," "All My Tomorrows," and "I met my wife (Millet Santos-Mortiz), and I had no work at that time." He also sang the ballad at Al Tantay's wedding. The comeback recording artist also included "Somewhere in Your Heart" for his Ninong Ron (Fernando Poe, Jr.), "How Do You Keep the Music Playing?" "You Will Be My Music," "What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life?" "You Turned My World Around," and "That's Life."

"All the songs have meaning in my life," Mortiz pointed out. "I chose all the songs that were my favorites from when I was a teenager. Bata pa ako kinakanta ko na 'yung mga [I've been signing] standard songs [since I was young]."

The album was finished last February, so Mortiz comes full circle now that "Goin' Standard" has been released. "I am turning 70 this August 30," said Edgar.

"Umabot naman ang album. The tracks are not perfect, but I told Ciso, ituloy natin' yan [let's go ahead with it]. If we want to make the songs perfect, I think kaya [it can be done] naman with today's technology. How I really felt at the time I was recording, that was what's important to me."

Mortiz clarified, however, that "Goin' Standard" is not a comeback for him. He is simply returning to the recording studio to sing what his heart had yearned for all these years.

Edgar noted that the landscape of today's songs has obviously changed. "Standards cater to a certain crowd," he said. "Nawala na sina (Frank) Sinatra, Tony Bennett [are no longer here]. I was thinking that after my recording, maybe no one would sing the songs I recorded anymore."



"Mine is heavy standards. You really have to listen to the songs and the story behind them. The lyrics are very important." At the recent album listening party of "Goin' Standard," recorded by Pro-Ject Audio System, Mortiz's friends in and out of the entertainment industry arrived in droves and supported him.

The event was held at The Gallery Bar of Crowne Plaza Hotel.

His wife, Millet, and his children were present at the listening party and launch. Other guests include sister-in-law Charo Santos-Concio, Ricky Davao and girlfriend Malca Darocca, Richard Merk, Ali Forbes, Joey San Andres, Al Tantay and wife Micha, Eric Nicolas, Lianne Quebec and comedian Tuko.

Former recording executive Rudy Tee joined Curve Entertainment bosses Narciso Chan, Mario Jason and Chito Confido. Serafin Pua, TV executive Malou Fagar and actress Amy Austria were also present.





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### Why Jennylyn Mercado skipped GMA Gala 2024

Actress Jennylyn Mercado was absent from this year's GMA Gala as she had to look after her son Jazz, her agency said.

Fans were surprised to learn Jennylyn was not among the many Kapuso artists and guests that walked the red carpet over the weekend in Manila Marriott Hotel, yet her husband Dennis Trillo was present.

The absence stoked once more rumors that Jennylyn might be moving to a rival network despite her talent management agency shutting such talks down.

One of the actress' talent managers, Jan Enriquez under Becky Aguila, confirmed to Philstar.com that Jennylyn didn't attend the GMA Gala to take care of Jazz, her teenage son with ex-boyfriend Patrick Garcia.

"She was supposed to go naman but decided to stay home na lang because she needs to take care of Jazz," Enriquez said in a Facebook direct message. "Jen naman has always put her children first kaya si



Dennis muna representative nila that night."

Jan expressed his apologies and asked for understanding from those who were waiting for Jennylyn to arrive, adding: "Di bale, babawi tayo next year!"

The actress recently revealed she's currently a freelancer as she's yet to sign a new contract with GMA, but pointed out she wanted to remain with the network.

"20 years na po akong Kapuso and I am very thankful na hanggang ngayon po ay ako po ay Kapuso pa rin, mayroon pa rin mga nini-nego (negotiate), pero mabilis na lang po iyan, so we're just waiting for the contract pero happy pa rin naman ako maging Kapuso, basta gusto pa rin nila ako 'di ba?" she said then.

Jennylyn and Dennis tied the knot in 2021 and welcomed a daughter the following year. Dennis also has a son Calix with his ex-girlfriend Carlene Aguilar.

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## Nadia Montenegro reveals Baron Geisler father of her teen daughter

Nadia Montenegro shared it was her story to tell about her teen daughter with actor Baron Geisler.

The actress was straightforward with all her answers to Boy Abunda, including controversial ones related to her partner, the late politician Macario “Boy” Asistio Jr., and the paternity of her youngest daughter.

Boy and Nadia began to talk about Asistio and how Nadia revealed they were very open about each other. She heaped praises on Boy, whom she said never cursed at her or called her names in their 29 years together.

Nadia and Boy have seven children together. Nadia was 17 when she met the then already mayor of Caloocan. Asistio died in February 2017 at the age of 80.

After talking about forgiveness and her relationship dynamics with Asistio, Boy cut to the chase and directly asked Nadia if actor Baron Geisler has a child with her.

“Tito Boy, I’ve already admitted that. Yes, Sophia is turning 18 in August and that’s why I’m here, Tito Boy. It’s not for views, it’s not to trend because that’s one thing I hate, but to put an exclamation to everything,” Nadia said.

Boy, daughter knew Nadia revealed that Boy knew about



her child with the actor. “Yes. All he asked me was not to tell her until he’s gone and I kept that promise dahil ayaw niya magbago ng tingin si Sophia sa kanya,” the actress said.

Her daughter also knew who her father was.

“She always knew, Tito Boy,” Nadia said.

She also revealed that Sophia and Baron had contact with each other, but they did not have the chance to meet each other.

“They were always in contact, Tito Boy, from social media but never na parang hide... walang ganon.

Bullied Her daughter experienced being bullied in school.

“She was bullied. Someone just posted on the student council a picture of Baron in jail [asking], ‘Kaninong tatay ito?’

“Kailangan ko pa bang ikuwento kung anong pinagdaanan namin just to keep our peace? This is my life. This is my children’s lives. This is my story, Tito Boy. No one has the right to tell my story.

“I’ve always owned my mistakes, Tito Boy, but let me say kung ano ang pagkakamali ko. “I want this to end because my daughter’s turning 18 soon, and she does not need to come out of this world and answer questions for her mother. So, I’m putting an end to

this now, Tito Boy. So, yes, I’m happy. I have a child named Sophia and she does not need anything else in this world because she’s complete,” Nadia said.

Alden applauds Kathryn’s growth as actress

Alden Richards says he’s noticing positive changes in Kathryn Bernardo as they shoot their new movie, Hello, Love, Again, in Canada. He mentions that Kathryn is now more mature and eager to try new things.

“She’s more mature now and excited to try new things. It’s great that we’re doing this together while working on the film,” he said.

Alden is excited about the sequel to their 2019 hit, Hello, Love, Goodbye, and looks forward to continuing the story of Nathan and Joy.

Before heading to Canada, Alden wrapped up taping for his new GMA soap, Pulang Araw, and will be part of the Sparkle World Concert Tour. He’s also celebrating his recent win as Movie Actor of the Year at the Star Awards for Movies for his role in Five Break-ups and a Romance.



Sassa Gurl (left) with Kapuso star Marian Rivera and fellow social media personality-turned-actor Esnyr in the Cinemalaya 2024 entry, ‘Balota.’

**She’s not a diva:** Sassa Gurl on working with Marian Rivera

From FYP to the big screen! Social media personality Sassa Gurl is making her Cinemalaya debut with “Balota,” starring Kapuso royalty Marian Rivera.

Sassa got real about her experience in filming the movie. She said she was happy and privileged to represent the LGBTQIA+ community at the 2024 Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival.

“Super happy ako kasi itong Cinemalaya na ‘to, bihira lang ako makakita ng mga binakla na role sa Cinemalaya na ito naman minarket pa as one of the supporting roles na kabog,” Sassa, who has identified herself as trans in previous media interviews.

“Ako happy ako na ibinigay sa akin ‘to ni direk Kip (Oebanda)... It will contribute to the ongoing fight of cinema queer actors, you know, our craft in the cinematic world. Hindi lang basta punchline ang pwedeng maging plotline ng isang bading, marami. Maraming layers ang pagiging bading,” she added.

Ahead of the showing, Sassa’s line in the film went viral on social media as her character called out the character of fellow influencer-turned-actor Esnyr for supporting corrupt officials.

“Sumuporta ka sa corrupt, tapos magtataka ka kung bakit hindi ginagagamit ang buwis mo para linisin ang umaapaw na kanal sa inyo? Baklang kanal tayo, pero hindi tayo dapat nakatira sa literal na kanal,” she said quoting a line from “Balota.”

Sassa gave credit to film director Kip Oebanda for his talent and dedication in putting the film together.

“Direk Kip kasi is a political person talaga na sobrang galing mag-frame at magsulat ng mga bagay na danas at ilalagay niya sa isang pelikula. Wala pa naman akong acting na ginawa, ‘di ba? Sulat pa lang ‘yon, script pa lang ‘yon so (meaning to say) it’s the magic of direk Kip,” she noted.

Sassa was also over the moon when she talked about her co-actors in the movie, especially Marian.

“Happy si mamah! She is not a perfect person but never ako naka-experience sa kanya ng any hostility at saka alam mo ‘yun si mama talagang ang gaan ka-work. Hindi mo makikita sa kanya na super big star siya. She’s not a diva.”

“She’s caring to her co-actors. And isa ‘yun sa mga pina-ka-happy ako na, ‘Ay, hindi pala totoo ‘yung kwento ng mga ibang tao.’ At least in my experience ha. Hala ang happy ko na naka-work ko si Marian in my lifetime and prime pa niya ngayon,” she added.

“Balota” It is about a teacher named Emmy (Marian) who serves in the election. Her character will be seen running “into the wilderness with a ballot box, the last copy of the election results when violence in their town erupts.”

Sassa Gurl said she now considers herself as an artist as she continues to explore different forms of art.

“Now, I consider myself an artist. Kasi saklaw na lahat ‘yon – you can be a musician, actor, even content creator. Happy ako na natatawid ko ‘yung mga bagay na gusto kong tawirin, and I know it’s not impossible,” she said.

Sassa mentioned “It’s Showtime” host Vice Ganda as one of her inspirations to continue improving her craft.

“Marami nang nagpatunay noon in the past, Meme Vice, sobrang nagawa niya ‘yun. ‘Yun yung napasa niya siguro sakin o ng mga baklang nauna. Patunayan mo ‘yung sarili mo, para ‘yung mga ibang bakla hindi na nila kailangang patunayan ang sarili nila,” Sassa said.

## ‘Bawal po ba ang isang tulad ko dito?’: Boss Toyo asks netizens what’s wrong with attending SONA

Content creator Boss Toyo addressed social media users’ questions about his attendance at President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.’s State of the Nation Address (SONA) last month.

On his Facebook account, Toyo shared a photo of himself at the Batasang Pambansa.

“Nagtataka ako bakit may mga taong nagkukwestiyon bakit ako nasa SONA. Bakit bawal po ba ang isang content creator dito?” Toyo wrote.

“Bawal po ba ang isang tulad ko dito? Bawal ba dahil hindi ako politiko? Bawal ba dahil ‘di mataas ang antas ko sa lipunan. Masyado kayong nanghahamak ng tao,” he added.

Toyo explained that he attended the event as a Filipino who wanted to understand the state



of the nation.

“Gusto ko marinig kung ano ang sasabihin dahil isa akong Pilipino at may paki ako sa bayan ko,” he said.

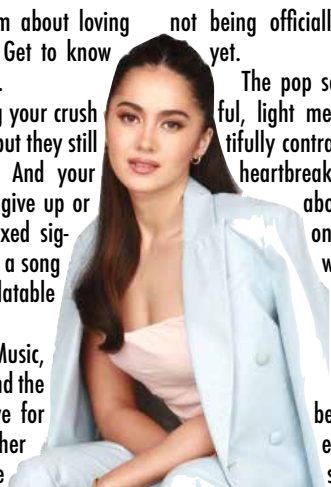
“Wala ako nakikitang masama kung andito ako or kahit sinong tao andito. Pilipino ako at may paki ako sa bayan ko,” he added.

## Atasha Muhlach sings about moving on from unrequited love in new single “Love Story Kong Bitin”

Atasha Muhlach releases an anthem about loving someone who loves someone else! Get to know about this heartbreaking song below.

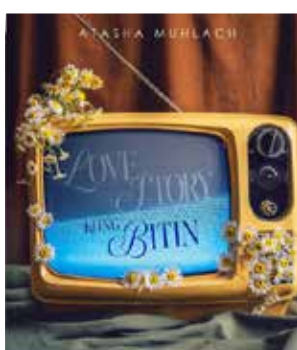
Have you ever experienced seeing your crush being all lovey dovey with someone but they still don’t consider themselves official? And your heart doesn’t know whether to just give up or continue hoping because of the mixed signals they show? Atasha Muhlach has a song for you that can absolutely be a relatable banger.

Released last July 19 under Vicor Music, “Love Story Kong Bitin” centers around the theme of someone’s unrequited love for their crush and how they see him or her be all sweet with someone, despite



not being officially together yet.

The pop song’s playful, light melody beautifully contrasts with its heartbreaking lyrics about someone simply wanting their crush and the person they are being sweet with to just be together so they can finally move on and stop being in this endless loop of



questions and heartache.

Composed by Sean Cedro, “Love Story Kong Bitin” is Atasha’s sophomore single after releasing “Pasuyo” last October 2023. It is co-produced by Jean-Paul Verona, Izobel Taguiam, and Gabriel Angelo De Castro.

Atasha has been on cloud nine of success in her early showbiz career. Apart from two singles, she has been a host for Eat Bulaga! since September 2023 and currently has a lead role in the sitcom Da Pers Family alongside her father Aga Muhlach, mother Charlene Gonzales, and twin brother Andres.



## ONTARIO FILIPINO CANADIAN TEACHERS TO HOLD SUMMER SAYA 2024

By Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

The Philippine Teachers Association of Canada (PTAC) will have its annual potluck picnic and get-together on August 17, 2024 (Saturday) from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Earl Bales Park, Bathurst Street, North York, Toronto.

Dubbed "PTAC Summer Saya 2024", the celebration will be joined by present, past, and prospective members of the only "samahan ng mga gurong Filipino sa" Ontario, together with their families and friends in the



community.

The summer gathering is led and organized by PTAC President Cielito Drapeza, (OCT)

with solid support from members of the Executive Directorate. Among those tasked to deliver and coordinate the park event are Richard Vinluan, Maria Bernasor, Rose Apilado, Esther Dulawan, Alex Gabrito, Mari-paz Madarang, Aileen Santiago, Marcial Singson, and other Association officers and members.

Formed in May 2006, PTAC is a registered Ontario-based social-professional organization of former Philippine educators and professionally certified teachers

serving in schools and colleges in the province. Over the years, the Association has been helping "mga kababayan", present & prospective members, and other interested individuals with projects and programs regarding professional certification, career resume writing, interview preparation, networking, professional development, employment strategies, and career-centric information sharing. The initiatives are delivered in-person or online on a scheduled and at-need basis

in partnership and collaboration with education-focused agencies, education leaders and other professionals.

The "mga punong abala" of the Filipino teachers' organization promised everyone a fun-filled day with exciting activities, delicious food, and great company! Don't miss out on games, meeting new & old friends, and outdoor fun in the summer sun. Bring your friends and family, and a smile—see you there! (Tony A. San Juan, OCT.)

## Barbie Forteza recalls 'accidental' 1st kiss with Jak Roberto

Actress Barbie Forteza humorously recalled her "accidental" first kiss with partner Jak Roberto before they even officially started dating.

Barbie was on the July 17 episode of "It's Showtime," and during the noontime variety show's "Especially For You" segment, hosts Vice Ganda and Jhong Hilario discussed with the contestants the importance of a first kiss.

Vice then asked Barbie about her first kiss experience, joking that it might have hurt, given the actress'

initial reaction to the question.

"Siyempre ang sarap sa pakiramdam, kasi 'yung time na siyempre nagliligawan kayo, 'di ba 'yun na 'yung ini-imagine mo eh, 'Ano kaya ang magiging first kiss, pa-paano kaya? Kailan kaya 'yung perfect moment para gawin 'yun?'" the actress said.

Barbie, however, admitted that her first kiss with Jak was accidental.



It occurred when she was about to get off while he m a n u e - vered his car.

"Bebeso sana ako, beso lang. Tapos siya palikod. Titingnan niya 'yung likod tapos nagswak lang 'yung [lips] namin. 'Tas nag-tingingan lang kaming dalawa

ng ganyan," the actress shared.

She reiterated they still were not an item then and she did not want to kiss unless the relationship was official, "So, nu'ng time na 'yun parang natigilan ako, 'Oh shucks... tayo na ba?'"

Vice then joked that his first kiss was similar to Barbie's, mimicking the whole scenario, but pointed out a first kiss really stays on one's mind.

Barbie added that the reaction after the first kiss is important because the two people involved would have

to consider pursuing the relationship. She said Jak was apologetic about their accidental kiss.

After hearing her story, Vice joked that the aftermath of his first kiss was the same, "Kami pala ni Barbie 'yung nasa storya!'"

Barbie recently stated in a guest appearance on "Fast Talk with Boy Abunda" that she and Jak do not feel the so-called seven-year-itch, and Jak has even brought up marriage several times in their relationship.

## Mark Bautista hopes to inspire his audience after anniversary concert

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Mark Bautista is ready to celebrate 21 years in the showbiz industry with an anniversary concert titled "Mark My Dreams" where he hopes to leave inspiration to concertgoers and supporters who will be there to cheer him on.

Having reached new heights in his singing career, his milestones include being hailed as 1st runner-up to Popstar Royalty Sarah Geronimo in the reality singing competition Star for a Night back in 2003, peaking song charts, releasing iconic singles and



albums, and performing in film, television, and theater, making him a household name in the local entertainment industry.

"I just want people to be inspired after watching the show. I think 'yon 'yong basic na gusto kong maparating sa audience kasi everything started with a dream and sana ma-inspire sila sa naging journey ko kung mapanood nila—from how I started to now to ano 'yong future na gusto ko pa gawin," the Pop Heartthrob told members of the press during the presscon

Mark remains hopeful that his supporters would be inspired by every step of his showbiz journey, from humbly starting out in singing contests in Cagayan De

Oro to being the multi-talented star that he is now.

"Sana ma-inspire sila sa story ko from my humble beginnings in Cagayan De Oro

na talagang walang kaalam-alam and paa-no ko na-survive ang show business after 20 years," he said.

With talks of being an inspiration in the fray, Mark was asked about advice he would impart to young and aspiring singers who want to enter show business.

The singer said of his belief that there should always be a sense of companionship when it comes to entering showbiz.

"I think 'yong sinasabi nilang makisama ka sa mga katrabaho mo, totoo 'yon," he said. "Kung iisipin mo, wala naman talagang sikreto kung paano mag-stay dito sa show business. That's what I feel. Kailangan talaga, personally, dapat nasasaiyo 'yon na naturally marunong ka makisama."

However, Mark believes mere companionship is not enough to last in showbiz, saying that one should be passionate enough with what they are doing in order to stay.

"Hindi kasi pwedeng pilitin, eh. Hindi kasi pwedeng 'Ah eto 'yong magwo-work, eto 'yong gagawin ko.' Kung ayaw mo rin kasi, kung hindi mo passion, hindi ka passionate, kahit anong gagawin mo, mabu-burn out ka talaga. Kulang 'yong makikisama ka lang kasi pwede ka namang makis-

ama pero paano kung wala kang passion at hindi mo gusto ang ginagawa mo?" he said.

Moreover, Mark added that being realistic and having a nice sense of balance would be key in having a long-lasting career in showbiz.

"Dapat alam mo kung ano 'yong tama para sa'yo at pati naman 'yong hindi naman para sa'yo, huwag mo nang pilitin," he said.

### Is Lucena City Mayor Mark Alcala trying to woo Kathryn Bernardo?

According to a report by PEP, actress Kathryn Bernardo is said to be receiving romantic attention from Lucena City Mayor Mark Alcala. Other than the rumor, no further details on when and how it started were revealed.

The news came after following Kathryn's split with actor Daniel Padilla in November 2023, Kathryn's name was linked to actors like Alden Richards, Jericho Rosales, and Donny Pangilinan.

Earlier this year, Alden was often seen attending some of Kathryn's milestones, including her birthday celebration and housewarming. While the two are demonstrably



close, neither has publicly confirmed any romantic involvement.

Kathryn and Alden are currently in Canada filming for their reunion project Hello, Love, Again, following the box office success of Hello, Love, Goodbye in 2019.

Meanwhile, Mayor Alcala was Kapuso actress Ashley Ortega's ex-boyfriend before being previously rumored to be dating volleyball player Mika Reyes. Lucena City's incumbent mayor and the athlete never confirmed their relationship.

## Aiko Garcia at Victor Relosa, dinescribe na "life-changing" ang paggamit ng corn syrup sa love scene

**Ang paggamit ng corn syrup ang tumatak kina Aiko Garcia at Victor Relosa sa pag-shoot ng kanilang love scenes sa Maharot. Alamin kung bakit!**

Life-changing ang word na ginamit nina Aiko Garcia at Victor Relosa para ilarawan ang love scene na shinoot nila para sa newest film offering ng VivaMax na Maharot.

"Pinainom kami ng corn syrup at nilagyan kami sa katawan," detalyeng ni-recall ni Victor sa press con-



ference for the said film. "Kami [ni Aiko] nung una, parang na-weirdohan kami. [...] Tapos, after namin mag-take ng love scenes, sabi [ko kay Aiko] 'Try natin 'to sa kanya-kanya nating partner ah.'"

"Life-changing! Ang sarap pala. Iba talaga," dagdag niya. "Madadala ka sa eksana ta's parang makakalimutan kong nag-so-shoot kayo."

Gusto daw kasi ng direktor ng pelikula na si Rodante Pajemna Jr. na maraming padila sa iba't ibang parte ng katawan ang gawin ng kanyang mga aktor kaya corn syrup ang napili niyang pamprops para matamis.

Kay Aiko naman, sinabi niyang nasarapan siya nung tinsting nila ni Victor ang corn syrup for the first time

sa pamamagitan ng smack o mabilisang kiss sa lips.

"Before mag-take, triny na namin. Nag-kiss kami, smack lang naman tapos [tinanong ko siya] masarap, noh? Sige, isa pa nga," patawang dinetalye ni Aiko. "Ganoon kami before pa kami mag-take."

Ang Maharot ay tungkol sa isang small town young man named Tantan (Victor) who falls for Joni (Aiko), isang babae na binebenta ang kanyang sarili sa mga lalaki yet gives Tantan words of wisdom about love. As they get to know each other, their bond deepens.

Apart from Aiko and Victor, bibida rin sa pelikula sina Athena Red at Ardy Raymundo.



# Why Muhlach family chose sitcom, not reality show, as first TV project

Aga (during the presscon with his family) says they are keeping their options open when it comes to their next projects.



Titled "Da Pers Family," it follows the story of the Persival family as they run a struggling business, The Bake Haus of You. Conflict arises as Aga's former BFF (Roderick Paulate) tries to drive them out of competition. This brings the Persivals closer together as they unite to save their bakery from bankruptcy.

"Da Pers Family" officially marks the twins' acting debut. It's helmed by Danni Caparas, the director of Aga and Charlene's '90s sitcom, "Okidokidok."

"When this opportunity came, this was something I could not resist. It's such a blessing to be able to have the opportunity to work with my children, Andres and Atasha, and my husband," said Charlene. "But of course, at first, we felt a little nervous."

She noted that it was particularly nerve-wracking to execute her first scene with Aga "because we're not used to doing scenes together."

In the series, the Muhlach family plays the Persival family who runs the struggling business, The Bake Haus of

You.

Recalling his first day on set, Andres also shared, "After the first take, the feeling was really like haay. The next day, the next scenes, they got more and more light. Magaan sa loob, easier to work with everyone, and the dynamics started to come out more within the family."

Atasha felt the same way, admitting that acting with their parents around did make them a little nervous. "Of course, you don't want to mess it up or cause any delays. But at the end of it, I had so much fun. Because from the first take, it was with Andres, my best friend, so it was easy, the banter was there... Following with the parents, it was very fun, because it was just like at home," the "Eat, Bulaga" co-host said. "I'm just learning as we go. Everything is so brand-new so we'll see day-by-day."

Since they're playing out characters named after their real selves, the Muhlach family could have opted for a reality show, instead of a sitcom for their first TV5 project.

The children, for one, long before they decided to follow in their parents' footsteps — after they kept their promise of finishing college first — had always attracted the spotlight and public curiosity without them perhaps meaning to.

Aga had thought about a reality show initially but decided otherwise because "my training kasi is so old-school and my private life, personally speaking, has always been private."

"To come up with a reality show, for me, is somewhat intruding. Ayoko yung ganun. Even with my Instagram, I'm not really active, I cannot post personal things, related to me, wala talaga," the veteran leading man said. "But of course, I thought of that, too. That's why we used our real names so that people can identify with Andres, Charlene, Atasha and with me."

But they're keeping their options open. He said, "From the sitcom, 'di mo alam ano pupuntahan niyan eh. Baka mamaya, masanay ako or maisip namin pwede namin ituloy sa ganun. Or, pwede mangyari yun. Bukas ito. Bukas na bukas ang pintuan sa lahat ng (the door is wide open to all) avenues."

# Angeli Khang, Robb Guinto strip down in Vivamax's Unang Tikim

Angeli Khang and Robb Guinto express their hope that other Vivamax stars will have opportunities to crossover into mainstream cinema, following their success with the film Unplated. Angeli, who has also ventured into television with a role in GMA's Rider, shared her amazement at their achievements.



Angeli Khang stars in 'Unang Tikim' as Yuna Becca. The two are madly in love with each other. They are each other's first—first touch, first kiss, first sexual experience. It seems like nothing can break them apart until Becca is forced to migrate to the U.S. to be with her family.

"It's hard to believe that after our hard work, we're here now and allowed to reach a wider audience on the big screen," Angeli said. "Vivamax has its own dedicated audience, but being on the big screen offers an entirely different experience for actors aspiring to make it big in showbiz. We are truly thankful."

Angeli and Robb discussed the challenges of performing intimate scenes. They revealed that while the scenes were new and challenging, they navigated them smoothly due to their strong friendship.

"We're friends and can easily discuss how we'd approach the intimate scenes," Robb noted.

Angeli added that she feels more comfortable performing sexy scenes with another woman.

"It's easier to communicate our boundaries and limitations, and since we're both women, it feels natural to discuss these things openly," she explained.

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Between the two, Becca is the lipstick lesbian. She's also an artist. Meanwhile, Yuna is bisexual. She looks innocent but is aggressive when it comes to lovemaking. She is generally supportive and caring to people she loves, but it turns out that she cannot stand a long-distance relationship.

Nicco (Matt Francisco), Yuna's boss, likes her so much and makes a way to get close to her while she is in a long-distance relationship with Becca. He eventually wins her heart when the two mutually decide to break up.

Four years later, Yuna is now engaged to be married to Nicco. Becca, now a professional photographer in the U.S., returns to the Philippines to complete her dream photo exhibit. She has a new lover, Trisha (Christy Imperial). Destiny makes their paths cross again, and both realize that they are still in love with each other.



Robb Guinto plays Becca in 'Unang Tikim'

# Marian Rivera draws laughs after 'trying her best' in English translation

A true queen knows how not to take herself too seriously, and trust Marian Rivera to rise to the occasion as she turned a critical moment into an entertaining spectacle after she was asked by a contestant to translate her question from Tagalog to English during the Superbods 2024 Finals night.

In a clip uploaded on X (formerly Twitter), Rivera served as one of the celebrity judges on a local canned food beauty and fitness competition. The Kapuso actress initially asked her question for the Q&A in Tagalog before the male contestant requested if she could translate it to English because he could not understand.

"Dumami ang followers mo sa social media nung



naging finalist ka. Paano mo gagamitin ang opportunity na ito kahit na tapos na ang competition na ito," asked Rivera.

"Could I get English, please?" responded the contestant. Rivera promptly squared her shoulders and regally

addressed the contestant as if he was one of her subjects. "I will try my best. Are you ready for this? Listen very carefully. Here's my question," the actress said, drawing guffaws in the background.

"Your social media following grew when you became a finalist; how would you use this opportunity even after your Superbond journey? I think you understand that," Rivera said, laughing as she gave him a "peace" sign.

The moment between the Kapuso star and the contestant immediately gained traction on social media, with mostly positive remarks.

"Tawang tawa ako kay Marian, please [crying emojis]," said a netizen.

"Wow, on-the-spot translation, 'yun ah. Tapos tama ang grammar, ang cute ng accent and pronunciation," commented one X user.

"Damn, Marian Rivera ate this and won the audience. Too authentic not to appreciate!" wrote another netizen.

In an ambush interview during the Cinemalaya press conference on Wednesday, July 10, the Kapuso Prime-time Queen was asked to give a brief reaction to her now viral moment.

"[laughs] Hindi ko alam. I did my best [laughs]," she told reporters.

Meanwhile, Rivera is set to star in an upcoming 2024 Cinemalaya entry, "Balota."

# P-pop's SB19 beats K-pop, J-pop groups as Favorite Asian Act

P-pop sensation SB19 has bested K-pop and J-pop groups to be named Favorite Asian Act at the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards 2024.

The feat was recently announced on Nick Asia and SB19's official social media pages.

Other Asian acts nominated for the category included K-pop boy band ENHYPEN, Japanese girl group NiziU, and solo artists Tiara Andini and Iman Troye.

In a short video, the group formed by its five members, Pablo, Stell, Josh, Justin, and Felip, expressed their gratitude



to their fans, fondly known as A'Tin, saying: "It's such an honor to represent the Philippines. We appreciate all your love and support!"

The recognition comes 12 years after Pinay singing sensation Charice Pempengco (now Jake Zyrus) became the first Filipino to win the award, edging out the likes of K-pop girl group Wonder Girls and singers Agnes Monica and Yuna.

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# Scenes in the City



## ACOUSTIC CONCERT AT BISTRO MANILA

Randy Bucao produced a concert at Bistro Manila featuring Majarlica, Tribe band, Kim Trinidad and Ruben Pitogo.  
1. Majarlica; 2. Majarlica and Tribe band; 3. Randy Bucao and company; 4. Randy Bucao; 5. Randy Bucao; 6 Kim Trinidad

# Fun Philippines



## Nadine Lustre reacts to being 'Estetik Queen'

Actress Nadine Lustre is tagged as the "Estetik Queen," the Filipinized version of the English word "aesthetic," by many online users. Many of them observed how the actress keeps her Instagram feed curated with good quality photos. The actress is aware of the tag. She was asked about the features she unlocked in the newest and first artificial intelligence phones by Oppo, the Reno 12 5G series. Nadine was at the launch of the new phone series last July 13 in SM City Sta. Rosa in Laguna. "I am laughing because people know me as the 'aesthetic queen.' So, at least now, I'm happy we have the AI Eraser because it just makes everything make better. I love clean photos. I like it when it's minimalist, when it's perfect and when it's clean," she said. The Reno 12 5G series features the upgraded AI Eraser

2.0, which now has a "Remove People" function. As its name suggests, the function allows users to "erase" people or objects in a photo or selfie in a matter of seconds as long as the smartphone is connected to the



Internet. "I hate saying aesthetic now (laughs). Sorry. Pero it is what it is and it keeps the aesthetic of all of my content. It's something that I'm very, very particular with," she said.

# Charity work in Phl

CHELSEA STAR from page 1

randa LCHS Foundation, the Rotary Club of Manila 101, and the Philippines Independence Day Council (PIDC). These organizations are dedicated to providing school supplies regularly and feeding programs to underprivileged children, ensuring they have the tools they need for a brighter educational future.

In addition to the much-needed school supplies, the children were overjoyed to receive snacks, bringing smiles and moments of joy to their day.

Chelsea's efforts highlight the



impact of collective support in making a difference in the lives of these young individuals.

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ive impact on the lives of these children, and we are incredibly proud of your contributions.

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## Rhian Ramos advocates for more choices for women

I know what's in his heart," declared actress Rhian Ramos as a way to explain why she chose to support the political career of her boyfriend Sam Versoza, Tutok to Win partylist representative, even though she said the word "politician" carries a negative connotation.

"When we were new, we discovered that aside from our having similar personalities, we actually share the same dream. We agreed that it's important to use your skill and success for the better. Our dream was centered on doing something for others. At the time, I still didn't know that his way of helping other people was to run for office. It just came about naturally," Rhian told reporters during the media gathering for her latest movie, Jenny Pearl "JP" Ninalga's "When the World Met Miss Probinsyana."

"We sometimes have a negative connotation of what it means to be a politician, especially here in the Philippines. But I know Sam very well. I talk to him every single day and I know that his heart is pure. I also know he doesn't need [other people's] money, or he won't use it for the wrong [reasons]," said Rhian.

#### Anniversary

The couple celebrated their third year together on July 30. Rhian said they hope to take a much-needed vacation. "But this is after all the relief operations. I've been busy with work, so I have yet to help out with the repacking," said Rhian, referring to Typhoon "Carina" that ravaged Luzon recently. "We have to be prepared. We know that there are areas that will get flooded. Sam has been preparing every



Rhian Ramos (right) with producer Marjorie Aviso

day. What's nice is that there are good people who contribute. He makes sure their help gets to the right people."

"When the World Met Miss Probinsyana" tells the journey of Marge (Rhian), a determined young woman from the province, and her supportive partner Wil (Sid Lucero), a seafarer-turned-web developer. Drawing from her own experience as the daughter of an overseas Filipino worker (OFW), Marge embarks on a transformative path to create change in her province.

#### Female entrepreneur

She establishes her business process outsourcing (BPO) company in the province, defying the notion that success can only be found in urban centers. As Marge's BPO venture grows, she encounters various obstacles, including financial setbacks, doubts and the stigma associated with being a female entrepreneur. With the support of her loved ones, she triumphs, proving that resilience and tenacity can overcome even the toughest challenges.

"To me, it's not a story about achieving success," explained Rhian. "The more important part of it was that when Marge put up a BPO, it wasn't just for the purpose of turning it into a money-making business. It was for people in the province to have better work opportunities, despite the limits that people normally put on them, like, 'Taga-probinsya? Does she even know enough English to answer the phone?' Yes, because everything is trainable."

Rhian continued: "This kind of mentality limits their choices. They either end up being far away from their families as an OFW or limited to, 'I'm sure you know how to cook and clean. Just keep doing that.' I'm not putting that down as work. I love cooking and cleaning in my own time, if I choose to. What's important is that the choice is there."

The film is based on the life of Marjorie Aviso, CEO of Telework PH. According to director JP, the idea to make the advocacy film came when she interviewed Marjorie for her TV show, "World Changers." She recalled: "I've done several advocacy films in the past. When I learned about her story and her deeper issues or struggles, I said her story is worth telling."

To this, Marjorie's reaction was, 'Is it?' She confessed that she didn't even think hers was extraordinary compared to, say, how an amputee is able to cope with life. "They told me that what's ordinary is very relatable to the masses. Apart from the advocacy itself, it needs to be told so people can be inspired. That's how it all started. The opportunity of working from home is not always available or accessible to everyone. We want to let them know that it's happening, wherever you are, even if you're in the province. You don't even have to leave the country," said Marjorie.

#### 'Catalyst for women'

The film, which will screen in cinemas nationwide starting Aug. 7, also features Sid as Rhian's loyal and supportive husband. "It's important to realize that when one person is going through a psychological issue or episode, it's not just this particular person who experiences it but the family as well. Wil is Margie's source of strength," explained Rhian.

Marjorie added: "It's important to emphasize that, sometimes, when they say women empowerment, it's at the stake of men—it's not. It's actually showing that men are there to support us. They're a catalyst for women to continue soaring and not limiting themselves."



Ramos (right) as Marge and Sid Lucero as Wil



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## Philippines fortifies South China Sea outpost to keep it standing for 10 more years

MANILA – The Philippines has carried out substantial reinforcements on a grounded World War II-era ship in the contested South China Sea, enough to make the outpost at the centre of tensions with Beijing last at least another decade, according to four people familiar with the matter.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr's government ramped up efforts to maintain the military outpost at the Second Thomas Shoal in the Spratly Islands after taking office in 2022, two of the people said.

The BRP Sierra Madre was first deposited on the reef in 1999 in a move meant to push back against Beijing's expansive claims in the region.

In 2021, the rusty and decrepit Sierra Madre was thought to have a remaining lifespan of only three to five years, one of the people said.

While some efforts were previously made to fortify the ship, Mr Marcos' government accelerated that work, two of the people said.

The improvements to the outpost – where the Philippines maintains a handful of troops which it has to regularly resupply with fresh food, water and basic goods – have been sufficient to fortify it for years, according to three of the people.

The resupply missions have been a constant source of tension with China, which has used its coast guard and a fleet of fishing vessels known as its mar-



The Philippines' resupply missions to the BRP Sierra Madre have been a constant source of tension with China.

itime militia to block and intimidate Philippine ships.

In one incident earlier in 2024, axe-wielding Chinese sailors threatened Philippine sailors, with one losing his thumb when his small vessel was rammed by a Chinese boat. China has said that its actions were lawful.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry responded to a request for comment by reiterating that Beijing opposes any moves by the Philippines to supply construction materials for, repair or reinforce the warship.

Colonel Francel Margareth Padilla, a Philippine military spokeswoman, said the armed forces are "dedicated to en-

suring the decent living conditions of our marines and sailors stationed on the BRP Sierra Madre".

Those efforts include "sustaining our presence in the West Philippine Sea, where the Philippines exercises sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction", she added.

In a shift away from his predecessor Rodrigo Duterte, Mr Marcos has pushed back more assertively against Beijing's expansive claims over the South China Sea, a region critical to global trade.

China has maintained its claims even after a UN-backed arbitration panel ruled in Manila's favour.

Beijing maintains 27 outposts in the disputed sea, while Manila occupies nine features, including Second Thomas Shoal, according to the Asia Mari-

time Transparency Initiative.

Other nations which have competing claims in the region include Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei.

In addition to fortifying the ship, Mr Marcos' administration has repeatedly invited journalists to cover missions to Second Thomas Shoal and film China's coast guard seeking to interfere with those efforts.

And he has warned that the death of a Philippine service member by "an attack from any foreign power" would prompt him to invoke a mutual defence treaty with the United States.

China has long opposed the delivery of construction materials to the Sierra Madre and repeatedly urged the Philippines to tow the vessel away.

After several high-profile confrontations over the past year, the two nations agreed to ease tensions in July, hammering out a confidential "provisional arrangement" on Manila's missions to Second Thomas Shoal, as well as setting up a hotline that includes representatives of Mr Marcos and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

In a sign that de-escalation may be working, the Philippines said its latest mission to Second Thomas Shoal over the weekend – the first following the agreement between Manila and Beijing – was conducted without incident.

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## Julia Barretto at Joshua Garcia, proud sa na-achieve ng isa't isa

Joshua on reuniting with Julia on-cam: "Happy na kami sa position namin sa buhay ngayon. Ang gusto na lang naming mangyari ngayon is ma-retain 'yong friendship namin."

Marami ang nagugulat sa genuine closeness na nakikita nila sa dating magkasintahang sina Julia Barretto at Joshua Garcia. Para kasing hindi sila mag-ex kung mag-tawanan at magbiruan. Walang animosity and yet ramdam mong hindi put on. Nakakakilig pa rin and yet hindi nakaka-asiwang tingnan kahit aware ang lahat na may kanya-kanya na silang ka-relasyon.

In fact, during the Un/Happy For You grand mediacon kamakailan, isa sa naitanong sa kanila ay kung nag-usap daw ba muna sila nang masinsinan bago nila tinanggap ang proyekto at lalo na bago sila magpakawala ng mga emosyon sa harap ng camera. Tipong clear the air of any unresolved issues kung meron man.

Pero ayon sa dalawa, wala silang pinagdaanang ganoong proseso at all.

"I feel like parang may understanding na kami even if we don't talk about it," paunang sagot ni Joshua. "Parang okey na sa amin. Happy na kami sa position namin sa buhay ngayon. Ang gusto nalang naming mangyari ngayon is ma-retain 'yong friendship namin. Iba na rin 'yong understanding namin sa



isa't isa."

Sumang-ayon si Julia sa sinabi ni Josh. Masyado na raw silang masaya sa magkahiwalay nilang buhay para maapektuhan pa ng nakaraan. In short, no dramas at all.

They gotten to that level of peace na kaya nilang mag-trabaho nang hindi nailang. Malinaw sa kanilang things happened for a reason at may ibang plano ang destiny for them. Thus, magaan nilang na-greenlight ang Un/Happy For You.

They feel it's the right time to reunite kahit man lamang on-screen.

Kung may nararamdakan man daw sila ngayon para sa isa't isa, 'yon ay nothing but genuine happiness and pride.

Indeed, after their separation in 2019, Joshua has become his generation's leading man. Si Ju-

lia naman, upon her transfer to the Viva Artists Agency ay mas nahulma ang pagiging aktres by exploring on risqué roles. Kapwa rin sila humataw sa mga endorsements.

At this point, kitang-kita raw ni Julia ang malaking pagbabago sa confidence ng dati niyang kaloveteam at kasintahan. Sa look test palang daw nila para sa Un/Happy For You ay naramdaman na niya 'yon.

"Sobrang proud ako kay Josh," bulalas ni Julia. "Grabe 'yong... alam mo 'yong una palang na.... ano ba 'yong pinaka-una nating ginawa...look test? Iba na siya.

"Nakaka-proud kasi he's really learned to...You've really become confident," direktang pag-a-address niya kay Joshua. "Confident in the sense na mas kilala na niya sarili niya ngayon, mas secure na siya sa pagkatao

niya ngayon. He knows what he wants, he knows what he doesn't want."

"Parang mas kilala na niya 'yong sarili niya, mas love na niya ang sarili niya," patuloy ni Julia habang tila natutunaw naman sa tabi n'ya si Josh. "So, it's so nice to see how he has evolved into the man that he is today."

Addressing Josh again, she added: "Proud ako sa'yo. I'm happy for you for all that you have achieved."

Itinuturing naman na magandang 10th showbiz anniversary ni Josh ang balik-tambalan nila ni Julia na nagsilbing hudyat din ng muling pag-usbong ng kanilang friendship.

And just like Julia, proud na proud din si Josh kay Julia. Bukod sa kakaibang work ethic daw nito, proud daw siya sa lahat ng nagawang proyekto ni Julia mula nang maghiwalay sila.

"Gusto ko kung paano siya ngayon...the way kung paano niya himayin 'yong script," madetalyeng panimula ni Josh na may halong panunukso kay Julia. "As in ako 'yong parang nahihiya sa set kapag parang, 'Shet, grabe naman kung paa-

no himayin ni Julia yong script niya...' Makikita mo talaga may mga notes siya do'n sa script n'ya.' Gawin ko nga din 'yon. Punta ako sa room ko, gawa-gawa ako kunyari ng ganyan...

"Kidding aside, na-proud ako kung paano niya i-trato 'yong trabaho ngayon," seryosong patuloy niya. "Well, before, sobrang respeto rin niya. Pero iba na 'yong atake namin ngayon sa work, e. Mas detalyado na siya. Ibang-iba na, e, 'no?"

"And I'm proud of you," direktang saad niya kay Julia habang nakatingin sila sa isa't isa." I'm happy for you sa lahat nang na-achieve mo rin. Ako kasi ang happy ko kasi ang ganda no'ng mga pelikula niyang ginagawa...'yong track ng pelikula na ginagawa mo. I'm happy for you na ang ganda ng mga decisions mo."

Base sa ini-release na full trailer ng Viva Films at Star Cinema, mukang mapanakit ang pelikulang Un/Happy For You. Samahan pa ba naman ng theme song na "Paubaya" ni Moira dela Torre na very much identified sa kanila.

Pero ayon sa JoshLia, the film is still all about healing and letting go. Directed by Petersen Vargas, Un/Happy For You screen in cinemas nationwide beginning August 14.



## Muhlach twins, walang yabang sa katawan

Halos matunaw sa kilig ang Muhlach twins na sina Andres at Atasha nang harap-harapang purihin sila ng beteranang aktres na si Ms. Ces Quesada.

Sa haba nang panahong inilagi ng reliable actress na si Miss Ces sa showbiz, legit na legit ang mga karanasan niya sa showbiz, lalo na sa mga nagaganap off-cam. Hindi man palakibo, she's been very observant kaya't alam niya kung sino ang may "K" at wala, kung sino ang mga uma-attitude at tunay na mababait.

In short, when she speaks, she knows what she's talking about.

And speaks she did.

Natanong kasi silang mga beteranong stars ng Da Pers Family, ang bagong weekly sitcom na magtatampok sa Muhlach Family, kung kumusta ang dalawang baguhang bagets na s'yang inaabangan ng mga manonood, lalo na si Andres na ngayon palang masisilayang umarte ng publiko.

(Si Atasha kasi ay babad na sa Eat Bulaga kaya't mas sanay na harap ng camera at sa pagha-handle ng audience. Naka-dalawang sabak na rin siya sa dramahan ng Bulaga via its Lenten Special at sa paandar nilang Barangay Cinema.)

Ayon kay Miss Ces, natural daw ang dalawang bag-

ets at hindi conscious sa camera.

"There are some actors, they're so conscious kung 'Pangit ba ako dito? or whatever,' paghahambing pa ng aktres." Sila they just jump into the scene kahit awkward 'yong magiging itsura nila or something. Malalakas ang loob,"



Kung nako-conscious man daw si Andres, in particular, ito ay sa kung paano nito bibitawan ang mga dialogues na Tagalog.

"During the first tapings, I can see na si Andres, he was a bit [conscious]... because of the lines kasi Tagalog. But what I like about him is matapang siyang bata. And he is willing to learn and I think that's the most important thing for him,"

But more than the on-cam moments, mas na-appreciate daw ni Miss Ces ang kababaang-loob nina Andres at Atasha na consistent kaya't paniguradong natural sa nila yon at hindi put on.

"Kasi you know, para sa isang artista na, 'Ah, anak ako ng artista...anak ako ng isang sikat na artista. Lahat kayo makibagay sa akin.' Walang ganon. And I think this is something that Aga and Charlene should know—that they've raised very, very good kids."

Umani ng palakpakan ang mga tinuran ni Miss Ces na nagpangilid sa luha ni Charlene Gonzalez.

"Very, very good kids na walang yabang," patuloy ni Miss Ces nang matapos ang palakpakan. "At saka you know, nasa title role na sila agad but you can never feel na parang napaka-nagpapa-importante sila. They're very nice with the staff, hindi spoiled na mga bata."

Busog naman kasi talaga sa pangaral ang dalawa at sa tuwing nai-interview sila, bukambig nila ang bilin ng mga magulang na: "Always be kind to everyone." Ingrained na kanila talaga ang pagiging mabuting tao.

At sa puntong iyon, direkta niyang in-address ang kabadong si Andres.

"Andres, you're doing very well. Siguro ngayon nako-conscious ka kasi kinukuwento kita but it's something that's very natural and I appreciate it well na you're always there, you're trying to learn and I'm very, very proud of you."

"Tita Ces, thank you so much...lyak ako grabel!" maagap namang say ng guwapitong bagets.

"Ako naiyak din," singit ng mommy ni kambal na si Charlene.

When it was Aga Muhlach's turn to react, nagpasalamat siya kay Miss Ces at pagkatapos ay itinuoon niya sa mga anak ang pansin para paalalahanan na sa anumang uneasy situation na kinakaharap nila on and off-cam, dasal lang daw lagi ang katapat.

"I always tell you, just always pray. You know the magic and the power of prayers talaga. One day...siguro you won't realize it now but someday, you'll know how God works, really."

Bagamat naging seryoso ang talakayan, ang Da Pers Family ay isang sitcom tungkol sa isang pamilyang may negosyong bakery. Ang pilot episode ng Da Pers Family ay matutunghayan na bukas, and every Sunday thereafter, at 7:15 PM sa TV5.

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