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National ID Ok'd

'National ID system will cut red tape, promote business and lessen fraud'

MANILA - Malacañang on Monday assured Filipinos the national identification system set to be implemented by the Duterte government would be secure from security breaches and would curb red tape.

President Rodrigo Duterte signed the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) Act into law, saying it would protect Filipinos from "social menaces."

"This will not just enhance [administration and governance]but reduce corruption, curtail bureaucratic red tape and promote the ease of doing business. It will also avert fraudulent transactions, strengthen financial inclusion and create a more secure environment for our people," he said.

Duterte urged Filipinos to support the PhilSys and not feel threatened by it, because the information posted there would "not be any different" from the information already with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and other government agencies that had issued IDs.

The PSA will also work closely with the National Privacy Commission, the Department of Information and Communications Technology and the multi-agency PhilSystem Policy and Coordination Council, Duterte said.

"There is therefore no basis at all for the apprehension about the Phil ID unless that fear is based on anything that borders on the illegal. If at all, the [national]ID will even aid the drive against social menaces — poverty, corruption, criminal issues as well as terrorism and violent extremism," he said.

The national ID system was first proposed during the Ramos administration through Executive Order (EO) 308. It did not push though after the Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional for lack of legislation.

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Blame the Government

Who's to blame for soaring inflation? 'All of them' in government

UP professor Emmanuel de Dios likens the Philippines' economic managers to the suspects in Agatha Christie's 'Murder on the Orient Express' — they're all 'guilty'

MANILA, Philippines – The June 2018 inflation rate ended up even higher than all government forecasts, targets, and market expectations, after it surged to 5.2%.

Who should be held accountable for the spike? And how can inflation be tamed to within a decent range?

University of the Philippines (UP) School of Economics professor Emmanuel de Dios called out the government for not taking the blame. De Dios said economic managers should at least acknowledge that the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) law has something to do with the soaring inflation.

"It's futile for the DOF (Department of Finance) to say

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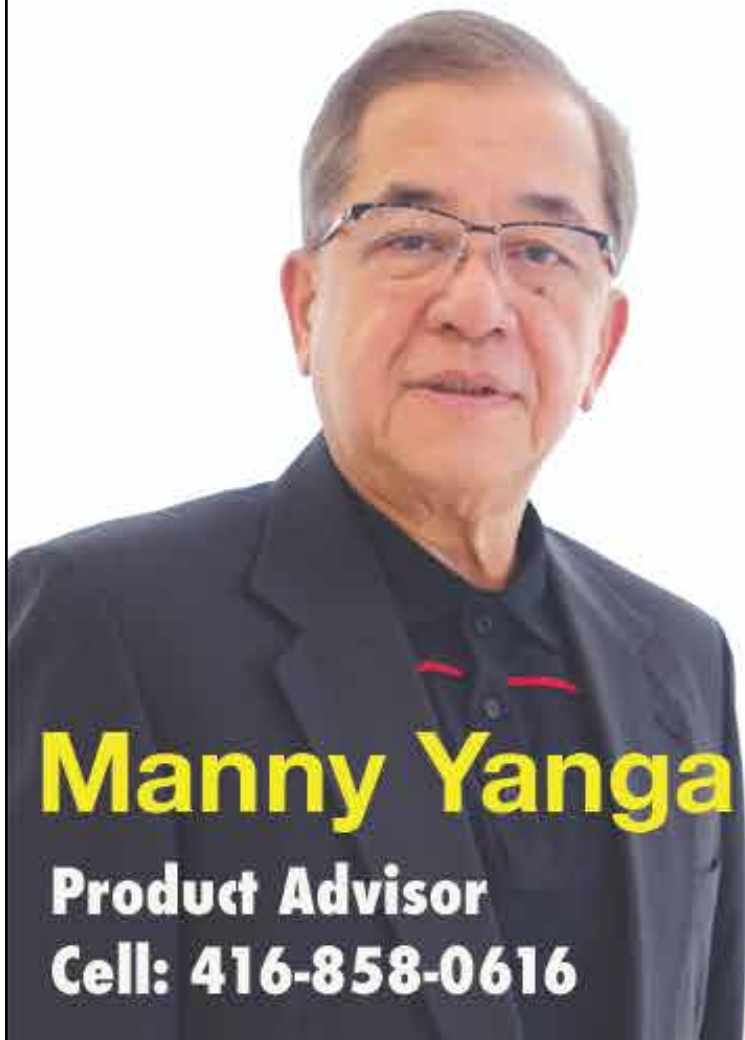
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Pia Wurtzbach on trans women joining Miss Universe: "It is allowed."

Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach confirms that one does not have to be a natural-born woman to join Miss Universe pageant.

Pabor si Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach na makasali ang hindi natural-born women o trans women sa prestigious international beauty pageant.

"It is allowed in Miss Universe. You can compete, you can win."

"You don't have to be a natural-born woman to win Miss Universe," pahayag ni Pia sa panayam ng ABS-CBN News noong nakaraang linggo.



MAXINE NOT IN FAVOR. Bukod kay Pia, pabor din si Miss Universe Philippines 2018 Catriona Gray na sumali sa pageant ang trans women.

Pero salungat dito si Miss Universe Philippines 2016 Maxine Medina.

Paliwanag niya, "Kung gusto talaga nilang sumali, may mga pageants naman na for them, na right for them, so let's just give them an idea na meron naman talagang pageant for them."

"Para naman equal din sa girls, di ba?"

"Siyempre, may mga gusto din tayong i-share, lalo na sa mga women."

Sagot naman ni Maxine sa impormasyong pinapayagan ng Miss Universe Organization (MUO) na sumali ang hindi natural-born women, "Well, that's good. I don't have anything to say, yung president [MUO] na ang nagsabi. So it's with them."

Bukod kay Maxine, hindi rin pumapabor si Reina Hispanoamericana 2017 Teresita Ssen "Winwyn" Marquez na makasali ang trans women sa Miss Universe pageant, pero idiniin niyang nasa MUO pa rin ang desisyon at irerespeto niya ito.

Naging malaking usapin ang pagsali ng trans women sa Miss Universe dahil sa pagkakahirang kay Angela Ponce, isang trans woman, bilang Miss Universe Spain 2018.



Ogie in Indie Movie

He's been in show business for almost four decades now but it's the first time for singer-songwriter Ogie Alcasid to star in an independent movie

Ogie Alcasid stars in the Cinemalaya Film Festival entry "Kuya Wes" and up to now, he can hardly believe he has forayed into indie movie-making.

Kuya Wes is a timid clerk in a money transfer company, whose days only brighten up when this particular customer comes in every month. He will eventually find himself "in a relationship" with regular client Erika (played by Ina Raymundo), a married woman who has marital woes.

At the press conference, Ogie hopes the film will help him reach a wider audience, and for moviegoers to realize he can do other roles than those zany comedies he'd done earlier.

"I'm a middle-aged actor and it's rare someone like me will be given a chance to play a role like this one," he explained.

Ogie recalled that when he first read the script, he laughed non-stop.

"But when I got to the ending, I told myself, 'Wow, this is different from all the scripts I read before... I love this,'" he said.

His co-producers include actor Piolo Pascual and manager Erickson Raymundo. Ogie added that it has always been his dream to be actor-producer just like Vic Sotto, Rudy Fernandez, and Bong Revilla.

"Bida sila tapos sila na rin ang nagpo-produce. Sabi ko, 'Sarap naman nang ganu'n. Gusto ko one day maging ganon.' Little did I know it will actually happen to me," he said.

Also in the cast are Karen Gaerlan, Moi Bien, Iza Calzado, Nonie Buencamino, Therese Malvar, Dante Rivero, Perla Bautista, Glaiza de Castro, Dominic Roco, Celeste Legaspi, Ketchup Eusebio, Eddie Garcia, Tony Labrusca, Anna Luna, Bodjie Pascua, Joel Lamangan, Ai-Ai delas Alas, Teri Malvar, Yayo Aguila, and Rez Cortez, among others.

The director, James Robin Mayo, noted that their film will put a spotlight on an intriguing topic.

"We will tackle mental health issues. Usually, people think that you are suicidal when you are depressed. But this time, in this movie, there's a person who doesn't know that he has a mental health disorder. He doesn't know that he's depressed," he explained.

Honey Shot

Jacklynn Bowdery

Fourteen-year old Jacklynn plays a lot of sports - volleyball, basketball, soccer, hockey and rugby. She is also an IPEN model.

Her favorite food is pepperoni pizza.

Someday, she would want to be a lawyer.

She is the daughter of Jack and Aileen.

We wish her all the luck in her endeavour.



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Newbie actor Gab Lagman, inamin ang namumuong special friendship nila ni Sanya Lopez

Hindi pinabulaanan ng aspiring actor na si Gab Lagman ang namumuong special friendship nila ni Sanya Lopez.

Nagkakilala ang dalawa sa Mega Millennial Ball noong June 12, 2018.

Sa tulong ng kanyang kaibigang si David Licauco, si Gab ang gumawa ng paraang makilala si Sanya dahil nakuha nito ang atensiyon niya.



Kuwento ni Gab tungkol sa budding friendship nila ni Sanya, "She was the most beautiful girl at that event that's why napansin ko siya."

"Me and Sanya are good friends right now. Actually, I had an interview for Village People and they asked me who's my celebrity crush, and it's Sanya."

"I met her at Mega Ball 'coz my friend David Licauco introduced me to her."

"We talked and we've hang out a couple of times."

I visited her at her home and we're good friends."

"We usually go running, jogging. We like to run together."

"Hopefully" ang sagot ni Gab nang itanong ng Cabinet Files kung may plano siyang ligawan ang Kapuso actress.

"Hindi ko pa alam kung puwede siya ligawan," sabi ni Gab.

Tanggap daw ni Gab na posibleng akusahan siya ng panggagamit o bigyan ng ibang kahulugan ang pakikipagkaibigan niya kay Sanya.

"That's part of the showbiz industry. She knows naman na hindi naman ganoon ang intensiyon ko sa kanya," pahayag ng 22-year-old aspiring actor, na isinakripisyo ang nursing studies sa Las Vegas dahil sa pangarap niyang maging sikat na aktor sa Pilipinas.

GMA Network's singing competition The Clash premieres on GMA Pinoy TV

GMA Network's newest singing competition The Clash, finally invades Filipino homes as it made its grand and highly-anticipated premiere abroad last July 8 on GMA Pinoy TV.

The program introduces the Top 62 clasher who will compete in intense one-on-one battles and outdo each other to become the country's next singing sensation.

The Clash host Asia's Songbird Regine Velasquez-Alcasid leads the toughest, fiercest and most talented hopefuls in a cutthroat and head to head encounter every week. Now that the show is about to start, she can't wait to witness the unique talent and star power of the clasher.

"Since the auditions started, na-excite ako kasi ang dami nilang nakapasok. Mag-sa-start na yung main elimination round and mas makikita natin yung talent nilang lahat. Excited ako na magsimula yung pagka-clash ng bawat isa sa kanila," the Kapuso singer said.

Joining her in searching for the country's newest singing sensation are Asia's Nightingale Lani Misalucha, Asia's Romantic Balladeer Christian Bautista and Comedy Concert Queen Ai Ai delas Alas as The Clash judges.

After a long time of being away in the Philippines, Lani reveals she definitely misses working with Regine, Ai Ai and Christian that's why she grabbed the opportunity to reunite with them in this project.

"I think this program is a refresher for me because makakatrabaho ko sila Regine, Ai Ai and Christian na years ago ko na rin nakasama. This time, it's different kasi we'll be working as

a team to choose kung sino ba talaga ang deserving to be the first The Clash champion kaya nakaka-excite."

Ai Ai, on the other hand, commended the uniqueness of the show and how it can give the contestants the chance to prove themselves.

"Natutuwa ako kasi sobrang different ng The Clash from other singing competition. Iba yung concept nila. Mayroon silang chance na ipakita talaga yung husay nila in singing," she said.

Christian, in turn, shared some traits that a clasher should possess to be able to get his vote.

"Para sa akin, makukuha nila ang vote ko if in terms of singing, they chose the right song and makanta nila ito ng maayos. And of course, in terms of performance, they have to connect with us—the TV audience to make us feel their song," he said.

Kapuso heartthrob Andre Paras and talented host Joyce Pring join the program as they give updates on the aspirants' quest for musical stardom.

Who will stand out among the rest and survive the most intense singing search in the country this year? Can they survive the intense and emotional battle of the singing search?

Under the helm of director Louie Ignacio, catch The Clash every Saturday and Sunday night on GMA's flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV.

Kapuso viewers from across the globe can also catch their favorite Kapuso shows via GMA's international channels GMA Pinoy TV, GMA Life TV, and GMA News TV International. For the program guide, visit www.gmapinoytv.com.



Robi Domingo is happy dating a non-showbiz girl: It was unplanned

As part of the new show Star Hunt, Robi Domingo said he was excited to find and meet new Teen Star Dreamers all over the country. "Why don't we showcase not just the talents of the Filipino pero pati yung pagkatao at yung quiriness of life which for me is sobrang ganda kasi madaming ma-i-inspire," he shared during the ABS-CBN Trade Launch event held last August 2 in Pasay City.

Robi said it did not take him long to decide to accept the new hosting gig because of the unique concept of the show. "For Star Hunt maybe we are initially looking for talent kasi gusto namin i-showcase yung Filipino talent kasi naghahanap kami ng tao na sasalang sa iba't ibang mga reality shows. Pero dito kasi, it's an interesting concept. Makuha ka man o hindi, malagay ka sa ABS-CBN or hindi, whatever happens, you're a Kapamilya," he explained.



As one of the most in demand hosts in the country today, Robi said being at the top of his game means always wanting to learn more about his craft. "Dapat lagi kang gutom kasi pag nakuha mo na yung feeling na, 'Okay na ako sa buhay,' parang you will not grow anymore. Eh ako I always feel that I'm this small which is kind of good and bad at the same time. Bad kasi mababa ang confidence ko sa lagay na ito ah (laughs) pero good kasi I keep on wanting to learn more," he explained.

More than a year after his much publicized breakup with Gretchen Ho, Robi was happy to share that he is dating someone new who is not from showbiz. "My love life is better (laughs) I guess. I am (seeing someone) right now," he said.

The 28-year-old Star Hunt host said he did not expect to be with someone new this year. "It was unplanned and maybe this time, gusto ko muna maging private about this information. Pero ngayon masasabi ko na masaya ako. It was totally unexpected. But I am happy. Happier than what happened in 2017," he added.



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Duterte signs law, fatal hazing now punishable by up to 40 years in prison, P3-M fine

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte has signed into law the measure imposing a fine of P3 million aside from 20 to 40 years in prison for hazing rites that would result in death, rape, sodomy or mutilation.

Approved on June 29, Republic Act 11053 or the Anti-Hazing Act of 2018 amended Republic Act 8049, which already provided for a prison term of reclusion perpetua—20 to 40 years in prison—for hazing rites that would result in death.

The old law was passed in 1995 a few years after the fatal hazing of Aquila Legis Fraternity neophyte Lenny Villa. The new law was crafted amid the public outcry over the death of Aegis Juris Fraternity neophyte Horacio Castillo III in 2017. The new law banned all forms of hazing as requirement for admission into membership of a fraternity, sorority or organization in schools and uniformed service learning institutions such as

the Philippine Military Academy and Philippine National Police Academy.

Only initiation rites that do not constitute hazing shall be allowed provided that fraternities, sororities and organizations must submit and post a written application to the proper school authorities of their initiation rite detailing the activity not later than seven days prior to the scheduled activity.

The school authorities, meanwhile, should send two representatives to monitor, record and report what happened during the initiation rites.

RA 11053 requires the appointment and identification of advisers who will be presumed to have knowledge and consent to the commission on any unlawful act stated in the law.

Members of the fraternity, sorority or organization who participated in the hazing under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs would be

fined P2 million and would suffer the penalty of reclusion perpetua.

The same penalty would be imposed on former officers and non-resident or alumni members of the fraternity, sorority or organization who actually participated in the hazing.

Former officers or alumni with professional licenses would also be subjected to disciplinary proceedings either before the Supreme Court or the Professional Regulation Commission.

The school would be fined P1 million if officials would fail to prevent hazing from occurring during initiation rites.

The law also said the owner or lessee where hazing is conducted would be held liable.

The different government agencies led by the Commission on Higher Education have 90 days from effectivity of the law to issue the implementing rules and regulations.

132 ex-Kadamay members seek police help to file raps vs group

MALOLOLOS, Bulacan - Former members of Kadamay on Friday sought police help in filing charges against the urban poor group.

A total of 132 former members sought legal assistance from police to help them prepare a case against 17 Kadamay leaders.

The breakaway faction said the case is for alleged anomalies of Kadamay leaders in collecting funds for certain activities.

Acting Bulacan Police provincial director Senior Supt. Chito Bersaluna said the breakaway faction also claimed to be receiving threats since deciding to leave Kadamay.

The faction has also sought help from the military for their security, police said.

Police said they will assist the faction with the necessary legal documents for their planned case against Kadamay leaders.

In June, some of those who left the group accused leaders of extortion, saying they charged members P300 for rallies.

The group drew controversy last year after taking over state housing units in Bulacan and staging another attempt just last month.

COA hits failed P6.5-B 'free Wi-Fi' project of DICT

Filipinos have failed to reap the benefits of free Wi-Fi connectivity due to the failure of the four-year, P6.5-billion project of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), the Commission on Audit (COA) said.

In its 2017 audit report, the COA said the lack of project planning and coordination resulted in the delayed and failed

implementation of Project Pipol Konek.

Records showed that as early as 2011, the government laid out a five-year program to provide free internet through its Internet for All project.

In 2016, the project underwent tweaks under the administration of President Duterte and was renamed Pipol Konek, the COA audit report said.

With an initial fund layout of P4.8 billion, Pipol Konek was started in January 2015.

The COA findings, however, revealed that as of December 2017, the project achieved a "very low-performance rate."

Maine Mendoza: Universal Records' new 'It Girl'

After weeks of anticipation, Maine Mendoza has officially signed a record deal with Universal Records. The contract signing was held at the Universal Records office. Present during the signing were Universal Records General Manager Kathleen Dy-Go, Operations Manager Peter Chan, Business Manager Rams David, and Maine.

Hints of Mendoza's signing first hit the web after Universal Records posted a teaser photo of a 'mystery girl' wearing a leather jacket bearing the word Universal on it. Fans were quick to catch on, as #MaineForUniversalRecords became the #1 Trending Topic on Twitter in the Philippines and Worldwide not long after the teaser was posted.

The mystery girl was finally shown to be non-other than Maine herself, as posted through a big reveal video, further exciting her fans.

Signing with Universal Records is just the latest accolade for the 23 year-old star, as she celebrates her third anniversary in show business. Rising to stardom after being introduced as Yaya Dub on the hit noontime

show Eat Bulaga, Mendoza has amassed a number of endorsements, TV shows, box-office hits, and a best-selling book.

Now, Mendoza is more than ready to trade in her dubsmash skills to pursue a recording career, adding to her many talents.

Talking about Mendoza's signing, Kathleen Dy-Go, General Manager of Universal Records says "We're very happy to welcome Maine into the Universal Records family, and very excited to be working with her for her upcoming projects."

Mendoza now joins Gary Valenciano, Christian Bautista, Noel Cabangon, The CompanY, Parokya ni Edgar, Gloc-9, Sponge Cola, Ice Seguerra, Shanti Dope, and Elmo Magalona in the elite roster of Universal Records' prime artists.

Biguel's Last hurrah

GMA Network's primetime series "Kambal, Karibal" ended, and some of its lead stars shared their best memories from the show.

Playing Diego in the story, Miguel Tanfelix said he is happy and grateful that "Kambal, Karibal" was offered to him.

"When we're doing it, I'm so happy because I got to work with Ms. Carmina, Cong. Alfred, Kuya Marvin because I grew up watching them. It was also an unforgettable experience and an honor to be able to work with Sir Christopher De Leon."

Bianca Umali, who plays the role of Crisan, said she learned a lot in doing the show.

"I have had different learnings from the show and my co-actors, too many to even mention them one by one. All different, all meaningful. It was an amazing experience."



Ready for more 'Ang Probinsyano'?

There has been a lot of fake news surrounding the highly successful "FPJ's Ang Probinsyano" on ABS-CBN. The network was quick to shoot down gossip that the Coco Martin-starrer is nearing its end after three years on prime time.

Fans of the show were relieved to find out that Probinsyano isn't going anywhere and will continue to air until... well until its genius creatives "unlearn" how to keep the plot relevant to changing times, all the time.

Indeed Probinsyano's success comes from the fact that its episodes are always very current. If there's a big issue that affects Filipinos, chances are it will be tackled on the show.

Credit goes to Coco [who also serves as the show's creative consultant] for this who joins his writers in constantly injecting fresh ideas in the action-themed series.

The latest we hear, Probinsyano has been extended anew until February next year so it's going to be a happy Christmas for its fans and mainstays.

Meanwhile, Coco is juggling his teleserye with directing and shooting his MMFF entry with veteran comedian and festival stalwart Vic Sotto.

Singer-comedienne Kakai Bautista and Ahron Villena had a falling out in 2017, but even before they were offered to do the film "Harry & Patty" [the sophomore film of Julius Alfonso who directed the indie film "Deadma Walking"], they say they had already patched up their differences.

"Before we started shooting, I talked to them separately to ask if they are already in good terms," said Direk Julius. "I just wanted to make sure we were going to have a smooth working relationship," Direk Julius rightly shared.

Kakai and Ahron seemed to have a special kind of friendship in the past, but to this day insist they were never involved romantically.

Kakai and Ahron swear they are just friends—the best of friends. In fact, Kakai is reportedly dating three men at the and that Ahron [w[who is unattached]ows about it.

Active in the dating scene as she is though, Kakai admits she is open to the idea of getting together with Ahron.

"He is easy to love. He is a good person. He takes care of me. Mahilig siyang mang-asar pero kaya niyang sakyan ang topak ko. He's also very child-like.

MATTEO AT SARAH, NAGBIYAHENG WALANG CHAPERONE SA JAPAN

INAMIN ng "Bagani" actor na si Matteo Guidicelli (28) na sa Japan sila nag-celebrate kamakailan lamang ng ika-30th birthday ng kanyang girlfriend of more than four years, ang Pop Princess at Miss Granny star na si Sarah Geronimo. Ito bale ang first trip together ng magkasintahan na wala silang ibang kasama.

Gusto ni Matteo na maging madalas ang biyahe nila ni Sarah (either sa Pilipinas lamang o sa ibang bansa) na silang dalawa lamang. Pero alam niyang mahirap itong mangyari dahil sa kanilang respective busy schedules.

Herbert: 'No way will Kris get a taste of QC bistek'

Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista seemed like a large chunk of meat willingly throwing himself into a hungry lion's den.

Bistek (the mayor's pet name) once again gathered all his media friends at his traditional "pa-birthday" treat at his Bulwagang Amoranto office the other Friday. It also marked the launch of his 306-page biography titled Bistek @ 50: Life in Full Color (he turned half a century last May 12).

This April-born writer was among the first of two batches scheduled before lunchtime.

Clad in blue smart casual, Herbert

faced the members of the entertainment media unable to dodge questions thrown his way most especially about—who else?—Kris Aquino.

"I'd like to thank Kris for sharing her life even for a short period of time. Dun sa maikling panahong yun, we learned a lot from each other," Bistek said of the time when the latter was at



her lowest, "Natapos na yung term ng kuya niya tapos hindi na ni-renew ng ABS-CBN ang contract niya."

Despite a romance that has gone kaput, the diminutive mayor says that he and Kris manage to keep their friendship.

"We text once in a while. Ours is a kind of friendship that we can't even understand ourselves. All we know is that it's anchored on mutual respect. Yes, ang keyword dun is respeto."

In a recent interview, Kris was quoted to have said, however, that she was willing to give up her career including 53 brands of her commercial endorsements had their relationship prospered.

"Siyempre, nakakabigla kasi I know naman how much her career means to her. I'll probably do the same if need be. Kaso, my [mayoral] term ends next year so I have nothing to give up."



Also, at the press con of her latest movie Kris proudly showed off her figure. Doing a catwalk before a delighted media crowd, the returning actress announced, "(Hashtag) Mayor, this is what you're missing!"

What could the mayor say? "Sinabi nga niya yun? No way would she succeed in having a taste of me!" a comedic Bistek said yet pleaded with the reporters not to write it, "Uy, joke lang yun!"

Julia Barretto pens open letter to fans on tough showbiz journey



'I wanted my hard work to get the credit and not my last name. I wanted to make a name for myself,' says Julia, as she tells fans how much of herself she put into her role as Zoey in the film, 'I Love You, Hater'

MANILA – Julia Barretto took to Instagram on Tuesday, July 17, to write about her tough journey as an actress with famous showbiz name.

The daughter of Marjorie Barretto and Dennis Padilla said that she was judged and often got criticized for mistakes she did not even do and was not given a chance to give her side.

"In my whole journey as an actress, more often I was doubted, I was judged, I had to deal with scrutiny from people who did not know me, who made me suffer the consequences of the mistakes I did not commit and people did not give me a chance. People did not give me the chance to make some mistakes, learn, and to better myself," she said.

"Other than the fact that I love my craft, I love what I do and I feel strongly passionate about acting – I've always wanted to prove myself. I've always wanted to prove my doubters wrong. I've always wanted to be more than my last name. I wanted my hard work to get the credit and not my last name. I wanted to make a name for myself," Julia added.

She praised the cast of *I Love You, Hater*, saying they worked hard to deliver a film that is positive. The young actress also said that in performing the role of Zoey, she put down her walls and allowed people see who she really was.

"I used Zoey as my outlet. I wanted to speak to people as Julia through Zoey and this is why I embraced Zoey. I embraced this film. I put down my walls, I let people in and see me at my most vulnerable," she said.

"We made a movie to add positivity to people's lives and make them feel that they're not alone. We are not going to allow any kind of negativity to lurk around our film," Julia added.

Julia also defended Kris Aquino in the comments section after people asked why there was a lack of promotions by the actors for the film. In one post she wrote: "She did not ruin the movie and no she is not spreading negativity. I can't imagine anyone else playing the role of Madam Sasha."

Kris thanked her for her kind words.

Julia also replied back and said that she'll always be there for Kris and her family.

Mother and daughter turn rivals in love

GMA Network brings to light an intriguing drama about two women vying for the affection of one man in "Kapag Nahati Ang Puso."

It follows the story of Rio and Claire who unwittingly become fierce rivals without knowing their real relationship as mother

and daughter.

In the show's press conference, Binene admitted that she tried to lose weight so that she could compete with Cruz—her mother-turned-rival in the show—who, obviously, continues to show her beauty, elegance, charm and figure even at the age of 40.

"This is my first mature role and I am very thankful to have this opportunity to showcase what I can do. I started showbiz when I joined 'StarStruck Kids,' I became a tween star and have evolved in the roles that I had. But now this is very different from what I usually do on-cam, but I happily accept this challenge," Binene said.

"When I first heard about my role here, I immediately did workshop as I learn the script. I was also challenged to work out because of Ms. Sunshine. I mean just look at her, she's very sexy," she enthused.

"But I know my role here is not easy. That's why aside from Ms. Sunshine, Ms. Bing and Tito Zoren, I have our director Gil Tejada who has been guiding me all



throughout for this show," she shared. Meanwhile, playing an equally important role in the

drama is David Licaucó, Raquel Villavicencio, Robert Ortega, Sharmaine Santiago, Geleen Eugenio, Nar Cabico and special guest Freddie Webb. Under the helm of Gil Tejada, Jr.; witness an intriguing story of bitter rivalries and complicated secrets in *Kapag Nahati Ang Puso*, beginning today GMA-7's morning block.

Katrina inspires co-actors

KATRINA Halili says she has played a lot of villain roles before but her role as Isabelle in "The Stepdaughters" is one of the most evil characters she has portrayed so far. "Nag-level up na nang husto ang kasamaan ni Isabelle in the last couple of weeks," she says. "Kasi dati, petty-petty pa ang mga ginagawa niyang kasalbahihan, naiinggit-inggit lang siya kay Megan Young as Mayumi, but lately, she has become more ruthless, as in wala na siyang pakialam kung makapatay siya nang tao."

No wonder viewers are getting to hate her more and more as they watch each new episode of the hit afternoon drama. The comments on Katrina in the internet all express intense annoyance and displeasure for her. "Gusto kong tirisin si Katrina," comments one "The Stepdaughters" regular viewer. "Sobra nang kasamaan niya. Mukhang galing siya sa impiyerno." "Kung kaharap ko lang si Katrina, sasampalin ko siya at tatadyakan," says another viewer. "Ang sarap niyang sabunutan at ingudngod ang mukha sa lupa."

Katrina says such comments don't personally affect her anymore. "Natatawa na lang ako kasi it can only mean that I'm doing my job well, effective talaga ako sa pang-aapi ko kina Megan and the other characters in our show. Tagumpay ang lola nyo sa kasamaan niya. Ha ha ha!"

Their male co-stars in the show all take their hats off for Katrina: Mikael Daez as Francis, Edgar Allan Guzman as Froilan and Sef Cadayona as Bryce. "Nakaka-inspire katrabaho si Katrina kasi she brings out the best sa mga kaeksena niya," says Mikael who says he also enjoys the action scenes that he, Edgar Allan and Sef are sometimes required to do in the show.

"Hindi kami gumagamit ng stunt doubles in our fight scenes," adds Sef. "Kahit babad kami sa suntukan, ayos lang sa amin. We just make sure nire-rehearse naming mabuti nang maraming beses ang aming mga eksena before we face the camera to make sure that we avoid accidents."

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Love takes on all forms on GMA Network's newest prime-times series 'Onanay'

Beginning August 6, love takes on all forms as GMA Network debuts its newest heart-warming primetime series, *Onanay*.

Onanay tells the unique story of Onay, a woman born with Achondroplasia or a bone growth disorder which impeded her growth. Because of this, she is often the subject of ridicule but she chooses to remain positive in life. She gave birth to two beautiful daughters—Maila and Natalie—who cannot be more different from one another. Despite a tragedy and traumatizing events, Onay's motherly love remains pure and unconditional, the way every mother is to her child.

The series introduces new Kapuso Jo Berry, who takes on the role of Onay. Despite her condition, she is loving, kind, warm towards everyone, and chooses to always look at the brighter side of things.

Young and talented Kapuso actresses Mikee Quintos and Kate Valdez join together once more in headlining this drama as siblings Maila and Natalie, daughters of Onay.

The show also features the very special participation of Superstar Ms. Nora Aunor as Nelia, Onay's supportive mother who will do anything for her child.

Joining them to play an equally important role is Ms. Cherie Gil as Helena, a former beauty queen and now a wealthy owner of an online fashion magazine. She is also Onay's mother-in-law who will make her and Nelia's life miserable.

Completing the powerhouse cast are Gardo Versoza as Dante, Nelia's younger brother who will treat Maila as his own daughter; Wendell Ramos as Lucas, a rich and careless man who used to be an alcohol and drug addict who will later on play an important role in Onay's life; Rochelle Pangilinan as Sally, Onay's childhood friend who works at a beauty salon and is very supportive and endeared to Maila; Vanessa Del Moral as Imelda, Lucas' jealous and possessive wife; Enrico Cuenca as Oliver, a handsome school jock who will fall for Maila; and special guest Adrian Alandy as Elvin, the loving and responsible husband of Onay who fell in love with her because of her beautiful innate qualities.

Onanay is set to touch the hearts of viewers by showcasing the immeasurable power of love and how there is nothing that a mother wouldn't do for her child.

The series is under the helm of esteemed director Gina Alajar with the creative team composed of creative director Roy Iglesias, creative head Richard Cruz, creative consultant Suzette Doctolero, headwriter Luningning Ribay, writers Obet Villela, Geng delos Reyes and Tina Samson-Velasco, and brainstormers Borj Danao and Brylle Tabora.

Onanay is created by the GMA Entertainment Group under the supervision of Senior Vice President Lilybeth G. Rasonable, Vice President for Drama Redgie A. Magno, Assistant Vice President for Drama Cheryl Ching-Sy, Senior Program Manager Helen Rose S. Sese, and Executive Producer Nieva Sabit.

Don't miss *Onanay*'s premiere this August 6 on GMA's flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV. To check the program schedule, visit their official website at www.gmapinoytv.com.

'What will you choose: love life or Wi-Fi?'



Miss Manila 2018 Kathleen Paton (center) with Agatha Lei Romero, fourth runner-up; Kristi Celyn Banks, third runner-up; Malka Suaver, first runner-up; and Paulina Labayo, second runner-up

The beauty pageant industry in the Philippines is not just advanced, it's very advanced.

One realizes the extent of the evolution—if one could call it that—of beauty pageantry in the country when one not just watches it, but also sits as judge.

The Miss Manila 2018, staged June 26 at Philippine International Convention Center,

was produced elaborately, approximating the scale of Binibining Pilipinas.

Put together by the Mare Foundation, which conducts charitable and medical missions for the city government of Manila, the pageant drew more than 30 candidates who were impressively polished, no neophytes to beauty slugfests, obviously.

The Foundation, headed by Jackie Ejercito, worked in tandem with Viva Entertainment to stage a grand show with a powerhouse performance: James Reid and Nadine Lustre, and Sarah Geronimo, easily the jaw-dropping performance of the show hosted by Xian Lim, Yassi Pressman and Edu Manzano. (Honestly speaking, nobody hosts a beauty pageant as candidly well as Edu, still.)

Without skipping a beat



FIRST, Chyrell Samson (3RD FROM LEFT) celebrates her birthday with family and friends.



NATIONAL ID continued from page 1

Another attempt was made during the term of former president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo through EO 420, synchronizing all government-issued IDs and calling it the Unified Multi-Purpose Identification System (UMID).

The UMID is still being issued by select government agencies but does not serve as a national ID.

Constitutional

This time, the PhilSys law would be deemed constitutional by the Supreme Court, Malacañang said.

In a news briefing, Palace spokesman Harry Roque Jr. said there would be a safeguard to protect the people from security issues.

"I would like to assure the people [this will be] unlike the National ID Bill which was earlier declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in *Ople vs the Executive Secretary*, because there were no safeguards to protect the database," Roque said. "This time around, there is a privacy law and in the law itself it is specified that government has the obligation to protect the data gathered because of the National ID System. That's why we are confident that this time

around it will pass the test of constitutionality," Roque added.

Fingerprints, iris scans

Under the law, the government will be able to start issuing national IDs containing basic details of the holder, such as name, sex, birth date, birthplace, address and nationality.

The card will also contain biometric information of the holder. The law authorizes the collection of photographs, fingerprints, and iris scans as determined by the Implementing Rules and Regulations. The collection of data on marital status, mobile number and email address, however, is optional.

"For the ordinary Juan de la Cruz, the signing of this act means that he will no longer have to present multiple identification cards simply to prove his identity. This streamlining of information makes it likewise harder to commit identity theft or fraud," Roque said.

'Like the cedula'

Access to government services should significantly improve with the national identification system law, a lawmaker said.

Rep. Sol Aragonos of Laguna issued the

statement moments after Duterte signed the national ID system into law.

"This is a landmark legislation. We won't be asked to present multiple government-issued IDs for any transaction anymore. Disadvantaged individuals previously unable to access support and assistance from the government can now have something to count on, in such a small package that not only fits in a bag, but also fits in a wallet," Aragonos, a former journalist, said in a statement.

But for Rep. Sarah Elago of Kabataan party-list, the national ID system law should be condemned because it is aimed at suppressing dissent and reminiscent of the *cedula* system that the Spanish colonizers used to control the movement of people and suppress their democratic rights. "In the hands of [President Rodrigo] Duterte, the national ID system is bound to be a weapon of suppression, mass monitoring and surveillance to track everyone's movement, if not bribery and arm-twisting on Duterte's critics and dissenters. This is an attack on the civil and political rights of the Filipinos," Elago said in a statement.

"If the priority of government is to provide everyone with free public health, free education, free public housing, public transportation and so on, there is no need for a national ID system for the people to benefit from these," Elago added.

Andrea on working with Alden: 'Masarap'

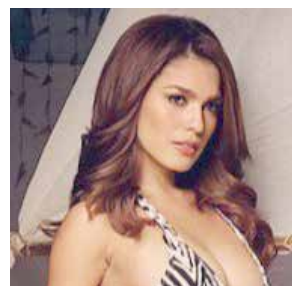
ANDREA Torres is happy to be back on primetime via GMA-7's new show, "Victor Magtanggol" where she plays a very unusual role. "Yes, sobrang kakaiba po ang role ko rito kasi I play the role of a goddess," she beams. "Diyosa po ako rito named Sif, na ibang-iba ang costume at pati buhok ko, blonde. Norse goddess si Sif na ang suot na headband, may special powers."

Will she be friend or foe of title-roler Alden Richards? "Magkakampi kami rito. Hindi kami magkaaway. Ako ang tutulong kay Victor tuwing siya ay nalalagay sa panganib. Exciting kasi may action scenes din ako rito,

just like in my last show 'Alyas Robin Hood', na nag-enjoy din ako in doing my own stunts at fight scenes. Dito, nag-training din ako sa parkour like Alden para naman makikipagsabayan ako sa kanya sa pakikipaglaban sa mga kaaway niya."

So she won't have sexy scenes like in her past shows? "Sexy rin naman yung costume ko, but this is for general patronage, so mage-enjoy ang mga batang manonood ng show. Very entertaining ang show kasi meron din akong special pet dito na tiyak na aaliw sa viewers."

It's her first time work with Alden in a teleserye. How is it? "Masarap siyang katrabaho kasi laging good vibes ang dala niya sa tapping. Magaan ang aura niya, laging nakangiti, hindi nagsusungit, nakikipag-relate sa lahat sa set at



kahit madaling araw na, mataas pa rin ang energy na parang hindi napapagod sa trabaho kahit mahihirap gawin ang mga eksena niya."

From the looks of it, GMA-7 obviously has a huge faith in Alden and has decided to pit his show against the long-running *Kapamilya* show, "Ang Probinsyano", now that "The Cure" is on its final week. Of course, the expectations are very high on the big-budgeted "Victor Magtanggol" and Alden's fans are worried. They are wondering if Alden's show would finally be the one to defeat Coco Martin's seemingly invulnerable action-drama. Well, that remains to be seen. Aldenatics just have to pray hard and join forces to make sure their idol's show will rate to high heavens.



Tom hopes to bring own animation works to Disney

TOM Rodriguez says he will miss the action scenes he's been doing in "The Cure" now that it is on its final week. "I really enjoyed this show as it gave me the chance to do stunts and fight scenes na hindi mo basta magagawa sa dramas or romcoms," he says. "Mahirap gawin ito, but it's a lot of fun."

So what's he gonna do after "The Cure" ends? "I'm, in a new horror movie, 'Maledicto', and I'm also finishing a short animated film kasi may expo rito for animators in October and I want to be part of that event."

He says there was a similar event held here last year but he was so busy then he didn't get to attend it. "So, sana maka-attend ako this year kasi animators ng Disney and Dreamworks will be coming here and I want to meet them in person. I've been following them sa Youtube for a long time now at hopefully, may mabuo akong short animated film of my own na puede kong ipakita sa kanila and they can critique it, say what they feel about it."

So is he branching out into a new career as an animator? "No naman. Kasi animation is something you can do anywhere then you just send your work to them. May Filipino artists na who work for companies like Marvel na dito pa rin based. I'm just really fascinated by animation work."

And what can viewers from "The Cure" expect from watching it on its last few days? "Naku, marami. Maraming-maraming exciting incidents na mangyayari, mga twists at action-packed sequences so dapat huwag bumitaw ang viewers kasi talagang very thrilling ang last few episodes. Malalaman na rin nila finally kung sino 'yung tittle ng pelikula, The Cure, na siya palang makakagamot sa virus ng lumaganap na epidemya. At tiyak na ikagugulat nila 'yun, so don't miss that very intriguing revelation and the action-packed finale."

About him and his inamorata Carla Abelana, Tom says he's pretty sure she's the girl he wants to take in front of the altar. "But we don't know yet when the wedding will take place," he says. "Naghahanda pa kasi kaming mabuti. We've already bought a lot where we will build our dream house. Siguro, we'll wait until mapatayuan muna namin 'yun ng bahay where we can start our own family."

BOOTS CONFESSES HOW SHE GOT INVOLVED IN A LOVE TRIANGLE

BOOTS Anson Roa plays Lola Nelia, the lead character in the new romantic-drama movie "Dito Lang Ako" that will be showing in theaters starting August 8. "Ako 'yung narrator ng movie so I'm there from beginning to end," she says. "The story spans several decades, from the 1970s up to the present. My character is also played by Michelle Vito as the young Nelia and she'll be torn between

two men, Jon Lucas as Delfin and Akihiro Blanco as Victor. Si Jon talaga ang gusto niya but something will happen between them and they will meet again 40 years later, with me playing Lola Nelia and Freddie Webb as Lolo Delfin. 'Dito Lang Ako' ang title. kasi it shows that after 40 years, they can still tell each other 'nandito lang ako'."

Since the movie is about a love triangle, has she ever figured in a similar situation in real life? "Yes, during my college days in UP, my first boyfriend was a guy named Pete, but hindi si Pete Roa na naging husband kundi si Pete Roxas. Mahilig yata ako sa Pete R. But his folks, lalo na his mom, didn't like me. Galing kasi ako sa broken family at sila naman, buena familia. He was told to break up with me but he talked to my best friend, Cecille Mitra, to pretend, for the sake of his mom, na ito ang girlfriend niya and not me. Ang nangyari, he didn't stand up for me at sila ng best friend ko ang nagkatuluyan. But before they got married, nagkasakit siya, terminal illness, pero nagpakasal pa rin sila."

The story is like a TV drama, right? "Yes, then I met Pete Roa and after 40 years, may sakit na noon si Pete and we just visited our grandchildren in the U.S., pauwi na kami



rito at sa airport, while I was waiting for our luggage, may babaeng lumapit sa'kin. Sister pala siya ng late Pete Roxas, at itinuro sa'kin ang mom niya na naka-wheel chair na rin like Pete. So lumapit ako and the mom stood up, crying, and hugged me, saying sorry for what happened at ngayon lang daw siya nakahingi ng tawad sa'kin. Doon lang nagkaroon ng closure ang lahat. Para ngang teleserye, di ba? So nagyakap kami and after that they considered me a family friend na. Kaya nakaka-relate ako sa story ng 'Dito Lang Ako' and I'm sure even viewers would be able to relate with it kasi very heartwarming ang love story nina Nelia at Delfin na pinapakita rito."

Boots remains active as head of Mowelfund which will celebrate its 45th anniversary in March. "We will give awards to those who continue to help the small people in the industry like Erap Estrada, Susan Roces, Manay Ichu Maceda, Boy Abunda, Kris Aquino and others na madaling lapitan. We'll also have a grand reunion with graduates of Mowelfund Institute na kilalang directors na ngayon, like Lav Diaz, Brillante Mendoza, Mark Meily, Mac Alejandre at iba pa."

She's busy with three other movies. She plays the grandma of Sue Ramirez in "Ang Babaeng Allergic sa Wifi", is about to start "Ulan" with Nadine Lustre for Viva, and a new movie with Kris Aquino and Barbie Forteza for Signal and Unitel Films.

Meantime, also starring in "Dito Lang Ako" are Rey Abellana, DJ Durano, Garie Concepcion, James Deakin, Roadfill of Moymoy Palaboy and Senpai Kazu, directed by Roderick Lindayag and produced by Robertson Sy Tan of Blade Productions, the multi-media arm of Blade Asia Inc. that introduced the concept of specialty car accessories retailing through Blade Auto Center. "Dito Lang Ako" is their first film venture and Robertson says that if it would click with local audiences, then they'll be producing more movies in the future.

'Halik' not selling sex to lure viewers

Playing lead in a dramatic project, whether in film or television, is no longer alien territory to Jericho Rosales. As a matter of fact, this columnist proclaims that Rosales is the greatest actor of his generation.

Proving my declaration? His scintillating and truthful performances in Siargao, Lucky in Love, Alagwa or his earlier film forays in Santa Santita and Bagong Buwan. We all remember him as Angelo Buenavista in the original Pangako Sa 'Yo, Tristan in the boob tube incarnation of Ang Panday and to add more wattage to his all scorching television characters is Lino Bartolome in Halik, the soon to be shown sizzling primetime drama.

"My character Lino exudes a lot of man heat because I play a married man in Halik. Normal lang naman ito since Yam (Concepcion) are newly married," Jericho begins his tale. "We are not selling sex here, at least that is how I see it. Of course, some of the scenes are sexy but I am not trying to be sexy, we are not using sex as the main reason for you guys to watch this new show."

Rosales describes Halik as groundbreaking, "It is groundbreaking, in a way, because it is told in the point of view ng isang lalaki. Usually, when we present complicated relationships, from the women's point of view. Dito, bigla naman si Lino ang center of the drama's universe."

"You know, at the end of the day, this is still a melodrama that caters to a niche, ito ang gustong makita nina mommy, lola, tito at tita, mga kapamilya natin who are so accustomed and used to this kind of fare."

Rosales carries on. "I say that it is somewhat groundbreaking because we are introducing something new. I tell myself or the people I work with to change the formula, you just cannot shove what you like, pronto. You know, the teleseryes are for its niche market and I'm happy to serve them.



Talking about his co-star Sam Milby, whom he's working with for the first time, Rosales said that the actor is very cooperative.

"He's very collaborative. And I would rather work with a collaborative person than an amazing actor who doesn't want to work with other actors and is oblivious of his peers."

With Yam Concepcion, on the other hand, his eyes lit up and did not deny his excitement.

"With her, I see growth. She started na may kaba lalo na when we were just starting the shoot. Now, I can already see the confidence in her. She is working hard to make her character real."

In conclusion, Rosales minces no words about playing lead in Halik, "I have no issue whether I play lead or not. When I do a certain project, I focus on what I can contribute to totality of it."

Halik will air on Aug. 13, replacing Since I Found You on ABS-CBN's Primetime Bida Block.

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'No truth to AI claim PH a dangerous place'

Malacañang brushed off an allegation by Amnesty International (AI) Philippines that President Duterte had made the country "a far more dangerous place" to live in.

Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque said the decline in the number of common crimes and the support of the majority of Filipinos for the Duterte administration's war on drugs belied the rights organization's allegation.

"There is no truth to the statement of Amnesty International that President Duterte has made the Philippines 'a far more dangerous place,'" he said.

AI Philippines director Jose Noel Olano said "impunity and lack of accountability have been shamelessly displayed at almost all levels" of the Duterte administration.

"It is not only Duterte's speeches about keeping our country safe that has become mere lip service but in his audacity to smear human rights, he has rolled back on hard-won human rights protections that are supposed to keep everyone safe, in the first place," Olano said.

Tagle admits pain

"Abandoning human rights values and principles is a failure on his part and comes with a huge cost of essentially guaranteeing that no one can ever be safe because the country has become a far more dangerous place," he added.

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the Manila archbishop, admitted to being pained whenever the Philippines or being a Filipino was criticized because of the apparent disregard for human rights and the rule of law in the country.

Tagle urged Filipinos to show to the world, "as the country's true representatives," their dignity as a people.

Roque cited a Social Weather Stations survey, which showed that victims of common crimes fell to a record low of 6.1 percent in 2017, while the annual average for property crimes were at a low of 5.6 percent last year.

Legitimate operations

He also cited a Pulse Asia survey which showed that nearly nine out of 10 Filipinos, or 88 percent, supported the Duterte administration's war on drugs.

"We reiterate that the administration's campaign against illegal drugs is conducted through legitimate police enforcement operations, and deaths arising from these are due to the drug personalities' violent resistance to lawful apprehensions," Roque said.

He added that the President, a lawyer and former prosecutor, had previously prosecuted murder as a capital offense.

"He, therefore, does not and will never condone extralegal killings, as he maintains zero tolerance for erring policemen who digress from standard protocols and abuse their power," Roque said.



Gerald Anderson: BeaRald still 'on'

MANILA, Philippines – Months after Kapamilya actress Bea Alonzo said she and Kapamilya actor Gerald Anderson are no longer a couple, Gerald said there is no reason to move on.

"Okay naman kami. Wala namang move on na dapat gawin. Nagulat ako sa tanong mo ha," Gerald said while laughing.

Reports say Gerald and Bea did not really break up, but this has not been officially confirmed by the actors.

Recently, photos of the couple reportedly spending time together at a zoo surfaced on social media. User @bearald_rock posted pictures of the couple enjoying the zoo and interacting with animals. The photos reportedly were a repost from Jen A., who is allegedly Gerald's sister.

Gerald, who is doing a new teleserye under ABS-CBN and a basketball player of Marikina Shoemasters at the Maharlika Pilipinas Basketball League (MPBL), will be leading the inaugural Skechers Performance Run at SM By the Bay, MOA Complex.

The race has three categories: 5k, 10k, and 21k distances to cater to both beginners and seasoned runners. Registration is ongoing online and in select stores across the metro.

Gerald said his teammates as well as their coaches will run in the event for them to have a bonding. He refused to tell if Bea will be running alongside them.

He has yet to make a debut on the hard court due to a hamstring injury, but he said he is doing fine now, so he hopes to play and help his team soon.

The actor also looks forward to meet Xian Lim in the court. Xian plays for the MPBL team Mandaluyong El Tigre. Xian logged six points and six rebounds in 15 minutes of play during his debut.

Robredo tells youth:

'Everyday acts of courage, generosity' key to changing PH fate



Vice President Leni Robredo addressed young professionals and graduate students during her keynote speech for the 4th Young Professionals Summit held at De La Salle University-Taft

MANILA—Vice President Leni Robredo on Saturday said the fate of the country does not lie in the hands of one leader and urged young professionals to bring

about change.

"Even after the triumph of the People Power revolution, up to this day, Filipinos are still seeking saviors who will solve our problems. But I believe the fate of our country lies not in the hands of one great leader but in all of us. It is shaped by little everyday acts of

courage and generosity," Robredo said in a speech at De La Salle University.

The vice president said the country needs leaders who will reach out to the marginalized, more than those who display brute force or who use strong language.

"But even more than those who reach out, we need leaders who are empowering and inspiring, who bring out the best in people, and help them become great leaders as well," she said.

"They need to be courageous so that they are not threatened by the act of listening. They are not offended even by dissent."

Robredo encouraged the youth not to fear mistakes, meeting resistance or facing rejection.

"Even when you are on the side of truth and inclusivity, you will meet people who will doubt your intentions and question your ways, but when that time comes do not budge. Fight, resist, do not conform. It will be scary but you need not fear, because we can do all of this together," she said.

Robredo mentioned that young people were also among those who stood up to the dictatorship during the Martial Law era.

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Duterte mulls sending ship to Libya after Filipinos kidnapped

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte on Friday said he is considering sending a ship to Libya after a group kidnapped three Filipinos in the North African country.

Duterte said he also wants to show force after South Korea deployed a warship to Libya to secure the release of its national kidnapped along with the three Filipinos.

"If they begin to hurt 'yung tatlo, magpadala ako ng frigate (If they begin to hurt the three, I will send a frigate)," Duterte said in a speech in Malaybalay City, Bukidnon.

"Kapag nakita niyo pasabugin niyo yung p****g i*a (When [the ship] finds [the kidnappers], bomb

the s*** of b****s)."

Three Filipino engineers and a South Korean were abducted in an attack on a water project site in western Libya on July 6.

Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said efforts were being carried out to secure the release of the three Filipinos.

Seoul and Manila have confirmed the kidnap victims were featured in a video shared on social media this week. The video, also posted by the SITE Intelligence group, shows the four men addressing the camera in English.

An armed guard is pictured squatting behind them in the sand, but their captors are not iden-

tified and the attack has not been claimed by any group. It was not clear when the video was shot.

"The Philippine embassy in Tripoli has confirmed that the three men in the video are the three Filipino technicians who (were) taken by armed men in Libya last month," Department of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Elmer Cato told Agence France-Presse.

Since former Libyan dictator Moamer Kadhafi was ousted from power and killed in 2011, foreign workers and diplomatic missions have frequently been targeted by militias or jihadists such as the Islamic State group.



Martin Nievera LIVE in Toronto ! at Mabuhay Philippines Festival on August 25th.

Martin Nievera, widely known as the Philippine concert king, will headline the TFC Hour on August 25, 2018, Saturday, at Nathan Phillips Square, City Hall, Queen Street West, Toronto. The live show is in celebration of the 20th platinum anniversary of Mabuhay Philippines Festival, a signature summer event of the Philippine Independence Day Council - PIDC.

The popular Filipino singer, songwriter and actor is billed to perform at the centre stage of Nathan Phillips Square as part of TFC's Sama Saya event series upon invitation by ABS-CBN North America. Nievera, is one of the main hosts of the musical variety show ASAP on the ABS-CBN network in the Philippines. His music genre includes OPM-Original Pilipino Music, pop and soft rock.

Among his popular songs are: "Be My Lady", "Kahit Isang Saglit", "Say That You Love Me", "You Are My Song", "Forever", "Himig ng Damdamin" and a lot more. He has appeared as an actor in a dozen movies, hosted numerous television shows and performed in several successful Philippine & international concerts.

February-born Martin Ramon Razon Nievera, whose father was the equally famous balladeer Bert Nievera, spent his childhood in Hawaii and California and came to the Philippines in the 1980s. In his entire career, Martin, has garnered numerous music awards including 18 platinum, 5 double platinum, 3 triple platinum and one quadruple platinum albums.

The ABS-CBN TFC Hour is being held in partnership and cooperation with the Filipino Canadian community's iconic Philippine Independence Day Council-PIDC whose main goal is to promote and showcase Philippine culture, heritage, arts and charity in Canada. (by: Tony A. San Juan).

JC's next GF must pass Bela's approval

BELA Padilla is no doubt the queen of movies made for the brokenhearted. In film after film, she stars in stories where the main lovers figure in failed relationships and she ends up nursing a broken heart, as in "Camp Sawi", "100 Tulad Para Kay Stella", "Meet Me in St. Gallen". In all these movies, the story concludes with her being loveless.

"We're just being realistic," she says. "In real life naman, marami talagang nasasawi, 'di ba?"

She can cite her own self since, in real life, she remains loveless after she broke up with producer BF Neil Arce, who has since hooked up with Angel Locsin. "Okay lang naman 'yun for me kasi I'm so totally focused sa trabaho ko sa ngayon," she stresses. "Ang career ko, 'yun ang asawa ko. I tried naman magbigay ng chance sa iba after my last one, but it really didn't work out. Okay na rin, kasi wala talaga sa scheme of things ko at this moment ang makipagrelasyon uli kahit kanino."

How is it being reunited with JC Santos in "The Day After Valentine's"? "It's great. Kasi when we were first paired in '100 Tula', we didn't really know each other that well. But now, mas kilala na namin ang isa't isa so we're really very comfortable with one another. Mas madali na ang lahat kasi tantiyado na namin ang bawat isa. May scene kami rito showing us making out and we did it without any hesitation kasi we trust each other so much and I know I'm very safe with him. Abangan niyo si JC rito kasi talagang napakagaling niya bilang isang brokenhearted guy, with me as his shoulder to cry on na nagpapayo sa kanya."

So hasn't JC sent her feelers or anything? "Naku, we're quite close now, but friend zone lang kami talaga. Magkatropa, ganun lang ang turingan namin. Pero kapag nagka-girlfriend uli siya, kailangang

dumaan muna sa'kin for my approval. Wow!"

In "The Day After Valentine's", she plays Lani, a smart woman who seems to have all of life's answers until she meets JC as Kai, who's always depressed after being dumped by his girlfriend. Will Lani succeed in helping Kai to have hope and move on with his life? When she guested in Vice Ganda's show recently, she was bashed because of her insider jokes with Kim Chiu. How did she feel about it? "I was really so surprised sa dami ng hate comments that I got kasi hindi naman ako talaga 'yung nag-joke about Gerald Anderson kundi si Vice. Pero iniintindi ko na lang kasi fans 'yan, e. Nasasaktan sila para sa idol nila. It's good kami mismo ni Kim, we understand each other perfectly. We know na biro lang lahat. Siya rin naman, ang dami niyang ibinuko sa'kin. Tinawanan na lang namin. After the show, kumain pa nga kami sa labas."

Midget Actress reluctant to accept GMA offer

JO Berry feels very fortunate to be given the rare chance to play a lead role in her very first teleserye, "Onanay". Such is the show's title because she plays a "nanay" in the teleserye and she's also a midget or what is called an unano. She has the bone disorder called achondroplasia which she got from her father. "Apat kaming magkakapatid at dalawa kaming ganito and the other two are normal naman," she says.

Is Berry their real family name? "Yes. Half American ang dad namin at nakuha rin siya to appear in some international films. Na-feature 'yung family namin sa 'Magpakailanman' last year and I played myself. I think doon nakuha 'yung idea ng 'Onanay'."

Off-cam, Jo has a college degree and she has a regular work as a call center agent in a BPO or business process outsourcing company. So how is her experience as a drama actress?

"Naku, never ko pong pinangarap maging artista pero hindi ko natanggihan ang offer ng GMA-7 kasi lead role nga. Biro mo, I get the chance to act with Nora Aunor as my mother, tapos si Cherie Gil ang umapi sa akin, and the director is Gina Alajar. So what more can a newcomer like me ask for? Sobra-sobrang blessings na ang dumating sa akin. Kaya naman I'm really doing my best to make sure hindi ako mapahiya sa pagtitiwalang binigay sa'kin ng network."

"Onanay" replaces "Kambal Karibal" and will start airing this Monday night after "Victor Magtanggol" and before "Inday Will Always Love You".

'It's fake': Bare-faced Solenn breaks 'perfect' facade, reveals battle with anxiety

A staple on "sexiest" lists and a sought-after model, Solenn Heussaff often appears glammed up on television and magazine covers — an image she admitted can be deceiving to many of her followers.

In her latest vlog entry released Wednesday, a bare-faced Heussaff demonstrated the long process getting made up for a shoot, from putting on makeup, attaching hair extensions, and choosing the right outfit.

Wearing a form-fitting dress and all Heussaff said this "perfect" image is what's often presented by people on social media, a curated Instagram that only shows the times.

She then urged her followers to "keep and stop them with the lives" online. feeling because comparison, even lead to getting situation she familiar with.

In the accompanying video, Heussaff opened up about her own past struggle with mental health. She narrated a time last year when she had to be hospitalized due to an anxiety attack.

Affected by comments about her supposed weight gain in between projects, Heussaff "went on a crazy overdrive, worked out and dieted to the extreme, tried to get as much work as I could."

She went on: "Because of the stress I was putting on myself, I got an anxiety attack at work. I still remember that during the attack, my face looked like it was melting and I had to go to the hospital.

"I couldn't understand what was happening to me. Clearly, more people had bigger problems than me. Yet I was still struggling mentally and emotionally, but at the same time, I didn't think I had valid reasons to be struggling. So I didn't want to talk to my family or my friends about it, because I was afraid to be judged and I was afraid they would get so worried."

Heussaff eventually sought help, and managed to recover when she released "everything I was holding on to — the stress, the pain, the doubts."

Drawing from her own experience, Heussaff encouraged readers who may have had similar struggles, to also find someone to talk to, including dedicated hotlines for those battling depression.

Circling back to her glammed up celebrity image, she concluded: "Look good for yourself. Take care of yourself, because that's what you deserve, not because you have an 'image' to take care of. And if you want to share posts or photos that don't look perfect and aren't edited? Go ahead. Life would be so much easier and so much more fun if we weren't focused on being perfect all the time."



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Barbie Imperial relates struggles of having “baby face”

ABS-CBN actress Barbie Imperial believes that “less is more” when it comes to makeup.

Barbie Imperial is undoubtedly one of ABS-CBN’s rising leading ladies.

Three years after her debut in Pinoy Big Brother 737 in 2015, the 19-year-old Star Magic talent finally snagged her first lead role in Precious Hearts Romances: Araw Gabi opposite actor JM de Guzman.

Many of her fans like her fresh, innocent beauty, but Barbie finds it hard to transform her look especially for the kind of role she’s playing in the Kapamilya afternoon series.

Barbie shared some of her struggles for having a “baby face.”

The teen star recalled, “May mga times pa rin sa taping na kailangan magmukha akong mature kasi nga yung role ko... so ayun, parang ang ginagawa lang namin, medyo mas kinakapalan yung kilay.

“Kasi pag wala akong makeup or no make-up look, mukha talaga akong bata. And then merong time na kailangan may photo ako sa Araw Gabi na ilalagay sa frame para sa isang eksena na elementary lang dapat ako dun sa photo.

“Binura ko lang lahat ng make-up ko ‘tapos yun na yun.”

NATURAL MAKEUP. Barbie, however, believes that “less is definitely more” and prefers a natural makeup look.

She further explained, “Kasi ako, sa face ko po pag makapal yung makeup ko, medyo hindi bagay sa akin.

“Nagma-mature siya [yung face] pero sobra, parang ganun.

“Tapos parang nawawala yung confidence

ko kapag makapal make-up kasi yun nga, hindi nga daw bagay sa akin.

“Mas more on ‘no makeup’ makeup look nga.”

The Kapamilya star noted that she goes makeup-free when she’s not working.

Barbie was asked about the two must-have items on her kikay kit, she answered, “Usually, lip tint ‘tapos yun na rin ginagamit ko pang cheek tint.

“Tapos importante ang pang-kilay, ayun.”

Barbie also makes an extra effort to doll up when she’s going out with friends or on a date night.

“Siguro, lip and cheek tint pa rin, ‘tapos pang-kilay pa rin pero may eye shadow lang na very, very light ‘tapos mascara and powder.”

When it comes to skincare, Barbie has a fuss-free routine as well.

“Hindi naman sensitive yung skin ko so kapag tinanggal ko yung makeup ko, wipes lang and makeup remover ‘tapos okay na siya.”

BIGGEST INSECURITY. The Araw Gabi actress, however, admitted to one big insecurity: her freckles.

But Barbie has learned to own her flaws and love them as time passed by.

“Before parang hindi ako comfortable na may freckles ako. Parang sobrang tinatakpan ko siya ng foundation, ng concealer.

“Tapos nagugulat ako kasi yung mga makeup artist na nakakatrabaho ko, ayaw nilang tanggalin.

“So sabi ko, ‘Bakit ayaw niyong tanggalin?’ Medyo nai-insecure ako kapag nakikita yung freckles ko kasi parang hindi makinis, parang ganun.”

“Patagal nang patagal parang medyo naging uso na pala siya.”

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Mystery guy of Bea Binene is not Alden Richards

Provoked once more to deny romantic involvement with Alden Richards,

Kapuso actress Bea says her special someone non-showbiz. Iginiiit ni Bea Binene hindi si Alden Richards

Binene is na ang

lalaki sa likod ng bouquet of flowers sa kanyang Instagram post noong June 9. Bukod sa braso, hindi kita ang mukha ng lalaking may hawak ng bouquet of flowers Base sa caption ni Bea, espesyal ang lalaking nagbigay sa kanya ng

mga bulaklak. Caption niya: "And in this crazy li It's you, it's you, you make me sing. word, you're everything." Nagsagutan naman ang netizens



Dr. Guillermo de Villa Memorial Cup

Another successful fundraising initiative by The Filipino Centre Toronto was held at Station Creek Golf Club. FCT's Annual Golf Tournament is named after the late Dr. Guillermo de Villa and is also a fundraising initiative to benefit the Comprehensive Health & Wellness Program among others. Blessed with good weather, the tournament finished around 6pm and was followed by barbecue dinner and awarding ceremony. A long time sponsor, A Honda car is the prize to anyone who can make a hole in one, courtesy of Manager Mr. Rafael Nebres of Action Honda.



sa isyu. Sina Bea at Sherilyn ay nagkasama sa Kapuso teleseryeng Mulawin vs. Ravena.

JaDine out to establish an 'Epik Universe'

There is no stopping power couple James Reid and Nadine Lustre from taking their young celebrity far and wide.

With an intense fanbase to support their own Careless music label, soap operas, movies and

endorsements—they are practically co-millennials, and about to be so. James and Nadine just landed major creator Epik Studios by Signal, which and Maria Makiling of the new generation heroes, they will star in the opening

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la ang iba na ang lalaki sa larawan ay si Alden.
Ipinagtanggol naman ng iba si Bea at sinabing hindi si Alden ang
nasa larawan.
Hindi ito ang unang beses na ini-link si Alden kay Bea.
Dati nang itinanggi ni Bea na may espesyal na namamagitan sa

kanila ni Alden at sinabing magkaibigan lamang sila.
Tinanong niya kung bakit iginigiit ng iba na si Alden ang lalaking
may hawak ng bouquet, dahil ang pagkakaalam niya ay non-showbiz
ang special someone ni Bea.
Sumagot si Bea kay Sherilyn at sinabing hindi rin niya alam kung

bakit inaakala ng iba na si Alden ang kanyang mystery guy.
Kinumpirma rin ni Bea na non-showbiz ang lalaking nasa likod ng
mga bulaklak.
Sagot ng aktres, kaya siya nagtatanong ay dahil wala siyang alam

Ambra Battilana Gutierrez models for Victoria's Secret

Filipino-Italian model Ambra Battilana Gutierrez shared on Instagram a sneak peek of her photo shoot for Victoria's Secret. Ambra Battilana Gutierrez is the latest model of Filipino descent to have a modelling stint for the Victoria's Secret. The 26-year-old Filipino-Italian model shared the news on her Instagram account on Friday, August 3, and gave her followers a sneak peek of her photo shoot for the American lingerie and beauty brand, held at Hudson Studios in New York City.

Ambra revealed that her casting opened last June. The Filipino-Italian model definitely enjoyed the experience working with the global brand—which mounts the annual Victoria's Secret Fashion Show (VSFS), most awaited lingerie extravaganza featuring the world's top models. "Working for them is beautiful, they all are amazing people and very nice and easy to work with." Ambra noted that she has always been a fan of Victoria's Secret and what it stands for. "What I love about VS that they give women freedom to express their sexy side without any judgment. "All women should be free to be sexy." Will she be the first Filipina to walk on the VSFS? Ambra answered, "I don't know about the show yet, but I'll work hard to be ready for it in case it will happen. "I'm proud to keep the Philippines up in the world, with my other colleagues, too. "I'm happy to show the world what the Philippines can offer with our kind of beauty."

Aside from Ambra, Filipino supermodels Janine Tugonon and Kelsey Merritt have also worked with Victoria's Secret. Ambra became world-famous for being one of the many female celebrities—including actresses Ashley Judd, Gwyneth Paltrow, Angelina Jolie, Cara Delevigne, and Rose McGowan—who accused Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein of sexual violence and harassment, and has sparked the #MeToo movement spearheaded by Alyssa Milano. Ambra became an instrumental figure in helping reveal the alleged sex-related offenses of Weinstein with over 87 women. The New Yorker published an exposé against the film executive in October 2017, featuring a recording of Ambra's encounter with Harvey the day after he assaulted her in 2015. The film executive has since been charged with six felony sex crimes—two counts of predatory sexual assault, two counts of rape, one first-degree criminal sex act charge, and one criminal sex act. Weinstein pleaded not guilty and was released after paying the \$1 million cash bail.



BIRTHDAY GIRL, Chyrell Samson (CENTRE) celebrates her birthday with friends Alvin Alba and Jennifer Uy.

...considered superheroes among
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named them the Pedro Penduko
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of homegrown comic book characters for the big screen.
Make way for 'Epik Universe' Marvel boys and girls!
Apparently James has been training since last year when he learned about the super hero project.
"What better way to influence the youth than by starring in our own folklore stories?" acknowledged the Australian-Filipino singer-actor. "I've been training in Muay Thai since 2017 but I'll be intensifying my training even more because

Pedro will be shown in the fourth quarter of this year."
Penduko and Makiling will run as separate projects but James assures JaDine fans he will have no love interest as Pedro.
"This will be a very different Pedro Penduko from what you guys have watched. We will also be working with people from Marvel and Netflix so I'm super psyched for that."
As for Nadine whom we caught for a chat at the Samsung J6 on Friday, she

said of their new assignments, "I'm not sure about the love team [appearing within the two projects] but I understand they will call for it [at some point] para sa makakabuti sa kanilang dalawa."
She went on, "But I was really so excited to learn about doing Maria Makiling because I've always wanted a very action-packed role."

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Loisa Andallo and Ronnie Alonte back in each other's arms: "Love always wins."

Ronnie Alonte posts message on Twitter after reconciliation with rumored girlfriend Loisa Andallo.

Back in each other's arms na nga ang rumored couple na sina Loisa Andallo at Ronnie Alonte.

Ito ay matapos mapabalitang nagkaroon sila ng di pagkakaunawaan.

Sa pamamagitan ng social media, ipinahayag nina Loisa at Ronnie kung gaano sila kaimportante sa isa't isa.



July 31, nag-post si Ronnie sa kanyang Twitter account ng photo message na may nakasulat na: "Love always wins."

Ni-repost naman ito ni Loisa ngayong araw ng Miyerkules, August 1.

Sabi ni Loisa sa kanyang mensahe: "Yes!!!!!!! 100%."

Noong nakaraang linggo ay inamin ni Ronnie na nagkaroon sila ng hindi pagkakaunawaan.

Ngunit ilang araw lang ang nakalipas, namataan ang dalawa sa isang public place kung saan nakuhaan sila ng video na nagyayakapan at paminsan-minsan ay naghahalikan.

Ikinatuwa naman ito ng kanilang fans.



FIRST, Chyrell Samson (far left) poses with friends on her birthday.



Camilineos Association of Toronto Picnic



Gianna Calderon celebrated her 5th Birthday at Fun Factory Indoor Playground and Party Centre (Pickering) June 28.



ABOVE Leo J. Consul, Recording Artist, Actor, Host and Book author pose with FV Foods owner Mel Galeon.



RIGHT, Arielle Abrazaldo and Peyton Garcia of PA Days join the PhilCan Mosaic Festival 2018.



ABOVE, The BCCA-Bicol Canada Community Association hold a Zumba fundraising with former actress and Zumba Instructor Aurora Halili Laurel (FAR LEFT).

RIGHT, PCCF's Rosemer Enverga joins the Golden and Silver anniversaries of Mother Aurelia's and Sister Chiara's religious vows at St. Therese of Liseux Church, Courtice ON. July 28, 2018.



PCCF'S ROSEMER ENVERGA ATTEND THE Daughters of Isabella (DOI) - Western Night with the officers & members of DOI, Len Salvador, Tony & Lita Leano & Gie Alvarez.

China policy not working - Drilon

MANILA - Senate Minority Leader Franklin Drilon on Sunday urged the government to reassess its "appeasement" policy on China, saying it has not brought in investments or benefits.

Drilon said compared to Vietnam that has been very aggressive in asserting its claims in the South China Sea (SCS), the Philippines got fewer foreign direct investments from China in spite of Manila's accommodating stance.

"For me, the appeasement policy on China has no direct effect on the country's economy," he said in a radio interview.

Citing records, he said Chinese investment in the country in 2017 was only \$31 million. Beijing invested \$2.17 billion in Vietnam in the same year.

The senator added that Chinese tourist arrivals in the Philippines last year — 968,447 — was puny compared to the four million Chinese who visited Vietnam.

"At the end of the day, it would only mean that the national interest of China and whatever the policy of Vietnam in terms of their attraction as an investment destination are that ones that prevailed," Drilon pointed out.

He said Vietnam got more from China despite its aggressiveness in asserting its claims in the SCS.

"The policy of appeasement is not working and we want to hear (from the President) his plans in order for the Philippines to take back

islands that belongs to us, as declared by the court," Drilon said, referring to the 2016 ruling of the arbitral tribunal on the case filed by Manila that questioned China's maritime claims.

The international court declared on July 12, 2016 that the Philippines has exclusive economic rights over reefs and waters that lie within its 200-mile exclusive economic zone in the West Philippine Sea.

The tribunal also declared as invalid the nine-dash line claim of China and ruled that there was no overlapping entitlement between the Philippines and China.

Majority of Filipinos, based on the surveys conducted by the Pulse Asia and Social Weather Stations, believe that it was "important" for the Philippines to assert its territorial rights over the contested waters.

Drilon expressed the need for the government to come up with peaceful and diplomatic means for the Philippines to regain its sovereignty over the islands in the WPS.

"We should be more assertive on our claims on these islands," he added.

The minority leader added that the Senate, through the initiative of Senate President Vicente Sotto 3rd and foreign relations committee Chairman Loren Legarda, could conduct hearings and invite experts who could give suggestions what peace pursuits the country can carry out in the WPS.

PH to assert sea rights through friendly talks with China

Malacañang Palace insists that a peaceful dialogue with China will solve issues in the West Philippine Sea, after the results of a recent survey showed that most Filipinos would want to regain control of disputed islands in the area.

"We are one with our people in seeking to assert our sovereign rights and territorial claims in the WPS," presidential spokesperson Harry Roque said in a statement.

A survey conducted by the Social Weather Stations showed that an overwhelming number of people would prefer the government to take action on the Chinese militarization in the region and eventually retake the islands.

However, Roque said that Duterte administration had chosen to differ with the previous administration's moves in dealing with the issue.

"Having seen how the confrontational approach of the previous administration only spurred greater militarization, we have shifted to a conciliatory tack and friendly dialogue with China," Roque said.

According to Malacañang, the government will use a "bilateral consultation mechanism (BCM) to resolve issues", as the government beefs up its military assets and its "capability to monitor and defend our maritime interests."

In 2013, during the term of President Benigno Aquino III, the Philippines filed an arbitration case against the People's Republic of China before the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague, The Netherlands.

Aquino administration filed the case after China claimed that certain islands in the controversial region belonged to them as an effect of the so-called Nine-Dash Line, a border that was based allegedly on historical claims.

On July 12, 2016, the tribunal ruled in favor of the Philippines, saying that the nine-dash line is "invalid."

China never recognized the case, and did not participated in hearings.

During the previous administration, there were reports of Filipino fishermen being harassed by the Chinese Coast Guard.

During the term of President Rodrigo Duterte,

complaints have so far been minimal and fishermen themselves attested that they can now fish in the region.

However, they also said that the Chinese authorities are still in control of Scarborough Shoal.

SWS: 4 of 5 Filipinos want gov't action on China militarization in West PH Sea

Four out of five Filipinos sees it is not right for the government to "leave China alone with its infrastructures and military presence in claimed territories," a pollster said Saturday.

The Social Weather Stations asked, "Is [activity] RIGHT or NOT RIGHT for the Philippine government to do in resolving the conflict between the Philippines and China about the West Philippine Sea?"

9 of 10 Pinoys: Retake China-held islands

There is overwhelming support among Filipinos for getting back Philippine islands that had been seized by China in the West Philippine Sea, according to survey results released.

The June 27-30 survey by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) showed 87 percent, or about nine of 10 adult Filipinos, believe it was important to regain control of the Chinese-held islands in the West Philippine Sea.

Among those who believed it was important, 69 percent said it was "very important" and 18 percent said it was "somewhat important." Two percent deemed it to be unimportant (1 percent somewhat not important, 1 percent not at all important) while 11 percent were undecided.

A majority of the respondents (69 percent) also believed that "China is afraid to face any court because they know that they are not on the side of justice."

Only 8 percent disagreed with the statement, while 22 percent were undecided.

This yielded a net agreement score (percent agree minus percent disagree) of +61, classified by SWS as "very strong."



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Sir Joe Damasco is the new Regional Commander of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region

By Romy Zetazate & Dindo Orbeso

TORONTO - One of the most senior member of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region was picked by the Supreme Council as the new Regional Commander of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region for the year

2018 - 2019, he is Sir Joe Damasco, KGOR who for several years was the Area Commander of the Canada Rizal Region.

Damasco is very much well-known among the Filipino communities in Canada and other parts of the world. He has been very active by way of participating in various Filipino events in Canada.

His appointment was confirmed by Sir Ed Prillo, KGOR, the outgoing Canada Rizal Region Commander.

Damasco was one of the founders of the Philippine Press Club of Ontario (PPCO). He served as the secretary of the PPCO.

One of his plan is to consult the senior members of the Knights of Rizal like the former Regional Commanders and deputy regional commander of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region and at the same time, to form more chapters and inviting the younger Filipinos in Canada to join the organization.

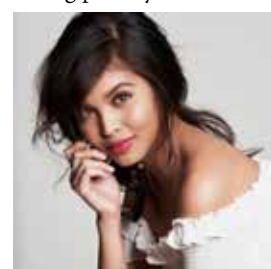
He will also strengthen the training programs in the Knights of Rizal, Canada Region with more emphasis on the life and sacrifices of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, the Philippines national hero.

Damasco also encourage those inactive members to propel their love to the ideals and mission of Dr. Jose P. Rizal.

Damasco can be reached at >>> jdamasco@rogers.com <<< and Tel. (647) 717 - 3461. (St. jamestown News Service)

Maine Mendoza, kabilang sa top celebrity endorsers

Mula nang sumikat siya sa kalyeserye ng Eat Bulaga noong July 2015, nabawasan na ang privacy ni Maine Mendoza dahil



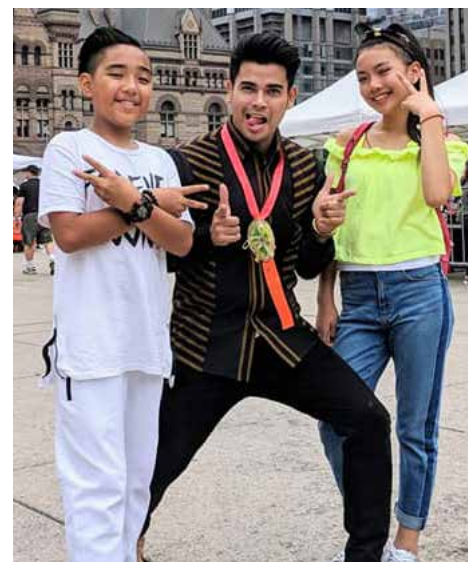
nalalaman ng kanyang fans and supporters ang halos lahat ng activities niya, personal man o hindi.

Natunton ng fans ang condo-

minium building sa Pasig City na inuuwian niya at ngayon, mabilis na kumalat ang balita tungkol sa dream house na kanyang ipinata-tayo sa isang subdivision sa Commonwealth, Quezon City dahil ang mga magiging kapitbahay niya ang nagkukuwento na nakikita siya sa construction site.

Tatlong taon pa lang ang showbiz career ni Maine pero may kakayahan na siya na magpatayo ng sariling bahay dahil patuloy na nagtitiwala sa kanya bilang celebrity endorser ang malalaking kompanya.

Kasama ang pangalan ni Maine sa listahan ng mga pinakamayayaman na young celebrities sa Pilipinas na walang puwedeng kumuwestyon dahil sa dami ng mga product endorsement niya.



ABOVE, Peyton Garcia and Arielle Abrazaldo pose with Leo J. Consul- Recording Artist, Actor, Host and Book author.

BELOW, IPEN Pres. Edgar Sulit is shown with actor Leo J. Consul.



Yam Concepcion and Yen Santos choose the better kisser between Jericho Rosales and Sam Milby + other stories



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Sa Tonight with Boy Abunda, namili si Yen Santos at Yam Concepcion kung sino ang better kisser kina Jericho Rosales at Sam Milby na leading men nila sa teleseryeng Halik.

Ayon kay Yam, "hindi ko pinipersonal yung mga kisses nila, pero more on, kunwari sa eksena since asawa ko si Echo dito passionate yung kiss niya sa akin, si Sam naman sobrang wild nung kiss niya. So dun na ako sa passionate."

Ayon naman kay Yen, "si Sam, wild nga gaya ng sabi ni Yam... gigil. May sipsip, tapos yung lips niya parang buong bibig parang gusto niyang ano ngangain. Si Echo naman, sweet siya mag-kiss, passionate."

Natanong din sila tungkol sa love life nila. Almost four years na diumano si Yam at boyfriend nitong si Miguel CuUnjieng. Nang tanungin kung paano nila napapag-work ang long distance relationship, ani Yam, "ang hirap Tito Boy e, hindi siya madali e. Pero I'm surprised kung bakit sa aming dalawa it works out."

Nang tanungin kung nagseselos si Miguel, sagot ni Yam ay, "siempre nagseselos din siya pero hindi yung borderline jealous na nakakainis na."

Inamin naman ni Yen na dating siya ngayon. Paglilinaw pa niya, "dating but not available."

New role development surprises Gabby

GABBY Eigenmann is a hit with viewers in his transgender role as Duquessa in "Contessa". Did he know from the start

that his character, Vito Imperial, will ultimately be a transgender? "No, not at all," he says. "Ang alam ko lang, closet queen siya. Mabagsik na kontrabida, pero kloseta pala. So when the scriptwriters told me kung anong mangyayari kay Vito, nagulat ako. Gumanap na rin ako sa gay role noon in 'Dading', but dito, gusto nila, mag-all out ako sa pagiging mujer. Laging nakadamit babae with full make up. Siyempre, hindi ako pumayag. Unang-una, I know I will not be comfortable." Why so? "Eh, di bale sana kung slim ako."



Kaso, ang laki-laki ko. Kung magdadamit babae ako lagi, baka magmukha akong Donya Buding. Alam kong hindi babagay sa akin at maging katawa-tawa lang sa audience 'yung character ko. Naintindihan naman nila. So, effeminate si Duquessa, pero hindi siya swishy screaming faggot na masyadong showy ang dating."

He's happy that Pythos Ramirez, who plays his lover, Winston, in "Contessa", has improved so much as an actor. "Noong una, ill at ease pa siya but now, talagang nag-level up siya sa mga eksena namin. And I'm glad kasi he always acknowledges na marami siyang natutuhan sa mga eksena namin together. I always tell him to put his character into his heart and he should not worry na lalamunin ko siya sa eksena kundi I will help lift him up. Ngayon, kayang-kaya na niyang sumabay kahit sino pa ang kaeksena niya."

PPCO Hosts Political

Forum on September 30

A large number – eleven – from the Filipino Canadian community is vying for Municipal positions, seven for city Councillors : Randy Bucao, Alex Chiu, Paulina Corpuz, Lauroz Mercader, Marlene Mogado, Miles Roque and Rowena Santos; and four for School Board Trustee: Benjamin Abis, Maria Montemayor, Luz del Rosario, and Gary Tanauan.

PPCO will host the Political Forum on September 30, 2018 – Sunday, at 2:00 PM at the Friends of Jesus Christ – Fellowship Hall – 181 Nugget Avenue (Mc Cowan Rd and Sheppard Avenue East), Scarborough M15 3B1 . Family, friends and supporters are welcome. A small contribution of \$6 pp will go towards snack and beverage.

The forum will cover an introduction of all candidates, the statement of their goals and plans for the respective positions they aspire for, and an open forum. The event will be moderated by a PPCO member.

The Philippine Press Club of Ontario, in its effort to encourage and support the participation of our community in the Canadian political milieu, traditionally host non-partisan political forums . PPCO believes that our participation in politics as elected or appointed officials, candidates, voters, supporters, community members, etc, provide our community with political strength, visibility and respect. The Forum also aims to widen the candidates' exposure to prospective voters, and encourage political activism.

As compatriots who share our desire for a strong political clout in our adopted country, please join us.

PPCO invites the community to signify their attendance by responding "Reply" to this email, or respond directly to the following:
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Alexa Ilacad looking forward sa bagong opportunities bilang solo artist

Nag-eexplore ngayon bilang isang 'solo' artist ang Kapamilya star na si Alexa Ilacad na nakapanayam ng entertainment press sa isang Kapamilya event. Wala na kasing ka-love team ang young actress ngayong nabuwag na ang tambalan nila ni Nash Aguas.

Kuwento ni Alexa, positibo niyang nakikita ang kanyang showbiz career dahil sa mga bagong acting opportunities na dumaraming sa kanya ngayon.

"I'm given more freedom. I'm given this bigger chance to prove myself as an actress. I'm not being boxed, like kailangan sweet lang kagi or always pa cute," bungad niya.

Thankful naman si Alexa dahil kahit solo na siya, all-out pa din ang support ng NLex (fans ni Nash at Alexa) sa kani-kanilang career.

"Instead of getting mad, they understand us as individuals na may pinagdaanan kami personal at nire-respeto nila yun and they still support us individually," sabi pa ni Alexa.

May nga sumusuporta man, aminado ang young star na mayroon din na hindi natuwa at nag-bash sa kanya dahil sa hiwalayan by kanilang tandem.

"Hindi ako nagbabasa naka-off ang comments ko especially on Twitter, on Instagram lang yung naka on. Recently, hindi naman mawawala ang bashing, I just want to remove that all negativity, I want to block it. It's not needed naman," ani pa ni Alexa.

Kasabay naman nito, isa din daw sa proud moments niya lately ay ang pagtatapos niya ng Senior High School.

"Yes, I graduated Senior High School and ngayong pasukan, I'll be taking Business Administration, Major in Marketing. I really want to get into business one day and to be an entrepreneur habang nag-aartista din," pahayag ng aktres.

Sa ngayon, in the works na din daw ang second solo album ni Alexa.

Charlie Dizon could have been the first Pinoy to become a K-Pop star



Charlie Dizon shares on Magandang Buhay how she auditioned for a K-Pop group a few years ago.

During her college years, Charlie Dizon and her friends used to perform at mall shows as impersonators of a famous K-Pop girl group. When she learned about an open audition for K-Pop aspirants by a Korean entertainment company, she tried out for it and was invited for training in Korea.

The actress and her family were all set and briefed with all the details, from the accommodations to contracts. However, Charlie had problems with her paperwork and visa and had to give up her slot. According to her, this was one of her down moments in life.

In spite of this, the young Bagani actress did not lose hope. She got commercial and modelling projects, and became part of the Star Magic Circle 2018. She has had roles in Star Cinema films like Finally Found Someone, Loving in Tandem, and Seven Sundays before landing the role of Marikit in Bagani.



Residents stand on a rooftop of a shanty tenement house while newly-built condominium buildings are seen in the background in Tondo district, metro Manila, Philippines, March 11, 2018.

Palace: Long term solutions vs poverty underway

MANILA - The government is lining up "long-term solutions" to address poverty, Malacañang said Sunday after more Filipinos deemed themselves poor in a nationwide poll.

A Social Weather Stations survey showed that 48 percent of respondents, which translates to around

11.1 million families, viewed themselves as poor in the second quarter of 2018. This was 6 percentage points higher than 42 percent or an estimated 9.8 million families who said they were poor in the previous quarter.

Among the government's measures to address poverty are the lifting of import quotas for rice and an P8.3-trillion drive to build new roads and railways that will lower the prices of goods, said Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque.

"We are putting in place long-term solutions to significantly reduce inflation and help poor Filipino families, such as pushing for rice tariffication as rice accounts for around 20% of the total consumption of the poor and implementing our Build, Build, Build Program to lower the transport cost of food and goods," he said in a statement.

Malacañang is taking the results of the poverty survey "seriously", Roque said, but added that the poll's timing should be considered.

He noted that when the survey was conducted last June, inflation figures were announced and families "felt the pinch of higher food prices", especially rice, due to weather-related delays in the distribution of cheap imports.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development, he said, has distributed Unconditional Cash Transfers to around 3.8 million of the 10 million poorest beneficiaries.

The Department of Transportation, meanwhile, launched its aid program for jeepney operators with valid franchises this July, he said.

Liza Soberano goes back to school



of the Filipino Canadian community. PIDC is a prominent not-for-profit, community-based & volunteer-run organization whose main goal is "to foster unity within the FilCan community by showcasing the best of Philippine culture, arts, heritage and charity."

The quintessential organization is celebrating this year the 20th anniversary of its great summer cultural program, the Mabuhay Philippines Festival. PIDC is headed by its current president, Karen Pascual-Binaday. The immediate past president, Norma Carpio, who founded the initiative in 1998, is the chairman emerita of Mabuhay Philippines Festival. World Financial Group-WFG executive vice chair Agnes P. Miranda is the Festival co-chair. The executive trio are assisted by Ben Corpuz, parade chair; Aurora Ticzon-Elefano, Santacruzian chair; Tom Tan & Melinda Manlapaz, anniversary gala chair & co-chair; Clyde Pacis, MCup chair; Mark Guiam, MCup tourney director and Mon Torralba, festival program coordinator.

MANILA, Philippines — Since a showbiz career is not forever and education is the only treasure that cannot be stolen, Kapamilya actress Liza Soberano is going back to school.

Despite her busy schedule in showbiz, Liza enrolled in Southville International School and Colleges through the Innove Education Solution, the school's Facebook page posted.

The "Bagani" actress will be taking Bachelor of Science in Psychology, a stepping stone to medical school.

"A student enrolled in this program reports to school at least once a week for written exams, hands-on exercises and further discussion/clarification about the topics with the instructors," said the school.

Last year, Liza also posted on her Instagram account that she and rumored boyfriend and on-screen partner Enrique Gil are already studying in the school.

"To be able to go to school is a great privilege which should not be taken for granted! So excited to finally start this term with @southvilleuni, thank you for supporting @enriquegil17 and I," she captioned the photo.

Apart from having many endorsements, Liza is busy with the shooting of her teleserye "Bagani" and soon, as the star who will portray comeback Pinoy superhero "Darna."

PIDC CELEBRATES 20th ANNIVERSARY of MABUHAY PHILIPPINES FESTIVAL in TORONTO

The perennially & highly successful and much anticipated "festival of festivals" in the Filipino Canadian community is now upon us. Yes, folks. The ever popular and much-awaited annual PIDC Summer Festival Events for 2018 in the Greater Toronto Area, solidly organized and sponsored by the prestigious Philippine Independence Day Council - PIDC, is being held and presented free to the general public from August 25 to 26, 2018.

The multi-day celebration includes a gamut of interconnected cultural and sporting events, namely: the MCup basketball tourney at Hoop-Dome; Battle 416 and the now "undisputed signature event": Mabuhay Philippines Festival -2018 to be highlighted by a Fashion Show, Grand Parade of Regions, Santacruzian and the TFC Kapamilya Show, all to be conducted at Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto City Hall, and as well, the Platinum Anniversary Gala Night on August 23rd at Sheraton Hotel, Dominion Ballroom, Queen St. West, Toronto.

The festival theme for 2018 is "Kinabukasan" or The Future: Passing the Torch. The Festival aims to "pay homage to the people who have made the event possible over the past two decades" while highlighting the future performers and leaders

Providing wholehearted support are the entire members of the executive council, board of directors & council of leaders including sponsors, performers, parents, talent scouts and volunteers.

The PIDC Festival organizers have released the Schedule of Events and Activities, with the following details:

*Festival Anniversary Gala - August 23 (Thursday).

The 20th Mabuhay Philippines Festival anniversary gala will be celebrated at Sheraton Hotel Toronto, Dominion Ballroom, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto on August 23, 2018, Thursday at 6:00 pm. The evening event will feature an awards segment and a Broadway-style of musical entertainment, according to Festival co-chair Agnes Miranda. Invited to grace the occasion are political dignitaries including leaders and personalities from the GTA business and multicultural communities.

*Battle 416 Challenge - August 24-26 (Friday to Saturday) To be conducted at Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto City Hall, this activity is being chaired also by Clyde Pacis. It is a special competition involving amateur players required to demonstrate their basketball skills and talents through a series of individual and team challenges, observing established playing rules and procedures. Prizes are to be awarded to winning participants.

*Mabuhay Philippines Festival Main Events, August 25 - 26 (Friday and Saturday). 1) PIDC Grand Fashion Show, on August 25th, Saturday, will feature designs by world renowned fashion designers and couturiers Renee Salud, Kenneth Barliss and Shanon Pamaong. The Show will have a Broadway style musical entertainment. The fashion models will include Filipino Canadian beauties such as: Melanie Lazaro & Gabrielle Louise Anders, and a bevy of other beauty titlists & volunteer models. 2) TFC "Kapamilya Show", on August 25th, Saturday will have as its special performer, an ABS-CBN popular artist & singer and other FilCan talents and known group & individual entertainers. The special show will be held at the Centre Stage of the Nathan Phillips Square, City Hall, Toronto. 3) The Grand Parade of Regions and Santacruzian, on Sunday, August 26th will be a combined civic parade and faith-focused procession to be participated in by various community associations & their muses and, as well current & past PIDC beauty winners. Expected to join in are dignitaries, leaders and members of multicultural groups and other province-based organizations in the GTA.

For further information about PIDC events including souvenir magazine advertisements, vendor applications, fashion show volunteer models, and festival volunteer service, kindly visit the PIDC Website: www.pidctoronto.com; Email: info@pidctoronto.com; festival@pidctoronto.com; mabuhaycup@pidctoronto.com. Come one, Come all! It's a FREE two-day festival event!!! (by: Tony A. San Juan)

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Kylie Padilla reveals how she and Aljur Abrenica deal with being part of rival networks

Nakakapanibago ba kina Kylie Padilla at Aljur Abrenica na magkaiba sila ng TV networks?

GMA-7 talent si Kylie samantalang ABS-CBN actor na si Aljur.

"Hindi, kasi hindi rin naman kami nagkasama nung pareho kaming nasa GMA, sa Sunday All Stars lang. So parang ganun din," at tumawa si Kylie.

Ang Sunday All Stars ay musical variety show ng GMA na umere mula 2013 hanggang 2015 at dating Kapuso artist si Aljur bago lumipat sa ABS-CBN

Kapag nasa bahay sila, may tanungan ba kung kumusta ang kani-kanyang trabaho sa GMA at ABS-CBN?

"Oo, may mga ganun. Actually ang saya kasi our house is bilingual," at tumawa si Kylie.

Wala raw network war.

"Oo, yung isang TV naka-ABS, yung isa naka-GMA. So it's all peace."

Na-excite rin si Aljur nang malaman nito na mapapasama si Kylie sa The Cure dahil maraming action scenes ang mga sinabakan ni Kylie bilang si Adira.

"Nandun siya nung pumipili ako ng tattoo, eh!"

May mga sticker tattoos kasi si Kylie sa kanyang karakter sa naturang GMA series.

"Tapos nandun din siya nung first day na suot ko, sabi niya, 'Wow, ang saya mo, ah! May character ka ng ikaw ang gumawa. Ang saya!'"

Idea ni Kylie na may mga tattoo si Adira sa The Cure. At dahil may anak na sila, ang mag-iisang taon na si Alas, hindi ba nahirapan si Kylie sa mga stunts niya sa The Cure?

Special agent kasi siya na pumapatay ng mga infected, ang mga taong nagkaroon ng virus at naging tila mga asong-ulol.

"Walang difference," ang bulalas ni Kylie. "Kaya ako nag-workout actually kasi para walang ganun, wala akong nararamdaman na iba."

Sa Agosto pa mag-iisang taon si Alas pero slim na agad si Kylie na tila hindi nanganak.

Diet at exercise raw ang ginawa niya para pumayat.

"Hindi puwede kasing diet lang kasi yung fat na na-store nung nabuntis ka, hindi siya mabe-burn, e. Tinry ko na lahat yun, e. Kailangan talaga."

Umabot raw siya sa 180 pounds noong buntis siya.

Very supportive si Aljur sa kayang exercise regimen.

"Parang coach ko siya! Paggising sa umaga, pagbaba niya, 'Nag-workout ka na?' Tara, sabay na tayo!"

"Kahit pagod siya, nag-gym na siya, sasamahan pa rin niya ako."

Samantala, natsismis si Kylie na lilipat, pero si Ryza Cenon na nasa ABS-CBN na.

"Hindi ko alam! Palagi namang ganun pag nawawala ako," at tumawa si Kylie.

Si Kylie at ang The Cure co-star niyang si LJ Reyes ay napabalitang aalis sa GMA na hindi naman totoo.

"Palagi namang ganun, nung bago ako nabuntis, everytime na mag-a-Australia ako, may ganun palagi, palagi."

Sa Australia naka-base ang ina ni Kylie na si Liezl Sicangco.

Hindi raw siya na-offer-an ng ABS-CBN na lumipat. "No, hindi, hindi," sagot ng anak ni Robin Padilla.

Direk Lauren Dyogi sinabing masaya siya sa naging kapalaran ni Maine Mendoza



Inamin ni Direk Lauren Dyogi na nanghinayang siya at hindi niya kinuha si Maine Mendoza sa PBB.

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Sa vlog ni Direk Lauren Dyogi, sinagot

nito ang mga comments na nagsasabing scripted ang Pinoy Big Brother at ikinwento kung paano nga ba nag-audition ang mga sikat nang artista, at nabanggit muli nito ang pag-overlook niya kay Maine Mendoza.

Bago pa man maging sikat na artista, nag-audition muna si Maine sa Pinoy Big Brother 737 ang edition kung saan tinanghal na big winners sina Miho Nishida at Jimboy Martin. Marami naman ang nagtaka

at nanghinayang na hindi siya nakapasok. Sa kabila nito, sinabi naman ni Direk Lauren sa kanyang vlog na marahil ay hindi ang PBB ang daan upang sumikat si Maine.

"Nang hinayang ako kay Maine pero without Alden (Richards), we don't know if Maine will work sa PBB lang. Eh nag-work yung Maine and Alden sa Eat Bulaga," aniya.

"Yun ang kapalaran niya. Hindi yun kawalan sa amin. Hindi talaga kami ang tamang paraan para sa kasikatan niya. I'm very, very happy for Maine,"

dagdag pa niya.

Kwento pa ng direktor, na-scout lamang din ang dalaga ng isa pa niyang kasamahan sa PBB na si Marcus, dahil sumisikat na rin noon online si Maine.

"Actually, hindi naman pumila si Maine. Si Maine na-scout 'yan ni Marcus [PBB staff] kasi sikat na siya sa Dubsplash sa Internet noon. E, hindi pa ako into digital at that time. Hindi pa ako naka-latch on sa strength ng digital noon.

"Mas feeling ko, dun pa sa pumipila sa cattle call ang panggagalingan ng housemates. Marcus felt Maine would be interesting to be a housemate. So maling call ko yun. Hindi yun pila. Pinapunta siya sa PBB court. In a way, parang special screening na si Maine noon," dagdag pa niya.

Jericho, gustong idirek ang KathNiel

JOHN Lloyd Cruz and Ellen Adarna have reportedly decided to have their first-born, a boy, named after Ellen's Dad, Elias Modesto.

Ellen's dad died a few months ago. Definite na, on the other hand, sina John Prats to name their panga-lawang anak Daniel Freeman. Their eldest na magtu-two years old na, is named Lily Feathers.

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Dream pala ni Jericho Rosales to turn movie and tv director one day. And, if ever he is assigned to direct a movie daw, he wants the tandem nina Kathryn Bernardo at Daniel Padilla to star in it.

Right now, however, focused muna si Jericho sa kanyang acting career. Excited siya with his new series na Halik, co-starring her with Yam Con-cepcion, Yen Santos at Sam Milby.

He has a movie earmarked for this year's Metro Manila Filmfest (MMFF) kung saan muli ay kasama niya si Sam, plus Jessie Mendiola, Tom Rodriguez and Keith Thompson.

Titled Girl in The Orange Dress, it is directed by Jay Avello.

Of his love life, Jericho describes himself as happily married to his wife of three years, Kim Jones. He is a proud and happy dad, too, kay Santino, now a teenager and in college from his previous relationship.

Alden Richards takes on an extraordinary mission in GMA Network's Victor Magtanggol + other stories



Expect no less than the best from GMA Network with the launch of the highly-anticipated and ground-breaking telefantasya, Victor Magtanggol.

Inspired by the Norse Mythology, the drama series features the country's most respected and talented artists headlined by Kapuso prime actor Alden Richards who is all set to take on an extraordinary mission of protecting good from evil as Victor Magtanggol.

Making the series even grander are the actors in the mythological world: John Estrada as Loki, the god of deception who wants to get hold of the Mjolnir to use its power to create monstrous offsprings; Andrea Torres as Sif, the last wife of Thor and the golden-haired goddess of love and family who trains Victor how to control his powers and use the Mjolnir; Pancho Magno as Modi, Thor's son and the god of battle who will eventually be one of Victor's greatest rivals; Miguel Faustman as Magni/Magnus, the other son of Thor who kept the Mjolnir and with the special participation of Conan Stevens as Thor, the god of thunder and owner of the powerful hammer, Mjolnir.

Joining the powerhouse ensemble are the important characters in Victor's life: The Magtanggol Family of Victor with Al Tantay as Tomas Magtanggol, a loving father to Victor and his siblings; Chynna Ortaleza as Lynette Magtanggol-Domingo, the strict yet caring older sister of Victor; Dion Ignacio as Perci Domingo, the devoted and funny husband of Lynette; Lindsay De Vera as Anne Magtanggol, the kikay cosplayer and younger sister of Victor; Reese Tuazon as Honeylyn, Anne's best friend; Yuan Francisco as Meloy Domingo, the sole child of Lynette and Perci and the first one to know the secret identity of his uncle Victor; and playing a very important role is Ms. Coney Reyes as Vivienne, the mother of Victor who got separated from him after a long time.

Playing equally vital roles are the members of the Regalado Family: Eric Quizon as Hector Regalado, the ambitious and hungry for power politician; Freddie Webb as Renato Regalado, the father of Hector; Maritoni Fernandez as Alice Regalado, the second wife of Hector; Kristoffer Martin as Lance Espiritu, the brooding and enigmatic stepson of Hector; and Janine Gutierrez

as Gwen Regalado, Hector's daughter who becomes a field reporter covering news about Hammerman. Eventually, she falls in love with him.

Victor works as an OFW to look for his mother Vivienne (Coney Reyes). He becomes friends with Magnus (Miguel Faustman), the curator of the museum where he works for. Magnus' life will be jeopardized because of Loki (John Estrada). Victor will find out that Magnus is not a mortal being and he is the god Magni and one of Thor's sons. Before Magnus dies, he will give Victor a magical compass that will lead Victor to a mysterious mountain. Victor will find an iron gauntlet that will allow him to use the Mjolnir, the powerful hammer of Thor (Conan Stevens).

Victor comes home to the Philippines and becomes Hammerman, the courageous superhero of his town. In his adventures, he battles monsters and form alliances with Norse gods in order to protect the people he loves from the schemes of Loki.

The creative team of the TV series is composed of headwriter Denoy Punio with writers Glaiza Ramirez, Ken De Leon, brainstormers Marlon Miguel, Erwin Bravo and concept creator Jules Katanyag.

Leading the team are creative director Roy Iglesias, creative consultants Suzette Doctolero, and Dode Cruz.

This original series, created by the GMA Drama group, is headed by the SVP for Entertainment Group Lilybeth G. Rasonable, VP for Drama Redgie A. Magno, AVP for Drama Cheryl Ching-Sy, Program Manager Nini Matilac and Executive Producer Mona Mayuga.

Singing the theme song "Superhero Mo" is popular rap group Ex Battalion featuring Alden Richards.

Dominic Zapata, who has helmed top-rating GMA programs such as Mulawin, Darna, Captain Barbell, My Husband's Lover and Alyas Robin Hood, directs Victor Magtanggol.

Witness the action-packed journey of the newest modern day superhero Victor Magtanggol beginning July 30 on GMA's flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV.

Kapuso viewers from across the globe can catch their favorite Kapuso shows via GMA's international channels GMA Pinoy TV, GMA Life TV, and GMA News TV International. For the program guide, visit www.gmapinoytv.com.

Janine bashed, fights back

JANINE Gutierrez is elated to be Alden Richards' leading lady in GMA-7 big-budget primetime soap, "Victor Magtanggol", that starts airing on Monday, July 30. "I'm excited kasi dream ko noon pa to do a telefantasya like 'Mulawin' or 'Dyesebel,'" she says. "Ibang experience kasi to do this kind of show as you will be transported to a different world na malayo sa pang-araw-araw mong buhay. The fantastic elements in

the story is based on Norse mythology na nagkaroon ng Philippine setting. If you're interested with stories about gods and goddesses, myths and superheroes, you will surely enjoy watching 'Victor Magtanggol'."

She will play the role of Gwen Regalado, a journalist who gets involved with Alden as Victor Magtanggol, something like the Lois Lane character in "Superman".

"I'm proud to be part of 'Victor Magtanggol' kasi grabe ang preparations ng GMA-7 to make sure it will be a big spectacular treat to the viewers. Ginastusan nang husto ang sets, costumes, props, locations at may scenes pa kami shot in Japan," adds Janine.

Do they feel any pressure since they'll be shown up against ABS-CBN's top show? "Siyempre, may pressure. We know kung ano 'yung babanggain namin. But we're confident that we offer something different to the viewers. Kasi bukod sa napakaganda ng main story, may action din dito, may drama, may comedy. Kami namang mga artistang involved sa show, we're always doing our best to make sure that we'll deliver when it comes to acting para hindi kami mapahiya sa viewers."

Because she's paired with Alden, his fans with Maine Mendoza are now bashing her so much on social media. How does she feel about it?

"What can I do? Hindi lang naman ako ang bina-bash kundi pati si Andrea Torres who plays a Norse goddess in the show. At pati si Alden mismo. They don't seem to realize na trabaho lang ito. Bakit nila pinepersonal? Sumosobra lang kasi kung minsan, kasi pati family ko, idinadamay nila. Galing daw kasi ako sa isang broken family. Ano naman ang kaugnayan niyon sa show? Pati birthmark ko, bina-bash. Malas daw. Sana, panoorin muna nila ang 'Victor Magtanggol' bago nila kami i-bash nang husto."

No mopre hiding for Jon

JON Lucas gets his first lead role in a romantic movie in "Dito Lang Ako", where he's paired with co-Star Magic talent, Michelle Vito. "Friends na kami ni Michelle even before the movie kasi we both belong to Star Magic Batch 2013," he says. "I play Delfin and she plays Nelia and our love story is set in the 1970s. Kaso, maraming nangyari, hindi kami nagkatuluyan, but after 40 years, we meet again, with Delfin played by Freddie Webb and Nelia, by Boots Anson Roa. Maganda 'yung love story told in the movie."

Their love team is being promoted as JonChelle, but during the movie's presscon, Jon admitted that he's married and has a child. It will be recalled that early this year, it was reported that a member of the Showtime group called Hashtags has made someone pregnant and was told to leave the show. It turns out to be Jon. He confessed that he has since already officially married his non-showbiz girlfriend and their baby boy is named Bryce Christian.

"It's never my intention to deny or keep it a secret," he says. "I was just looking for the right timing. At ito na nga 'yun, presscon ng 'Dito Lang Ako', and you're asking me, so inaamin ko nang I'm married and has a kid."

He's only 22 years old and he admits he got worried about how it would affect his career. "Pero siyempre, excited din ako, lalo na when I learned that boy ang magiging baby namin. So hinanda ko na lang 'yung sarili ko. Naintindihan naman ako ng Star Magic."

But is he still returning to "Showtime"? "Sana. But it all depends on their decision kung makakabalik ako. Whatever their decision will be, I will accept it kasi malaki ang pasasalamat ko sa 'Showtime' dahil nakapagtapos ng pag-aaral ang kapatid ko while I was in the show. Nagbago na talaga ang life ko kasi, wala na akong labas-labas sa gabi kasama ang barkada. Ngayong padre de pamilya na ako, nabago na ang priorities ko at sana, mabigyan pa ako ng more projects."

Nagpapasalamat talaga ako sa Blade Productions for giving me this lead role in 'Dito Lang Ako'. Panoorin po nyo when it opens in theaters on August 8."

Mark introduces gf to media

MARK Neumann was discovered when he joined TV5's Artista Academy. The biggest role he got while he was there is playing the title role in the local adaptation of the Korean hit, "Baker King". Now that the Kapatid Network no longer produces entertainment shows, Mark has moved to ABS-CBN and is now managed by Star Magic.

He is currently seen in the movie "I Love You, Hater", where he plays the gay cousin of Joshua Garcia who's in a relationship with Markki Stroem. After this, he'll be seen in the romantic comedy "Harry & Patty" where he plays the brother of comedian Kakai Bautista who's always disparaging her for lacking in good looks.

At the presscon of "Harry & Patty", he was asked about his love life and he quickly introduced his non-showbiz girlfriend who was at the back of the presscon venue.

"Yes, I'm in a relationship and she's here right now," he proudly said, pointing to his girlfriend. "Her name is Mafi and she is from Cebu. She's into ballet and also works in a clinical laboratory. We met while were both doing archery at two years na kaming on. We started as friends and she's very caring, we like a lot of things in common, like cooking, so nagkasundo kami agad."

Arroyo takes oath as speaker

MANILA - Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was elected as the new House Speaker Monday evening, hours after President Rodrigo Duterte delivered his third State of the Nation Address (SONA) with ousted Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez seated behind him.

Some 244 members of the House of Representatives resumed session around 7:30 p.m. to formalize the removal of Alvarez and the election of Arroyo as House Speaker.

Arroyo secured the speakership with 184 affirmative votes, while 12 lawmakers opted to abstain.

Arroyo was the sole nominee for the position.

Alvarez was supposed to be ousted during the opening session in the morning, but his allies abruptly adjourned the session to stop other members from raising a motion to declare the Speaker's post vacant.

The House mace also went missing, thus preventing the transition from taking place before the SONA. The House cannot hold session without the mace in its proper place.

In the morning, at least 161 pro-Arroyo lawmakers had signed a manifesto voting for the former president to be the new head of the chamber.

"The House of Representatives, and the Nation, will benefit from the experience, competence, sobriety, steady, and unifying lead-

ership of former president and Rep. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo as Speaker," a copy of the manifesto circulated among reporters read.

"As many critical issues involving the future structure and framework of our government will need to be discussed very soon, a credible and competent House leadership will be needed to guide and steer the national debate towards a resolution of these pending issues," the document read.

Arroyo took her oath of office at the plenary hall rostrum "mic-less" and "mace-less", but it was Alvarez who welcomed Duterte to the Batasan Pambansa and sat in the Speaker's chair during the SONA.

Arroyo's allies had to re-do the voting after the SONA as her victory via the signing of a manifesto while the session was technically adjourned was deemed unofficial.

The second voting was done nominally, with the House mace returned to the plenary rostrum before Arroyo was declared as the new Speaker.

The former president immediately took oath after the votes were tallied.

Arroyo, who is on her third and last term as Pampanga representative, is the first former president named as House Speaker. She is also the first female to hold the position.

Bing Loyzaga points out difference when she works with ABS-CBN and GMA-7

Bing Loyzaga points out the difference of working with ABS-CBN and GMA-7: "The difference siguro is me in the sense wherein here, my roles are kontrabida. Sa kabila, medyo mabait ako."

After nine years, Bing Loyzaga returns to GMA-7 via the teleserye Kapag Nahati Ang Puso.

Her return to the Kapuso network comes after doing several teleseryes with ABS-CBN and TV5.

According to Bing, she did not feel any different even though she has not worked with the Kapuso network for a long time.

She said, "This is not my first time with GMA, I was with GMA for a long time and I was with ABS for a long time also.

"What's the difference? Siguro the difference is me. Hahaha!

"Kasi the people I've worked with before are still here, are still here and very much welcoming.

"The people I've worked with on the other side, same din."

However, she can remember only one difference in terms of the shows she did in the two networks.

She continued, "The difference siguro is me in the sense wherein here, my roles are kontrabida.

"Sa kabila, medyo mabait ako, medyo lang, konti lang.

"Pero dito, full-blown. Yun lang siguro.

"Pero the people that are working, you see the passion in anyone so I will not say 'This is better.'

"The passion is there, and when you have the passion you know you're working with the right people."

Among the shows Bing did in GMA-7 where she played the villain were: Saang Sulok ng Langit (2005), Kung Mamahalin Mo Lang Ako (2005) Sine Novela: Sinasamba Kita (2007), MariMar (2007), and Sine Novela: Paano Ba Ang Mangarap (2009).

In ABS-CBN, she also did a kontrabida role in Kay Tagal Kang Hinintay (2002).

However, her more recent roles with ABS-CBN were all kind-hearted characters like in My Girl (2008), Agua Bendita (2010), Rubi (2010), and Ikaw Lang Ang Ilibigin (2017).

Bing doesn't seem to be affected by network wars and rivalries.

She said about this, "Nasa sa kanila yun if they want to have rivalries or what.

"Pero with me, hey, this is just me so I'll just be me and whether there's rivalry or not, that's your problem, not mine. Hahaha!"

She also doesn't make a big deal of the talent fee she receives with her projects from both networks.

"I wouldn't be wherever if I'm not happy, and it's not really yung TF e, it's really about the projects.



"If you know that you will improve yourself with the projects, you can give something to the project, the role is challenging, you'll be working with other people, why not, di ba?"

"I think it's more of the whole package."

BEA'S KONTRABIDA. In Kapag Nahati Ang Puso, formerly titled Karibal Ko Ang Aking Ina, Bing's character Miranda will make life miserable for Bea Binene's character, Claire.

As seen in the trailer, Miranda gives Claire the cold treatment and hurts her physically sometimes.

Bing said about the meanness of her character, "Kailangan, e. Marami kasing pinagdaanan yung character ko kaya paggising niya sa umaga, galit na siya kaagad."

The 48-year-old actress then described her working relationship with Bea on the set.

She recalled, "The funny thing, I was explaining earlier doon sa ibang scenes namin where she needs to cry, we'd embrace.

"I'll help her get to that emotion na she needs to cry.

"Pero pag ready na siya at magte-take na kami, bruha na ako sa kanya. Hindi yun siyempre nakikita sa camera."

Bing praised Bea by saying, "She's such a sport, she's somebody who's open to anything and learning so I enjoy working with her.

"So sorry na lang, alam ko maraming magagalit sa akin with this character pero it comes with the job, di ba?"

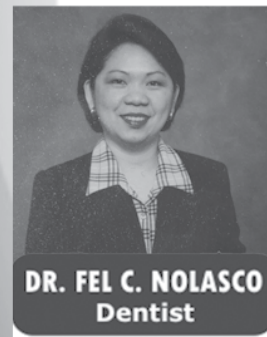
Vhong refuses 'kuya' tag from Winwyn

WINWYN Marquez says she couldn't believe it when she was told that she'd be Vhong Navarro's leading lady in his new comedy, "Unli Life." "Kasi never pa akong naging leading lady in a movie tapos, heto, si Vhong nga ang kapareha ko at entry pa ang movie namin sa Pista ng Pelikulang Pilipino," she says. "Sobrang surreal ang dating sa'kin na leading lady niya ako kasi noong bata pa ako, fan ako ng Streetboys nila na sumasayaw sa campaign rallies ng daddy ko (dating Parañaque Mayor Joey Marquez). I never thought magiging kapareha ko pala siya balang araw. But it's really an honor kasi sobrang mabait at maalaga siya. He treats everyone equally, mula sa co-stars hanggang sa production crew and even sa extras. Kuya Vhong nga ang tawag ko sa kanya noong una, pero pinaalis niya 'yung

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kuya, kasi leading lady raw niya ako. I'm really amazed na napaka-humble pala niya. Ang wish ko na lang ngayon, sana, makasama ko siyang sumayaw sa isang number, pero mukhang malabong makapag-promote kami together sa TV kasi magkaiba kami ng networks."

Another reason why she's so happy is that she also gets to do a movie for the first time with her dad, Joey Marquez. "It's really exciting kasi pati sa promos, magkasama kami. 'Yun nga lang, walang scene na magkasama kasi ang lagi niyang kaeksena, si Vhong. Sa story, I broke up with Vhong, he gets broken-hearted and goes to a bar para maglasing, and then na-meet niya roon ang dad ko who plays a mysterious bartender na pinainom siya ng drink called wish-key na puedeng magbalik sa kanya sa nakaraan, parang time machine. The movie is directed by Miko Livelo na ang gaganda ng ideas to make the audience laugh."

She plays different characters in the movie. "Sa tuwing magta-time travel kasi si Vhong, kasama rin niya ako sa bagong time period niya. So may stories kami noong panahon nina Adam and Eve, naging cave man and cave woman kami with the dinosaurs, nasama kami sa panahon na dumating si Magellan sa bansa, then noong panahon ng Katipunan, noong Japanese time, noong era ng vodavil at siyempre, nitong present time. Iba-iba ang costumes at make up ko sa bawat era."

Some folks are urging her to join Bb. Pilipinas pageant but she says as of now, she wants to devote her full time to her acting career. "Kasi aside from a new movie, I also have a new drama series, 'Pamilya Roces', where I play the daughter of Elizabeth Oropesa, who's a good friend of my mom. It's about the three wives of Roi Vinzon. The other wives are Gloria Diaz and Ana Roces. Anak ni Gloria Diaz sina Carla Abellana and Gabbi Garcia. Anak naman ni Ana Roces sina Jasmine Curtis Smith and Shaira Diaz. Magiging magkaagaw kami ni Carla over Rocco Nacino. Then I'm about to start a new movie, pero hindi ko pa puwedeng i-reveal ang details."

Her romance with Mark Herras remains strong. "Nag-enjoy siya playing the role of contrabida in 'The Cure'. Sawa na raw siya sa boy next door roles kaya gusto naman niya ng character roles."



Daniel Padilla accidentally announces need for toilet break on live video

Daniel Padilla had an awkward moment when he accidentally announced on live video how he badly needed a toilet break.

Padilla, with Kathryn Bernardo, had been scheduled to appear on the popular Thai talk show "The Anne Show" for a live interview. However, during the live feed Padilla started to whisper to Bernardo about his need to poop. The actor believed the video stream had already been cut and proceeded to talk casually with Bernardo while they sat and waited on a couch. Facebook user Jhane D. Bernardoford saved part of the footage and shared it in an Aug. 3 post.

"Natata* na talaga ako bal. Alam mo yung mainit na poopoo na basa, ganon (I really need to take a poop bal. You know that warm, wet kind of poopoo, like that)," whispered Padilla to Bernardo.

It was later revealed to Padilla that the camera was still rolling at the time and his lapel mic was active.

"Dan, Dan narinig namin saying natata* ka hahaha (Dan, Dan we heard you saying you needed to poop hahaha)," teased Bernardo.

The actress proceeded to have a good laugh with the staff in the background, while Padilla stood in front of the camera, trying to look dignified. The actor took everything in stride and quipped, "Kala ko kinat eh... Baket? Hindi tumata* artista, ganon (I thought they already said cut... What? Actors don't poop, is that it)?"

After saying this he himself broke into snicker, then joined Bernardo and the staff in laughter at his expense.

Padilla and Bernardo will be appearing in an upcoming romance drama "The Hows of Us" by Cathy Garcia-Molina. The film will premiere in cinemas on Aug. 29.

NADINE LUSTRE on making more music videos: "I'm really really excited for directing"

Nadine Lustre shares what kind of artist James Reid's music label Careless Music Manila is looking for.

After directing one of her boyfriend James Reid's music videos last year, Nadine Lustre admitted that her love for music has expanded from just singing and performing to doing more directing and editing as well starting this year. "I'm working on a lot of stuff now. Not just

for my music but for the whole Careless, yung kay James's label as well. I'll be directing some of the music videos for our new artists and for Bret (Jackson) also. It's going to be my second official time directing. The first was James's music video. I have a lot of ideas so I'm really, really excited for directing. Makikita niyo na lang yan," she shared.

Having gone through the process of auditioning herself when she was just starting out in showbiz as part of the girl group Pop Girls and even trying her luck lining up for Pinoy Big Brother,

"We don't want someone who can just sing..."

Nadine said those experiences have helped give her more insight when it comes to looking for new talent for James's music label Careless Music Manila. "I guess we just want someone who's unique. Someone who is really passionate for music. We don't want someone who can just sing kasi maraming talented na Pilipino na marunong kumanta but we're looking for artists who are really passionate about music just as much as we are," she said.

The 24-year-old singer-actress said she is happy with how their label is doing after being launched last December. "The search for artists it's actually James and Bret handling it kasi sila talaga yung musically inclined so sila marunong mamili kung sino yung magagaling tala-



ga. We have a lot of new artists and I'm really happy kasi the label is growing. Careless is growing so we have a lot of new artists na magagaling din talaga when it comes to composing and they have character din of course," she added. Artists who have heavily influenced Nadine include Jhene Aiko, Ariana Grande, and her favorite Lady Gaga. "I listen to a lot of jazzy chill na music so I can't really name artists pero yun yung pinaka top na pinakikinggan ko ngayon. Locally, marami din na underground artists I listen to," she said.

Are Kyle Echarri and Ylona Garcia still friends?

Following the issue concerning the state of things between Ylona Garcia and Kyle Echarri, the latter finally put to rest rumors that he and Ylona have decided to end their friendship.

Over a month ago, several fans started wondering where the Potato Squad (the name Darren Espanto, Ylona Garcia, Kyle Echarri, and AC Bonifacio call their group) was when Ylona needed their support when she opened up on social media that she went through depression and severe stress.

While Kyle did not reveal the reason as to what caused the misunderstanding between them, he assured fans that their friendship is still going strong.

"Ngayon parang sa akin po friends pa rin po kami. Nagkita po kami nung Sunday. We were talking about stuff. We're still friends, of course. I don't know where she is right now. I haven't seen her since. As for me, I still feel we're friends," he said during his launch as Star Music's sub-label Star Pop's newest artist last Monday, July 30.

Some fans took to Twitter last Sunday, July 29, to express their happiness after a video of Kyle cheering for Ylona made rounds online.

After releasing the music video for "Pangako," Kyle Echarri is set to release his second studio album soon.

LeMichelle Vito and Jon Lucas headline first big screen romance



Star Magic's Michelle Vito and Jon Lucas' fresh tandem is ready to make hearts melt with their first-ever big screen pairing in the romance-drama film "Dito Lang Ako."

JonChelle, as the new love team is called, play the role of Delfin and Nelia respectively, the young lovers whose resolve and affection have been tested by time and circumstances. The story revolves on how Nelia waits for

Delfin—a man she lost 40 years ago—to return. Unwilling to forget the romance that he spent with him, she recalls their tale amid the hustle and bustle of Quezon City.

As Nelia and Delfin's story unfolds, Dito Lang Ako becomes more than just a recollection of a past romance. It reveals an achingly compassionate story of heartfelt passion, tender moments and most of all, unselfish love.

First lead roles Vito and Lucas are both grateful to finally fulfill their dream of headlining a movie.

"Of course all actors want to become a lead, and now that I'm here, it's such a great feeling," Vito enthused at the movie's media conference.

Meanwhile, Lucas admitted he felt pressured over the project since he doesn't have any "hugot" (personal experiences) yet to help him with his character. What calmed his nerves though was the thought he was sharing the screen with Vito.

"When I learned I'd be paired with Michelle, I was very happy because she's really close to me. It was then I started to become comfortable although I have to



keep up with her because she's one amazing actress," he said.

Both set the record straight, however, that no matter how close they've become since joining Star Magic Batch 19 in 2013, they never took their relationship a step further.

"While we were launched in Star Magic, we had a lot of workshops and we were together almost everyday. We clicked because we have the same personalities—we're both bubbly and we're real. And because of that, our families became close to each other as well," Vito related.

Message Amid expectations and pressures, Vito and Lucas take comfort in the fact that they each gave their best in the movie. They believe that anything less than that would not be right because they were given such a valuable opportunity.

Asked what takeaway they would like their audience to gain from Dito Lang Ako, Lucas replied, "That challenges are not enough reason for couples to give up on love. They need to fight for it until the end because it's worth it," he said.

Directed by Roderick Lindayag and produced by Blade Entertainment, Dito Lang Ako is written by Harvey Aquino and Fanny Dychiao.

Also in the cast are Boots Anson-Roa, Freddie Webb, Rey "PJ" Abellana, DJ Durano, James Deakin, Garie Concepcion, Senpai Kazu and Roadfill of "Moymoy Palaboy."



Nora wants to write autobiography

NORA Aunor and Gina Alajar, two of the country's most awarded actresses, have worked together before in films like "Andrea, Paano Ba Maging Isang Ina" and "Condemned", but as co-stars. Now, they're working together again in GMA-7's new teleserye, "Onanay", but this time with Nora as lead actress and Gina as the director. At the presscon, we were lucky to have been seated with Ate Guy on the same table while she's having dinner and we ask her how is it being directed by Gina Alajar?

"Para lang nung idirek lang ako ni Ricky Davao sa last soap ko, 'Little Nanay', mas kam-pante agad ako kasi pareho kaming artista kaya nagkakaintindihan kami agad. Walang problema at all," she says.

She expresses her happiness to be part of a trend-setting show like "Onanay". "Sobrang ka-kaiba ito kasi binigyan ng GMA ng break to play lead ang isang maliit na taong gaya ni Jo Berry, na siyang gumaganap bilang anak ko sa istorya," she says. "Lagi siyang inaapi dahil kulang siya sa height at ako ang tagapagtanggol niya. Marami siyang pinagdaanan dito. Pinakasalan siya ni Adrian Alandy pero inapi-api siya ng biyenan niyang si Cherie Gil. Nagka-baby sila, si Kate Valdez, pero kinuha at pinalaki ni Cherie kaya ikinahihiya si Jo. Nagkaroon ng isa pang anak si Jo nang ma-rape siya, si Mikee Quintos, na hindi naman niya gaanong pinapansin kasi nga produkto ng rape."

So how is Jo as an actress considering she has no previous acting experience? "Magaling siya, parang hindi baguhan. Maraming maiyak sa mga eksena namin dito."

How's her health now? "Okay naman. Kaya lang, nagkaroon ako ng asthma. So sabi ng doktor, bawal ako mapagod masyado."

We heard she has cases filed in Bicol for some of her properties that were illegally claimed by others? "Yes. kaya nga pabalik-balik ako noon sa Bicol, mga three times a week. Awa ng Diyos, baka maayos naman. 40 hectares din 'yun ng palayan and 25 hectares ng niyugan. Sayang naman."

How's her kids? "Okay naman. 'Yung apo ko kay Ian, napaka-cute. Gwapo." Does she know that Lotlot is getting married soon to her Lebanese boyfriend? "Hindi. Naku, Kuya, huwag na lang natin pag-usapan 'yan."

How about her own love life? "Ay, wala. I swear. Hindi ko naman hinahanap. Ang gusto kong gawin ngayon is to write my autobiography. Sino kayang puwedeng tumulong sa akin?"

We pointed to writer Nestor Cuartero who was seated with us. "Ay, Kuya Nestor, pwede mo kong tulungan?" she asks him directly.

Nestor quickly agrees. "So mag-set tayo ng meeting. This will be a series of interbyuhan."

We said it should be no holds barred. "Ay, oo. Lahat ng totoong nangyari sa'kin, wala akong itatago."

THE BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ONLINE AND MAINSTREAM CELEBRITIES

WE'VE talked to some producers before who were enthusiastic in getting so called Youtube sensations who they cast in their movies hoping it would help attract viewers. "Ang dami niyang followers sa Youtube at sa social media," one producer told us, referring to a young actress who started with a reality show. "So pre-sold na 'yan. Maraming manonood sa movie niya."

But as the producer knows by now, this is not what happened as their film project flopped. Another producer cast a Youtube sensation with allegedly a million subscribers to play one of the leads in not just one but in two of their movies. Sadly, both projects laid big fat eggs at the box office.

Another producer is so happy to cast another Youtube sensation with millions of followers in Instagram in a youth movie launching new actors. "More than 1 million ang followers niya sa vlog niya," she enthuses. But sadly, that one million followers didn't show up at the theaters where her movie was shown.

This proves that it doesn't mean that just because you are a celebrity on the online universe, who can create your own content that can go viral, then you're also automatically be a sure gold mine on TV screens and at the movie theaters. In other words, the internet is not exactly the ideal launch pad for new celebrities who can branch out to movies or TV. Youtubers may be stars in their own right, like Moy-

moy Palaboy and U.S. based comedians Mikey Bustos and Jokoy, but they don't necessarily branch out successfully into local mainstream entertainment venues. The fact remains na hanggang sa internet lang sila sikat.

The same goes for producers who think the internet can be a big help to promote their movies or TV shows. "Milyon-milyon ang hits niyan," says one producer about a guy who they invite to their presscons and then posts the Q&A portions with stars on their sites. That may be true, but is it really an effective way of promoting their movies?

As one old timer in the industry says: "Yung mga nanonood sa internet, doon lang nila talaga gusto manood, sa cellphones nila. But

they won't go out of their way to dress up, go to a mall theatre and actually watch movies on the big screen. Magkaiba pa rin ang mundo ng internet at ng movies and television. Iba ang market at audience ng Youtube at iba rin ang sa movies at TV."

So there. And it's true. Youtubers and social media stars may have their own followers, but as of now, the stars of movies and TV remain to be more popular than them, even as idols who make their fans scream and as endorsers of various products.



FIRST, Precious, Mike Aprieto, Celine Grey, Ronnie Grey and Gene Elampara attend Flavours Festival.

SECOND, Suzy Llanera poses with Fashion Designer John Ablaza.

THIRD, Zena Zagaa, Suzy Llanera and Deo Moreno enjoy Flavours festival.

Filipino Nursing Student Injured In Danforth Shooting May Walk Again, Boyfriend Says

Danielle Kane ran outside to help a gunshot victim, unaware that the shooter was still outside.

TORONTO — A nursing student who took a bullet to the spine while rushing to help a wounded victim of the Toronto Greektown shooting is gradually coming out of a medically induced coma, but the full extent of her injuries is not yet



known, her boyfriend said Tuesday.

Danielle Kane, 31, was shot as she and her partner, nurse Jerry Pinksen, rushed out of a Danforth Avenue restaurant on July 22, hoping to put their life-saving training to use.

"Doctors said that worst-case scenario, she's in a wheelchair with the use of her arms and torso, and best-case scenario she's going to be walking with an aid or a walker of some sort," said Pinksen, 35, who has been with Kane for nearly two years.

"I've been through some emotional distress but Danielle right now is suffering from potentially a lifelong deficit, so I want to make sure that people recognize how selfless she was, trying to race out there and help someone, not knowing what we were going to meet outside the door."

"I want to make sure that people recognize how selfless she was." Jeremy Pinksen

Kane, who studies nursing at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, had immediately wanted to help, Pinksen said.

"Those compassionate, selfless tendencies, they're why we fell in love, and that's why we're together right now."

The shooting left 10-year-old Julianna Kozis and 18-year-old Reese Fallon dead, and 13 others injured.

Sunshine Cruz wants to be a licensed psychiatrist + other stories

Hindi inaasahan ng aktres na si Sunshine Cruz na magiging bida pa siya sa isang teleserye sa edad niyang 41 anyos.

Noong mag-comeback siya sa pag-arte noong 2013 pagkatapos niyang makipaghiwalay sa mister niyang si Cesar Montano, puro mga supporting roles ang ginagawa niya sa mga teleserye.

Ngayon, sa kanyang pagbalik sa GMA-7, bida siya kasama ang Kapuso teen actress na si Bea Binene sa teleseryeng *Kapag Nahati Ang Puso*.

Maayos daw niyang naipaalam sa ABS-CBN na may tinanggap siyang teleserye sa GMA-7.

"Hindi naman ako ang klase ng tao na basta na lang aalis. Maayos po ang pagpapalam ko sa mga tao sa ABS-CBN.

GRATEFUL TO ABS-CBN. Dagdag ni Sunshine, malaki ang tinatanaw niyang utang na loob sa ABS-CBN dahil ito ang unang nag-alok ng trabaho sa kanya noong magbalik-showbiz siya.

"Nabuhay ko po nang maayos ang tatlong anak ko dahil sa mga ginawa kong projects with ABS-CBN.

"Tatanawin kong malaking utang na loob ko iyon sa kanila.

"Matagal nang may offer ang GMA-7 sa akin, parati lang may nauuna sa kanila.

"Pero this time, natanggap ko na ang offer nila at tamang-tama dahil pasukan na naman ng mga kids sa school.

"Malaking tulong ito for me," pagpapasalamat niya.

HIGHER EDUCATION. Pagkatapos niyang maka-graduate sa kursong BA Psychology sa Arellano University, nasa plano rin ni Shine na kumuha ng Master's degree.

"Mag-tipon muna ako para ma-afford ko yung pagma-Master.

"Nagkaroon ako ng interest sa psychology dahil na rin sa behavior ng mga taong nasa paligid ko.

"I want to know kung bakit nagbabago ang isang tao. I want to learn about human behavior.

"Gusto ko talagang magkaroon ng sarili kong clinic at maging certified licensed psychiatrist ako balang-araw.

"Lalo na dito sa showbiz, marami akong magiging pasyente!

"Maraming akong kilalang paiba-iba ng ugali at iyon ang gusto kong hanapan ng mga sagot," pahayag niya.

Solenn Heussaff admits getting depressed over 'tumataba ka' remarks

Solenn Heussaff: "Some people on set would tell me I was getting bigger. Even though they were saying it jokingly, it still affected me."

Solenn Heussaff admitted to having her own personal battle with depression in 2017.

In her latest blog post, she revealed, "I've never shared this in public before, but I had my own struggles with mental health just last year.

"I remember I had weeks with no work, and just not doing anything made me doubt myself."

The host/actress/painter/singer also mentioned how seemingly-harmless "tumataba ka" remarks figured in it.

She continued, "During the days I would have work, some people on set would tell me I was getting bigger.

"Even though they were saying it jokingly, it still affected me.

"So I went on a crazy overdrive. I worked out and dieted to the extreme, tried to get as much work as I could.

"Because of the stress I was putting on myself, I got an anxiety attack at work.

"I still remember that during the attack, my face looked like it was melting and I had to go to the hospital.

"I couldn't understand what was happening to me."

Solenn, however, had to keep things to herself because, partly, she didn't want to be judged.

"Clearly, more people had bigger problems than me. Yet I was still struggling mentally and emotionally, but at the same time, I didn't think I had valid reasons to be struggling.

"So I didn't want to talk to my family or my friends about it, because I was afraid to be judged and I was afraid they would get so worried.

"I didn't want to see a psychologist, because I couldn't admit that there was something wrong with me."

The Kapuso star found her safe space in a healing method called "ThetaHealing."

According to an official Vienna Stibal ThetaHealing website, it is a "meditation technique and spiritual philosophy" that trains your mind, body, and spirit to "clear limiting beliefs and live life with positive thoughts, developing virtues in all that we do."

This method created by Vienna Stibal in 1995 isn't associated with any specific religion, but its purpose is to enhance one's relation to the "Creator of All."

Creator refers to "the spirit that intertwines and binds all things in existence."

Going back to Solenn's post, this technique helped her get through her struggle.

"I talked to a person who helped me release everything I was holding on to—the stress, the pain, the doubts. And it felt good.

"I was talking to someone who didn't know me, so there was no room to be judged.

"I felt lighter and more motivated again after that."

Rehashed teleseryes a way of life for Filipinos

KAHIT sabihing paulit-ulit ang tema ng mga teleserye (pamagat and names of characters lang ang nababago) walang sawa pa rin itong pinapanood ng sambayanang Pilipino. It has become a way of life.

Pinakamapusok na drama sa telebisyon is how Halik is being promoted by Kapamilya which starts airing this Monday, July 30. It is about love and unfaithfulness.

Drama king Jericho Rosales topbills Halik with strong support mula kina Yen Santos, Yam Concepcion at Sam Milby. Tiwala ang director na si Ruel Bayani na susuportahan ng madlang pipol ang bagong primetime teleserye because of the powercast na ngayon lamang pinagsama in a teleserye. "They did not disappoint me nor will they disappoint the viewer sa ipinamalas nilang husay sa pag-arte."

JAYA NEW GONG QUEEN?

EVERYTIME na si Jaya ang umuupo bilang pinunong hurado ng TNT sa It's Showtime, something disastrous happens to a contestant. In short, lagging may nabibiktima ng gong. Si Jaya ang may

pinakamaraming naging casualty. There was a month na dalawang contestant ang nakatikim ng alingawang gong which is good for the remaining contestant dahil wala na siyang kalaban except the defending champion. Hindi kami magtataka kung mabansagan si Jaya as Gong Queen.

Masyado bang napakataas ng criteria ni Jaya bilang hurado? She should take into consideration na walang formal training ang mga sumasalapi na karamihan ay nagmumula pa sa malalayo at liblib na lugar.

JOJO NEEDS A TRIM

BUONG akala namin ay tuluyan nang namamalam si Jojo Alejar sa television. He is still active on a channel na we seldom watch. Which is a pity because Jojo still makes us laugh. His program is now called Medyo Late Show ni Jojo. May gusto lang kaming imungkahi kay Jojo. Please visit the nearest barber-shop at baka pamugaran ng ibon ang malago niyang buhok. Enjoy a good trim which will make him look a lot younger.

Yasmien-Jackie catfights: Never beyond on-cam

YASMIEN Kurdi and Jackie Rice's catfight scenes are a big hit in GMA's toprating afternoon soap, "Hindi Ko Kayang Iwan Ka", that will end in September to be replaced by Ken Chan's show where he plays a mentally challenged man. Don't they ever get "pikon" with all the slaps and punches they exchange with each other?

"Ay, hindi uso ang pikunan sa amin," says Yasmien, whose prowess in doing drama is getting better by the day. "Before each take, pinag-uusapan muna naming mabuti ang aming gagawing movements, so we will know what to expect kapag gumigiling na ang kamera."

"And so far so good," adds Jackie. "Maganda ang feedback ng viewers, nabubuwisit sila sa contravida character ko, and the consistently high ratings prove we're doing the right thing. Pero even if you'd think na nagkakasakitan kami in our very physical scenes, off cam, okay na okay kami ni Yasmien. Hindi namin dinadala sa totoong buhay ang roles at mga eksenang ginagawa namin sa harap ng kamera."

"Maganda ang bonding namin ni Jackie off cam," adds Yasmien. "Kahit nagsasampalan kami sa eksena, pag sigaw ng cut, masaya pa rin kami. We have a good team work for the good of the show."

Both Yasmien and Jackie are Starstruck discoveries, Batch 1 and 3, respectively. Through the years, they have developed into competent, convincing drama actresses. Our wish for them is to also get the chance to do full length movies that will showcase their impressive talent as two of our most persuasive actresses in the industry today.



ABOVE, The BCCA-Bicol Canada Community Association hold a Zumba fundraising with former actress and Zumba Instructor Aurora Halili Laurel.

Tanfelix at Kylene Alcantara; Bianca at Kylene, may silent feud? + other stories



Ang totoong pagsampal ni Bianca Umali kina Miguel Tanfelix at Kylene Alcantara sa mga eksena nila sa Thursday night (July 19) episode ng Kambal, Karibal ang dahilan kaya lalong tumindi ang mga haka-hakamng ay problema sa sa isa't isa ang lead stars ng prime time television series ng GMA-7.

Ang makatotohanang slapping scenes ang isa sa mga dahilan kaya inaabangan ng viewers ang mga susunod na episode ng Kambal, Karibal dahil kumbinsido silang may tensiyon sa set ng programa.

Isang Cabinet Files informant ang nagsabing masakit pa rin ang pisngi ni Miguel, isang araw matapos kunan ang confrontation scene nila ni Bianca dahil tinotoo nito ang pagsampal sa kanya.

Tulad ng plot ng Kambal, Karibal, si Kylene ang pinararatangang third party sa rumored breakup nina Miguel at Bianca.

Pero pinabulaanan ito ng isang malapit kay Kylene, na napansin ang acting ability sa unang teleserye project niya sa GMA-7, kaya may anggulo ring insecure sa kanya si Bianca.

Idinagdag ng Cabinet Files source na hindi gimmick para sa nalalapit na pagtatapos sa August 3 ng Kambal, Karibal ang silent feud sa pagitan nina Bianca at

Kylene, na naging tunay na magkaribal tulad ng pamagat ng prime time show nila sa GMA-7.

Postscript: Isang movie company ang interesadong mag-produce ng pelikula na pagbibidahan nina Miguel, Bianca, at Kylene pero walang katiyakan kung matutuloy ito dahil sa kontrobersiyang kinasasangkutan ng mga artista ng Kambal, Karibal.

Coco not directing his new film with Vic

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According to Coco Martin, he will not serve as director of the project he will star opposite Vic Sotto which is intended for the forthcoming Metro Manila Film Festival. The movie titled Popoy En Jack: The Pulis-credibles will be under the helm of Mike Tuviera instead.

"Unlike last year when I directed my MMFF entry Panday, this time, it's not possible since I'm directing my currently airing soap Ang Probinsyano on ABS-CBN. I believe Mike will do a great job considering his impressive track record. But I will be involved in the creative side," Coco says.

This early, the popular actor is very excited with the project which is a co-production among M-Zet, APT Entertainment and CCM Films.

"Who wouldn't be? It will be my first time

to work with Bosing and it's a big honor. I've been very vocal in saying that I'm a huge fan of TVJ ever since. I'm grateful that he accepted my offer for a collaboration. I really conceptualized the project for the two of us. I'm simply happy that we were chosen."

Coco Martin talks about his new film, Vic Sotto, and Maine Mendoza

Reports have been circulating that Maine Mendoza will also be part of the film as his love interest.

"To be honest, we're still finalizing things right now. But I'm very much open to the idea. Maine is one of those female stars whom I want to work with even before. I feel we both appeal to the masses. I just hope her camp will consider once we make the offer."

Many ask when he'll do a film again with good friend Vice Ganda. It can be remembered that their two previous MMFF entries in recent years were certified top-grossers.

"There's no offer yet for us to do a film. I think he has also an entry this year and the plot is exciting, too. Regarding a possible team-up with him again in the coming days, who knows? We might be able to come up with a good concept."

Is the misunderstanding between him and Vic already settled?

"I admit that we had a little tiff last year. I guess it's normal between friends. But we've buried the hatchet already. Last year, when we saw each other during the MMFF parade, we hugged like nothing really happened. After that, we're okay once again," ends Coco.



'Not ready to leave yet': Fox to file new appeal against deportation order

MANILA - Australian nun Patricia Fox is not ready to leave Philippines yet, her home for nearly three decades.

"Parang naging home na dito kaya I hope I can stay," she told "Bandila sa DZMM".

The 71-year-old missionary, who has again been ordered by the Bureau of Immigration (BI) to leave the country, plans to file a fresh appeal to block her deportation.

"According to my lawyers, we can still appeal," she said.

The bureau ordered the deportation of Fox for allegedly violating the terms of her missionary visa because of her supposed partisan political activities.

The bureau also ordered that Fox be placed on an immigration watch list and barred from returning to the Philippines.

Upon hearing the news, the human rights advocate said she was dismayed by the order.

"Siyempre, malungkot ako na nangyari ngayon itong decision kasi habang walang decision may malaking pag-asa na iba ang lalabas," Fox said.

In June, the Department of Justice (DOJ) revoked the order issued by the bureau to forfeit Fox's missionary visa on technical grounds.

The DOJ resolution said, "This office cannot sanction BI's resort to a visa forfeiture procedure, and [BI] orders against [Fox] which result therefrom. To hold otherwise will legitimize [BI's] assertion of a power that does not exist in our laws."

Fox earlier said her missionary work involves dealing with farmers, indigenous peoples, and victims of social injustice.

She serves as superior of the Notre Dame de Sion in the Philippines, a congregation of Catholic nuns.

INVITATION

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Whong Navarro on working with Kapuso artists: "Hindi naman tayo magkakalaban."

Whong Navarro and Winwyn Marquez, who are both from rival stations, open up about the experience of working with a co-star from another network.

Whong Navarro and Teresita Ssen "Winwyn" Marquez are thankful for the chance to work with artists from rival networks in acting projects, such as in the movies.

Whong, who is a Kapamilya artist, and

Winwyn, who is a Kapuso star, act opposite each other in Unli Life, the upcoming movie by Regal Entertainment, Inc.

While artists from rival networks are often pitted against each other, Whong says it is not always about rivalry among celebrities. "Kasi nagkikita-kita naman kami, e, halimbawa sa mall or kung may iba-ibang party ng mga kaibigan," explains the It's Showtime host.

However, in most cases, their network affiliation prohibits them from working with each other.

That is why Whong is happy that some film outfits bring these stars together for a project.

"Kumbaga ang ginagawa ng Regal kasi, ang ganda, kasi napagsasama yung iba-ibang [artists from different] stations.

"Kasi hindi naman tayo magkakalaban. We're friends. Wala naman talaga [rivalry].

"Kumbaga may kanya-kanya lang istasyon, pero ang ginagawa ng mga istasyon is nagpapasaya ng mga tao. Gano'n naman.

Parehas ang pag-iisip nila.

"Kaya lang hindi lang nagkakaroon ng time kasi nga meron exclusive sa ganito, sa ganyan.

"Kaya eto yung happy kami dahil nagkakatrabaho kami," said Whong about working with fellow artists from different networks.

For her part, Winwyn says apart from working with artists from other networks, she is thankful to learn from them.

The beauty-queen-actress described her experience with working with Kapamilya stars, "Alam mo, it's very different, e. Ang gandang opportunity.

"Hindi lang ako nasa isang area. At least, sa films, nakakasama kong maka-work yung ibang network artists and it's nice kasi I also learn from them."

Unli Life also stars Joey Marquez, Jon Lucas, Alex Calleja, Donna Cariaga, Kamille Filoteo with the special participation of Dimples Romana, Joem Bascon, Epi Quizon, and Jhong Hilario.



FIRST, Broadcast members of Talakayan Radyo Filipino - Pinoy Radio share a "streetfood" lunch at Eskenita Foods, North York on July 28, 2018 . Shown clockwise: Jess Cabrias, Nelson Galvez, Tony San Juan, Randy Bucao, Bobby & Lorna Achacon and May Cabrias, (Photo by: Jimmy of Eskenita). SECOND, Belinda Reyas and family poses with singer Alyssa Datu at her concert. THIRD, Belinda Reyes, daughter Katherine and mabel Cerezo distribute some flyers for their upcoming concert productions.



Chynna Ortaleza wants to run a TV network someday



Chynna Ortaleza wants to be a top network executive like Atty. Felipe Gozon of GMA-7 and Ms. Charo Santos of ABS-CBN: "Opo! Sorry ha, alam ko sasabihin ng iba, parang ang taas naman, pero iyon po talaga, e."

Masipag si Chynna Ortaleza sa pag-attend ng mga acting workshops ng GMA Artist Center kahit masasabing kilala na siya sa kahusayan sa pag-arte.

Para kay Chynna, kailangan pa niya, "Well, definitely, it's the fact na naba-validate lang na marami pa akong bagay na hindi alam.

"Kasi dangerous territory yung feeling mo na, 'Ang tagal ko na dito [sa showbiz], alam ko na eksakto kung ano'ng magwo-work."

"Dangerous siya kasi it stunts you, di ba? It doesn't make you expand as an artist, as a human being.

"Siguro yung journey ko sa pagwo-workshop din, tsaka hindi rin ako resistant.

"Pag nagsasabi ang [GMA] Artist Center, 'O, meron tayong bagong workshop, kung gusto nyong sumali.'

"Nagko-commit ako sa kanila kasi alam ko na kailangan kong matuto.

"I mean, continuous learning, life is a continuous learning.

"So any kind of parang opportunity that propels, or parang also teaches and encourages learning further, papasukin ko yun."

AIMING HIGH. Nang tanungin namin si Chynna kung ano ang tinutukoy niyang eksaktong aspeto o larangan ay nagulat kami sa sagot niya.

"I'd like to be parang in the executive position of a production or like mounting these things."

Nais ba niyang maging executive producer? "No, mataas po talaga ever since... actually, bata pa lang ako.

Sa madaling salita, nais ni Chynna na balang-araw ay magpatakbo ng isang buong TV network.

Nais ba niyang maging katulad ng GMA Chairman and CEO na si Atty. Felipe Gozon?

"Opo! Sorry ha, alam ko sasabihin ng iba, parang ang taas naman, pero iyon po talaga, e."

Dahil babae siya, gusto ba niyang matulad kay Ms. Charo Santos-Concio na naging artista muna bago naging top executive ng ABS-CBN?

"Actually, oo isa rin siya sa mga tao na parang pag nakikita ko siya nai-inspire ako sa kanya.

"Iyon talaga iyon, honestly."

Kapamilya at Kapuso, nagsasama na

Talents ng Kapamilya at Kapuso, nagsasama na KUNG malabong magsama sa isang TV project ang stars and talents ng magkaribal na istasyon (ABS-CBN and GMA), hindi naman ito imposible pagdating sa pelikula. Karamihan kasi sa kanila ay walang exclusive movie contracts with their respective TV networks.

Sa unang pagkakataon ay magkasama sa isang major movie project sina Vic Sotto at Coco Martin kasama si Maine Mendoza sa upcoming Metro

Manila Film Festival entry, ang "Jack Em Popoy: The PulisCredibles" na joint production ng CCM Productions ni Coco, M-Zet Productions ni Vic at APT Entertainment ni G. Tony Tuviera. Si Coco ay isa sa prime talents ng Kapamilya Network habang sina Vic at Maine, although not as contract stars, ay very much identified with the Kapuso Network dahil sa "Eat Bulaga."

First time ding makakasama ni Vice Ganda sa kanyang MMFF movie, ang "Fantastica: The Princesses, The Prince and the Perya" ang Kapuso prime actor na si Dingdong Dantes at dating Kapuso Primetime King na si Richard Gutierrez na isa nang Kapamilya ngayon. Malalaman natin kung papayagan si Dingdong na mag-promote sa mga programa ng ABS-CBN including Vice Ganda's "Gandang Gabi Vice" at "It's Showtime."

Ang isa pang cross network collaboration ay ang pagsasama sa pelikula nina Kim Chiu na isang Kapamilya at Dennis Trillo na isang Kapuso sa "One Great Love" movie na ipu-produce ng Regal Entertainment to be directed by Eric Quizon.

Expecting for more collaborations which is good for the industry.

Boss Vic at Boss Orly Nag-usap Muli

SINCE common na ang joint productions ng magkakahiwalay na film outfits, mukhang mangyayari rin ito sa magpinsang Vic del Rosario, Jr. (ng Viva Films at Orly Ilacad (ng OctoArts Films).

Sa pagkakaalam namin ay nag-usap na sina Boss Vic at Boss Orly for a possible joint venture in the future.

Dati nang business partners ang magpinsan sa pamamagitan ng kanilang dating record company na Vicor Music Corporation. Balak nilang pangalanang Vicor Films ang kanilang joint venture para sa mga pelikulang magkatulong nilang ipu-produce.

Ryan, rest muna sa EB

MARAMI ang nagtataka kung bakit hindi napanood lately sa "Eat Bulaga" ang isa sa hosts at Dabarkads ng programa na si Ryan Agoncillo. Wala rin siya nang mag-celebrate ang longest-running noontime show on television ng kanilang ika-39th anniversary.

Napag-alaman na kailangan umano ni Ryan na mag-focus muna sa regular therapy na may kinalaman sa kanyang knee operation. Pagkatapos nito ay saka umano ito babalik sa "Eat Bulaga".

Pero habang naka-leave si Ryan ay nagkaroon siya ng mas mahabang panahon to spend with his family, with wife, Judy Ann Santos at tatlo nilang anak na sina Yohan, Lucho at Luna.

Heart Balik trabaho

MULING lumagda ng TV network contract with GMA ang Viva managed star na si Heart Evangelista na huling napanood sa "My Korean Jagiya" in 2017 kung saan niya naging co-star ang Korean singer-actor na si Alexander Lee.

After her miscarriage sa magiging first baby sana nila ng husband niyang si Sen. Chiz Escudero, balik-trabaho ang singer-actress-painter at celebrity endorser.

Toronto's Taste of Manila festival is (officially) going ahead

Organizers of a massive Filipino food festival say the August event is going ahead.

The official announcement comes one day after emergency talks with the mayor and city officials.

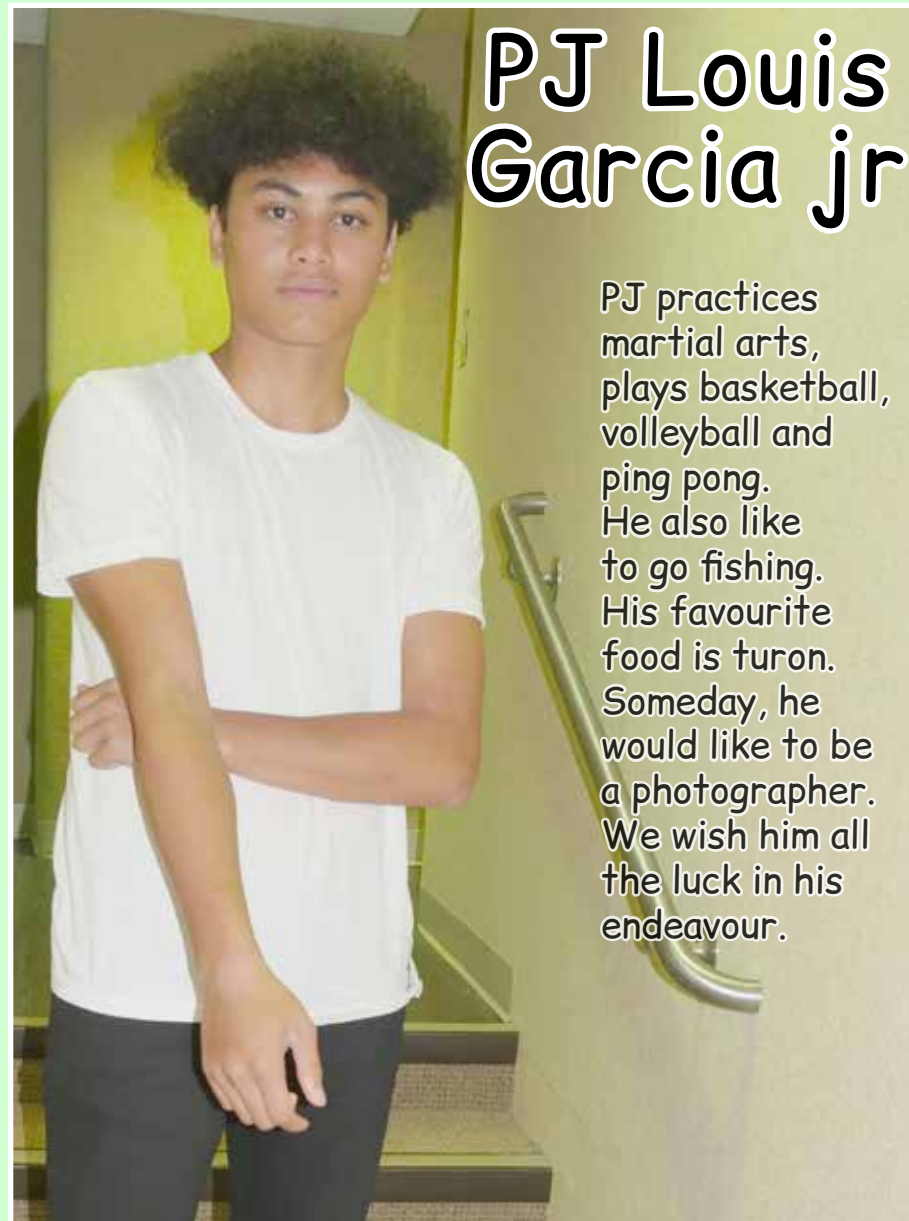
The event had been cancelled earlier this month over rising costs, but now it's set to take place on Aug. 18-19.

The summer festival, held in the Bathurst Street and Wilson Avenue area, has grown rapidly since its start in 2014, when organizers hoped to get 5,000 people. That year 75,000 people showed up, and two years later, that number surged again to 350,000 people, including Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Taste of Manila bills itself as the "largest Filipino street festival outside the Philippines."

Hunk Shot

PJ Louis Garcia jr



PJ practices martial arts, plays basketball, volleyball and ping pong. He also like to go fishing. His favourite food is turon. Someday, he would like to be a photographer. We wish him all the luck in his endeavour.

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Nine Fantastic FilCans File for Elective Posts in the Greater Toronto Area

By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

The dust has barely settled and the smoke had just snapped out, as they said, in the recently-held June 7th Ontario provincial election and now, 9 courageous but ambitious Filipino Canadians have entered the political arena for the coming city civic elections in Canada's premier province. The fantastic nine, as reported, have declared their respective candidacies for civic positions in the scheduled October 22nd, 2018 municipal election in the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario. Comparatively, the number of candidates is fewer this time than in the 2014 election, as 14 FilCans ran for municipal posts then.

Yes, dear kababayans. The coming-up generation of fellow Pinoys running for elective office at this point in time are Benjamin Abis, Randy Bucac, Alex Chiu, Paulina Corpuz, Marlene Mogado, Miles Roque, Luz Del Rosario, Rowena Santos, and Garry Tanuan. In



terms of elective civic posts, of the nine candidates, 6 are seeking for Councillor position and three are for School Board Trustees. Thus, out of the "lucky 9" politicians, three are reelectionists, 4 are new nominees while two are come-backing candidates.

Meeting the challenges, Philippine-educated lawyer Benjamin Abis is vying for Trustee of Etobicoke's Ward 1 of the Toronto Catholic District School Board-TCDSB. Randolph "Randy" Bucac, a Philippine-trained mechanical engineer and telecom cabling expert in Canada is seeking the Councillor position for Toronto's Ward 40 - Scarborough Centre area. Long-serving Tsinoy Councillor Alex Chiu is going for his 11th term as Markham alderman for Ward 8 while community leader and social-cause advocate Paulina Corpuz, has declared her candidacy for Councillor in Toronto's Ward 39. Marlene Mogado, 3-term YCDSB Trustee is stepping up to the next level to become a city councillor for Markham's Ward 5. Second generation FilCan Miles Roque is running for Ward 1 Councillor in the City of Mississauga. Twice-elected Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board Trustee Luz Del Rosario is going for her reelection in Wards 6 & 11. A former Toronto Council candidate in 2006, Rowena Santos (PHOTO) will do her best to bag the Wards 1 & 5 Councillor post in Brampton. After serving faithfully for almost 2 terms, faith-focused leader Garry Tanuan is seeking reelection as TCDSB Trustee for Scarborough's Ward 8.

In respect of political candidacy experience, R. Bucac, P. Corpuz and R. Santos are taking their "second chances"..... with Randy Bucac as a former Council candidate for York Centre, and Paulina Corpuz for TCDSB trustee in the 2014 municipal election and Rowena Santos, for Toronto Councillor in 2006. This is the first attempt for Catholic community leader Ben Abis to get into school board politics while Miles Roque and Marlene Mogado are vying for Councillor for the first time too. Running for reelection are Markham Councillor Alex Chiu and Dufferin and Toronto Catholic school board trustees Luz Del Rosario and Garry Tanuan, respectively.

All the FilCan political candidates are well-qualified, have solid professional backgrounds & experience and strong advocacy & volunteer service in their communities, as well. They have demonstrated admirable people skills and divergent foci in working towards helping and organizing initiatives for the "common good". These determined candidates have organized their own campaign teams and are still seeking for more volunteers. When asked, the 9 Pinoys are hoping that if elected each of them pledge to uphold their political platform, goals & aspirations, to engage & advocate for local issues, and to serve as the relevant voice for their respective constituencies as well as the "long voiceless members" of the ever-growing Filipino Canadian community. Let us all support our own kababayan-candidates "for a better tomorrow" in our very discriminating FilCan community. (Tony A. San Juan)

Kyline Alcantara is now 'La Nueva Diva'

SHOWBUZZ had an enjoyable afternoon with Kyline Alcantara at a friend's house in Bulacan on Sunday. You see over merienda, she took on the new social media craze dubbed, the "Keke Challenge," first popularized in the US.



A friend dared Kyline to do it, which meant she had to hop into her car, play the song "In My Feelings" by international artist Drake, get out of the car and dance her heart out.

Even if it was just for fun, Kyline raised the challenge to her typical performance level. And so short as it was, everyone around her stopped to watch including 65,000 views on Showbuzz' Facebook page minutes after posting. Later that evening, the clip gathered more than a million views.

That's Kyline, the social media darling and indeed showbiz' new star. For, despite portraying a kontrabida role in the hit series "Kambal Karibal," her TV character doesn't stop people from liking her. Her fanbase continues to grow by the number that, as Showbuzz reported before, she ended up performing on an escalator because of the sheer volume of people who came to see her at a mall show.

"I'm happy that they like me. I'm happy I bring them joy," said Kyline referring to her fans. "Ako naman, I want them to feel I give them importance. I want them to know I appreciate their efforts."

In Kambal Karibal, Kyline has proven she is indeed worthy of the title "La Nueva Kontrabida," but with her rising popularity, she has definitely become more than a TV villainess. She has proven she is not only a good actress, but also a very good singer and dancer. Proof is how GMA Records wasted no time in signing her up as the latest addition to the label's roster of artists.

Kyline has finished recording her first song for her debut album and is getting ready for her first concert at Sky Dome on September 8 in time for her 16th birthday.

Now that Kyline is proving she is one versatile artist a showbiz observer declared she is already too big for her initial title, La Nueva Kontrabida as she is now La Nueva Diva!

Not one to focus titles, Kyline simply reacted, "I waited long for these opportunities to come. I feel they're both the fruit of my hard work and the answer to my prayers. With all these things happening to me, I will continue to give all that I can as a performer and as an artist for all my fans."

A year since leaving the Philippines after his stint in the rom-com series "My Korean Jagiya" with Heart Evangelista, K-Pop artist Xander Lee is back in Manila.



"I'm back and I couldn't be happier. Philippines is home for me—I love the place; I love the people here," he genuinely swore.

For his return, Xander brought his music along with him, specifically a two-song album in collaboration with popular Korean VJ and rapper Marucci.

"Marucci and I belong to different managements but when I heard about him, I knew I wanted to collaborate with him. The result is our single called 'Put Ya Heads Up,' and I'm so proud of our song. It gives hope to people and tells them you're not alone. I hope that it will help to heal people, especially those going through any kind of depression," Xander shared.

As a treat, Marucci had a duet with Filipina singer-actress Rita Daniela during the album launch, rapping away with the latter singing the refrain and showing off her vocal prowess.

"When we asked GMA who among the Filipino artists could do the song, they gave us Rita. We were not familiar with her as a singer

but we trusted GMA. Then during the recording, when Rita started singing, we were blown away! She's an amazing singer," Xander noted.

Now he's back, GMA will not let Xander go with just his music promo. With fans clamoring for him since his teleserye ended, the network has scheduled several guesting stints for singer-actor, whose first was with Maine Mendoza on Sunday's special episode of "Daig Kayo Ng Lola Ko."

"I'm so happy that I've got to know the phenomenal star Maine. I admire her because despite her popularity, she is not a diva. She's very nice. She is very easy to work with, very down to earth. We had a great time talking. We talked about different cultures like if she's familiar with Korean dramas and music. I also asked her how it feels to be getting all the fame."

Besides Daig Kayo Ng Lola Ko, Xander is also guesting in the top-rating "Inday Will Always Love You" prime time program, which will have him flying all the way to Cebu for his scenes.

"Before coming back here, I already had plans of going to Cebu and when I was told that I'd be shooting there for the series, I was really so happy. I want to see the Cebuanos and I look forward to working with Barbie and Derrick."

Julie Ann San Jose

SHORTS... Three countries have collaborated for the first time all in the name of anime, via "Barangay 143." A basketball-themed program, Japan, Singapore and the Philippines are behind the project, which will feature the voices of Cherrie Gil, Ruru Madrid, Julie Ann San Jose, Migo Adecer, John Arcilla, Sylvia Sanchez, Kelky Day, Kimpoy Feliciano and Paolo Contis.



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TRAIN is only responsible for 0.4% of the [inflation]. But who is in charge of the economy? 'Di ba silang lahat (Isn't it all of them?)" De Dios said in a forum.

Even higher inflation looming?

The inflation figure was announced on the same day the provisional P1 jeepney fare hike took effect in Metro Manila, Calabarzon, and Central Luzon.

The Manila Electric Company (Meralco) also hinted at an increase in generation charge due to tight power supply last June and the further depreciation of the peso.

Meanwhile, some regions reported higher inflation figures, like the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) which posted 7.7%.

Consumers ask: how much more?

Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Ernesto Pernia attributed the higher inflation in the ARMM to the region's poor infrastructure. Inadequate infrastructure means higher costs of delivery and production, and Pernia noted that the government seeks to address this problem through the Build, Build Build program. For the last quarter of the year, Pernia hopes inflation will taper off. But prices are historically high from October to December, as people have more cash to spend.

The central bank said it remains committed to ensuring that inflation would fall within the target of 2% to 4% "as soon as possible."

Bela at JC parehong single, posibleng ma-in love

THE team of young writer-filmmaker Jason Paul Laxamana and actors Bela Padilla and JC Santos are reunited for the second time in the 2nd Pista ng Pelikulang Pilipino's (PPP) filmfest entry via Viva Films' heartwarming love story, "The Day After Valentine's". They are the same team na naghatid ng blockbuster hit movie na "100 Tula Para Kay Estela" sa kauna-unahang PPP nung isang taon.

Inamin nina Direk Jason at ang lead actors ng "The Day After Valentine's" na sina Bela at JC na bagama't ginawa nila ang lahat to make a good movie, hindi nila in-expect na ang pelikulang "100 Tula Para Kay Estela" ang siyang mangunguna sa takilya last year. Ganoong effort din ang kanilang ibinigay sa pelikulang "The Day After Valentine's" which was shot in the breathtaking islands of Hawaii.

Marami silang intimate scenes sa pelikula at posibleng ma-in love sila sa isa't isa, lalupa't pareho silang single.

"We became good friends and very comfortable na kami sa isa't isa," pahayag ng mahusay na actress-writer na si Bela.

"Mas naging magaan ang working relationship namin kasi second time na kaming nagkatrabaho," ani JC.

As to the possibility na puwede silang ma-in love sa isa't isa, ayaw nilang mag-ko-



mento.

"Ang mahalaga ay magkaibigan kami," diin ni Bela na sinuklian lamang ng ngiti ni JC.

Ang ironic dito, parehong tumagal ng apat na taon ang respective relationships nina Bela at JC sa kanilang ex-partners na sina Neil Arce kay Bela at si Teetin Villanueva kay JC.

"Hindi naman natin alam ang puwedeng mangyari in the future but what is important now ay pareho kaming happy sa takbo ng aming respective careers," susog pa ni Bela.

Ipinangako naman ni Direk Jason na kung naibigan ng publiko ang "100 Tula Para kay Estela" nung isang taon ay lalo umano nilang magugustuhan ang "The Day After Valentine's" dahil sa kakaibang kuwento at portrayal dito nina Bela at JC which is rated PG by the MTRCB at Graded A ng Cinema Evaluation Board (CEB).



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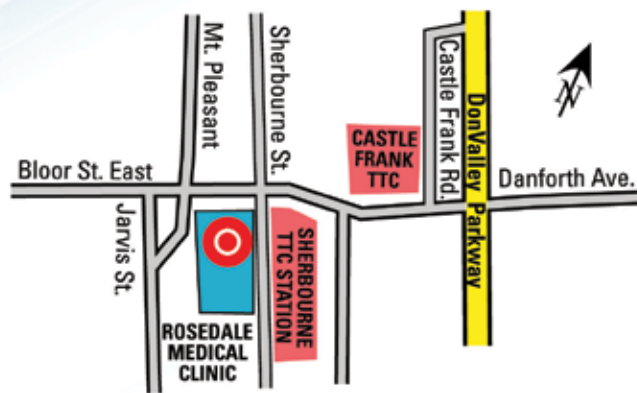


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