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GOOD VIBES 2019 WITH AJ & LE CHAZZ COMEDY SHOW: ABOVE, Philippine comedians AJ and Le Chazz perform a comedy routine with an audience member at their successful Toronto show Good Vibes 2019 at the Toronto Pavilion. FROM LEFT, Star Circle Entertainment singers Angela Castillo and Cassandra Adajar perform as front act to the show.

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Philippine stars gain fans from South America

Kapuso stars including Kris Bernal, Bea Binene, Janine Gutierrez and Tom Rodriguez feel ecstatic about getting messages from South American fans who enjoy their GMA-7 teleseryes aired in South American countries such as Ecuador, Uruguay and Peru

Sikat na sikat ngayon ang mga Kapuso stars na sina Kris Bernal, Bea Binene, Derrick Monasterio, Tom Rodriguez, Lovi Poe, Sunshine Dizon, Janine Gutierrez at Gabby Concepcion sa ilang bansa sa South America dahil kasalukuyang pinapalabas doon ang kanilang mga pinagbidahang teleserye sa GMA-7.

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Comedians AJ & Le Chazz Open 2019 with a Show in Toronto

By Fe P. Taduran • January 17, 2019

The JVF Productions, a new Toronto-based entertainment show well attended

at the Toronto Pavilion last January 12th, 2019, Saturday. The show which featured the exciting comedian/

singer tandem of AJ Tamiza and **COMEDIANS on page 26**



Amongst those who provided musical and dance numbers during the shows' front act were: TOP FROM LEFT, Aidan Rodricks, Main Act AJ & Le Chazz, Katelyn Mo-Castillo, ABOVE FROM LEFT, contemporary pride of Barrie, dancer Chollo Samantha Ontario, Audrey Lagdameo, Gavin.



ABOVE, Rolly Gatchalian sings a medley of the late singer Rico Puno who is shown on the screen behind him. RIGHT, Golden Voices Encore concert singers Maria Panaligan, Shairah Garrido and Martha Joy takes a bow after another successful concert.



ABOVE LEFT, Hawaiian dancer Christal Bautista dances for Good Vibe 2019 comedy show. ABOVE, Angela Castillo and Skyea D'Aoust walks the John Ablaza fashion show. BELOW, Star Circle student Glendale Macaraeg walks the John Ablaza Fashion show.

ABOVE, Elizabeth Trovato walks the John Ablaza fashion show.

LEFT, Mel Galeon of FV Foods have fun as he dances like no one's looking on his birthday. TOP, Arielle Fina Abarazaldo walks the runway during the Toronto Kids Fashion Week. ABOVE, FV Foods employees and wife and husband Christine and Henry Gaspar join the fun at Mel's birthday.

Kate 'hates' her role: 'Gusto ko ring maging bida'

KATE Valdez is one of the most promising newcomers in GMA Artist Center's current roster of talents. She's currently making waves playing a contravida role in the hit GMA primetime drama, "Onanay", as Natalie, the oppressive older sister on Mikee Quintos as Maila. She's so effective that some viewers send her hate messages in social media.



"The truth is hirap na hirap ako sa role kasi I'm most certainly not like that in real life," says Kate. "Sa story, mas matanda ako kay Mikee Quintos as Maila, but in real life, I'm younger by two years kasi 18 pa lang po ako. Si Natalie, laging galit, high blood, so mahirap talaga. Sa haters ko, iniintindi ko na lang sila dahil nadadala sa character ko. But nasasaktan din

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PH's first eco-designer hold fashion show in Toronto

TORONTO, Ontario — John C. Ablaza, the Philippines' first eco-couture designer, held his couture show in Toronto.

StarCircle talents modelled some of the creations to be presented at "Behind the Seams, 30 Years."

"I've been coming to Toronto regularly," said Ablaza, who has spent nearly



30 of high end cessorized years creating fashion ac with

natural materials like seeds, shells, coconut beads, and more, "so much so that it has been like a second home to me."

Ablaza presented "Behind the Seams, 30 Years" at Toronto Pavilion. Ablaza unveiled his Couture for Kids with Star Circle Entertainment. Be a Rose Santiago, Miss International 2013, did the grand finale of the show. Sponsors: StarCircle Entertainment, Academy of Learning, Max's Restaurant, Racadio, Rodan+Fields, Toronto Popcorn Company; Silver sponsors: Renaissance Fashion on the Go, SunLife Financial, Basil Rodricks, Pinoy Waffles; Gold sponsor: UMAC Forwarders Express Inc.

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Goodbye, ArDub, hello ArDub?

NOEL FERRER: Mula sa pagsasama nila sa pelikulang Jack Em Popoy hanggang sa group dates na naging sila na lang dalawa—sa mga resto sa Manila hanggang nag-Bali at pagpunta ng block screening ng pelikula nila—kitang-kita ang kakaibang closeness nina Arjo Atayde at Maine Mendoza.



JERRY OLEA: Single si Maine. Single si Arjo. Pareho na silang nasa edad. E, ano kung mag-date sila?

Alangan namang mag-jack 'n poy lang sila, di ba? Kung si Arjo ang makapagpapasaya sa pagkababae ni Maine sa 2019... Goodbye, ArDub... hello, ArDub?!

GORGY RULA: Sabi ni Alden Richards, nandiyan pa rin ang ArDub.

Umaasa siyang magkakaroon sila ng project na pagsamahan nila ni Maine sa 2019.

Sabi naman ni Maine, "Tingnan po natin. Hindi naman po imposible yun, e. Sa tamang panahon."

Nagka-exchange gifts daw sila ni Alden nung nakaraang Eat Bulaga! Christmas party kasama ang ibang Dabarkads.

Sila ba ni Arjo Atayde ay may pa-exchange gift din? "Wala namang ganun," nakangiti niyang sagot.

Enough na ba yung presence na lang? "Puwede na rin," safe niyang sagot na super ngiti pa rin.

At nang napag-usapan ang tungkol sa mga ginagawa niyang kanta para sa album niya, tinanong namin siya kung ang love life ba ang isa sa pinaghuhugutan niya?

"Puwede rin sa love life," game na sagot ni Maine.

Pero tanggap kaya ng ArDub Nation ang ArDub? I doubt!

Minsan ngang ibinalita ni Arnold Clavio sa radio program niya ang tungkol kina Maine at Arjo, binomba siya ng katakut-takot na bashing.

NOEL FERRER: OK naman maging loyal sa love team. Pero sana, nakabase tayo sa pagpapakatoto!

ArDub o ArDub man, alam dapat natin kung ano ang for reel at for real!

70-year-old widower dies after sex in



Pangasinan

DAGUPAN CITY, Philippines – A 70-year-old widower died on Saturday night (Dec. 29) after allegedly having sex with a 24-year-old woman at his house in Asingan town, police said on Sunday (Dec. 30).

Police said George Martinez Sr., a tricycle driver, died while being rushed to the Asingan Community Hospital at 11:40 p.m.

According to investigators, Martinez had difficulty breathing before losing consciousness at his house in Barangay Ariston West.

Police ruled out foul play as there was no indication of a struggle.

Martinez's relatives told investigators that the old man was suffering from hypertension.

Yassi Pressman shows excitement bumping into the Kapuso actor, Vic Sotto

There's no denying that Yassi Pressman is one of the most talented actresses in the industry. Throughout the



years, the Kapamilya star has gained tons of awards and recognition for her acting skills. But despite all this success, Yassi still gets starstruck every time she sees veter-

an stars. In fact, the "Ang Probinsyano" star was recently thrilled after she bumped into Vic Sotto.

But far from people's knowledge, this wasn't the first time that Yassi met the "Eat Bulaga" host. Both of them first had an encounter after Yassi's sister, Yssa Pressman, has joined EB's "Little Miss Philippines."

On her Instagram, the 23-year-old actress seemed to be fangirling as she took a selfie with Vic. She had a chance to meet the veteran star after she went on to support Coco Martin's newest film, "Jack Em Popoy: The PulisCredibles," with Vic and Maine Mendoza.

Honey Shot

Bianca Claveria

Bianca, 21, works in a Canadian restaurant in Toronto. But her favorite dishes are still Filipino. Her favorite dishes are sisig and sushi. She is the daughter of Bella.



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What The FACT? BY JOSE BAKING

70-year old Man dies from “hypertension” with 24-yr old Girl

In Pangasinan, a 70-year old man suffering from hypertension died brought about by complications after having sex with a 24-year old girl. Police are still trying to verify if he died during or after sex. The police are continuing the investigation to find that fact. Just kidding. But, I am certain that, had the girl died, that 70-year old man will be facing an investigation. The mans join a list of illustrious men who died “with their boots on” as they say. He is now in the company of a former Mayor of Manila who passed away on April 15, 1962 in his hotel suite in the arms of a famous beautiful actress. Allegedly, he was in the middle of finding “solace” when he died. My late mother said that the mayor’s bodyguards spirited the actress through the fire escape to avoid the media. The actress has also passed away and I guess she and the mayor are now together in the afterlife. Whether this is urban legend or fake news, as we now call it, who cares? It makes for a better story than jsut saying he died alone.

FILIPINO HERITAGE MONTH

One of the significant events that took place last year in Canada’s Parliament is the unanimous passage of a motion officially designating June of every year starting 2019 as Filipino Heritage Month throughout Canada.

As Filipinos or Canadians of Filipino ancestry, we should all feel proud that our community is being recognized in the high echelons of government for our distinct contributions in making Canada the great multicultural country that it has

Even as we observe eight decades of being an essential part of this country, no such recognition has ever been extended to the Filipino diaspora since 1930 when the first recorded Filipino immigrants settled in Canada.

Knowing our unprecedented success in staging the Taste of Manila festival in the last five years, MP Zahid has humbly requested us to undertake and organize the celebration on behalf of the Filipino community.

With the government’s full support and our extensive know-how in handling

events of that magnitude, the first Filipino Heritage Month in Canada promises to be a momentous event in Philippine-Canadian relations.

We would like to mark that occasion officially on June 1, 2019, the first Filipino Heritage Month in Canada, in MP Zahid’s constituency in the Toronto suburb of Scarborough Centre, as a courtesy for shepherding the passage of Motion 155 in the House of Commons.

We invite you to be with us during this significant milestone in both Philippine and Canadian history and look forward to your presence on Saturday - June 1, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Albert Campbell Square, 150 Borough Drive, Scarborough, ON M1P 0B1. Further event details will be forwarded to you in the very near future.

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LEFT, Sir Randy Bucao, Sir Jojo Taturan, Conservative candidate Irshad Chaudry, Fe Paca-Taturan, Sir George Poblete and Mike Cruz attend the 122nd death anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal. RIGHT, Sir Joe Damasco, Regional Commander of KOR preside at the anniversary.



Sir Lapulapu Canada, KGCR, confirmed the promotion of several members of the Knights of Rizal belonging to several chapters which include: Sir MPP Roman Baber, KCR, of Dimasalang Chapter, MPP representing the York Center riding; Sir MPP

Stan Cho, KCR, of Don Valley Chapter who is the MPP of the Willowdale Riding; Sir Jerome Peralta, KCR, of Don Valley Chapter; Sir Richard Saldana, KCR, Don Valley Chapter; Sir Chris Jones, KCR, Don Valley Chapter; Sir Feberio Hangdaan, KCR, Don Valley Chapters; and Sir Fred Tomas, KCR, Don Valley Chapter.

There were several guests coming from other communities. The event was graced with the presence of Member of Parliament candidates Bobby S. Singh for the Scarborough Rouge Park and Irshad Chaudhry for the Scarborough Centre.

In the meantime, Sir Joe Damasco, KGOR, regional commander, Knights of Rizal Canada Region, is appealing to all officers and members of the different Rizal Chapters in Canada to get in touch with him in conjunction with the forthcoming international assembly of the Knights of Rizal under the Supreme Council by next month in Antipolo City, Philippines.

He can be contacted at (416) 717 - 3461, email: jdamasco@gmail.com. (St. Jamestown News Service)

The leadership of Sir Joe Damasco, KGOR, Regional Commander of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region, and the untiring support of his deputy regional commander, Sir Mario Alpuerto, KGOR, and the guidance of the KOR Canada Region advisers, Sir George R. Poblete, KGCR; Sir Lapulapu Cana, KGCR; Sir Jaime T. Marasigan, KGOR; and immediate past Regional Commander Sir Eduardo C. Prillo, have given more impetus on the activities of KOR Canada region different officers and members of the different chapters.

During the commemoration of the 122nd death anniversary and the martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal on December 30, 2018 the positive result was felt with the attendance of both the officers of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region and the presence of the Kababaihang Rizalista, Ladies of Rizal and the Rizal Youth Arm in Canada.

Philippine Consul Edwin Mendoza represented the Philippine Government which was highlighted by the wreath laying before Rizal’s bust at the Earl Bales Park in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It was followed by a dinner tendered for the officers, members, and guests of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region.

Challenging 2018, hopeful 2019: Pokwang reflects on a year as a mother and actress

Behind the glitzy and glamorous show business, there are all kinds of struggles that a lot of people are not aware of. For full-time mother-actress Pokwang, 2018 has been a



tough year. Now, she’s hopeful for a better 2019.

In a lengthy Instagram post, Pokwang took her followers to a trip down memory lane. Family took a big chunk in some of the highlights of her year. She gave birth to her baby Malia earlier this year and her daughter Mae capped off her school degree.

She wrote: “marami po akong dapat ipagpasalamat di lang ngayong lilipas na taon kundi araw araw sa buhay ko na nakaka raos kami ng pamilya ko, thank you po papa God. ang taong 2018 ay napaka challenging po saakin bilang isang artista at bilang isang ina.

kinailangan kong huminto pansamantala sa work dahil may blessings na natupad ito ay si Malia [at]malia_obrian bedrest talaga ako pero napaka swerte ko at nabiyayaan kami ng isang anghel!”

Despite taking a short break in showbiz, numerous projects and endorsements welcomed her with open arms. However, as Pokwang’s family is her main priority, she had to withstand loneliness. Her daughter, Mae, went overseas for six months for an internship.

“habang akoy nasa maselang kalagayan kinailangan kong magapaka tatag bilang ina ni Mae [at]maesubong dahil anim na bwan syang nawalay saakin para tuparin ang pangarap nya na makapag internship sa france, gabi gabi akong umiyak at nagaalala para sa anak ko, pero dahil powerful ang dasal ng isang ina para sa anak kaya nakaawi sya ng ligtas”

Pokwang welcomed the second half of 2018 with a bang. On July, Mae, who she raised

as a single mother, finished her bachelor’s degree. They were also able to travel to San Francisco, California to meet her partner’s family. Meanwhile, two movies awaited for her comeback that led her to winning Best Actress in QCinema Film Festival.

“At itong nakaraang july nakapag pa graduate narin ako sa wakas yeeyyy tapos may dalawang pelikulang nagpasaya saakin bilang artista at nagpatatag narin in nagpatatas ng aking kakayanan sa pag arte, ito ay ang Sol Searching ng Tofarm festival at ang Oda sa wala ng Qcinema na nag best actress naman ako. salamat po!!!”

As she welcomes 2019, the 45-year-old comedienne wished for a happier and more grateful family. She also thanked those who believed in her, including her bosses in her home network ABS-CBN. She also showed gratefulness to those who did not believe in her, but sorry, you can’t keep a good woman down.

“Ngayong 2019 ang dalangin ko ay para sa lahat lalo na sa mga anak ko, at sa nanay ko at kay papang [at]leeobrian naway maging mas thankful kami at masaya kahit ano paman ang mangyare buo kaming pamilya kahit hindi man kami maging kasing yaman ni bill gates hahahahaha sa mga kaibigan ko alam nyo kung sino kayo na madalas akong niyayakap, salamat at parte kayo ng mga dasal ko. sa mga boss ko po sa abs cbn [at]abscbn salamat po sa pagmamahal beacause family is love! sa aking handler [at]monchnovales thank you sa pag akay mo saming mga alaga mo. mga naging RM kay [at]ezrajay Shobe, at [at]starmagic_maquieraquiza last but not least... sa inyo mga dearest followers thank you... Love you all!!! HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERY ONE!!! ayan advance na ako ha.”

Consequently, her followers were to quick to react and greet her a happy new year.

Pokwang gave birth to her second daughter, Malia, on January on 18. She’s been living with her American boyfriend Lee O’Brien for almost three years.

What a year has it been for Pokwang, but she is getting the last laugh after all.



Manila to host F1 race?

An application filed by Formula 1 for the trademark to “Philippine Grand Prix” and “Manila Grand Prix” has stoked interest that the premier motor-sports event could one day hold a race in the country.

The Britain-based online newspaper Independent published a story Saturday detailing the development, which it said is the “first time the Philippines has ever been publicly linked with an F1 race.”

F1 reportedly submitted the application on January 7 to the Intellectual Property Office, which is based in Taguig.

While the news is described as “a crucial step” for any country wanting to host the competition and welcome the biggest global brands in the automotive industry, getting the plan off the ground is trickier.

According to the Independent article, written by Christian Sylt, 16.7 million pounds is needed to organize a race on a permanent track, which doesn’t include

the annual hosting fee that costs 23.3 million pounds on average. Converted, that amounts to P2.78 billion.

How a Philippine GP fits into the F1 calendar is also a factor. Besides the Singapore race, Vietnam will host a grand prix beginning in 2020.

The article noted that the trademark application coincides with the construction of a 5-kilometer racetrack — the Pradera Verde Racing Circuit — in Lubao, Pampanga.

According to SpaceFabrik, an architecture firm based in Mandaluyong, the project has “has 100 hectares allocated for a racing circuit.”

“The client’s goal is to have a premiere racing destination in Southeast Asia,” said the company, which is partnering on the track construction with Hermann Tilke, a German architect known for his work in the F1 circuit.

Tilke is overseeing the 5.56-kilometer F1 street circuit in Hanoi.

“The Philippines currently has only two racing circuits that are operating and have only held Formula 4 as their highest-rated FiA (International Automobile Federation) event,” SpaceFabrik said.

“One of the aims is to have at least FiA Grade 2 circuit with a length of 5 kilometers and a host of support and commercial facilities to make it attractive to motorsports enthusiasts.”

FIRST, Ronnie Adajar and Pancho Castillo pose at the AJ and Le Chazz concert. SECOND, Lovely Danna Luna poses with comedians AJ and Le Chazz at her BIM Toronto Restaurant. THIRD, Dr. Chito Collantes (fourth from left) poses with comedians AJ and Le Chazz after the comedy show at the Toronto Pavilion.



Palace 'confident' Philippines to climb ranking as 'best country in the world'

MANILA, Philippines – The Malacañang showed confidence on Sunday that the country would continue to increase its rank as one of the best countries in the world as reforms are consistently being instituted.

Presidential spokesperson Salvador Panelo issued this statement after the 2019 US News and World Report survey showed that the Philippines ranked 50th in the 2019 Overall Best Countries Ranking by the U.S. News and World Report.

"We are therefore confident that we would continue to improve our ranking as we remain committed to institute reforms for the betterment of the Philippines that we all love," Panelo said.

Palace vows to 'crush' perpetrators of Jolo blasts

MANILA – Malacañang on Sunday said the government will pursue and "crush" all the "godless criminals" behind the deadly bombings in the southern town of Jolo, Sulu.

At least 20 people, including civilians and soldiers, were killed in the twin explosions at a Roman Catholic church, while some 81 more people were injured, the police said.

In a statement, Presidential spokesperson Salvador Panelo called the incident an "act of terrorism" that "boldly challenged" the capability of the government to secure that part of the region.

"The Armed Forces of the Philippines will rise to the challenge and crush these godless criminals. We will pursue to the ends of the Earth the ruthless perpetrators behind this dastardly crime until every killer is brought to justice and put behind bars," he said.

Liza Soberano, Nadine Lustre among Filipinas on 2018 'Most Beautiful Face' list



Nadine Lustre, Liza Soberano and Jessy Mendiola made it to the 2018 "Most Beautiful Faces" list.

MANILA, Philippines — Filipino-American model-actress Liza Soberano has made it to the Independent Critics' Hall of Fame as she entered its "Most Beautiful Faces" list for the fourth time.

Liza ranked fourth this year on TC Candler's The Independent Critics "Most Beautiful Face" list. Last year, she was hailed as the most beautiful face.

For this year, Liza comes after Israeli model Yael Shelbia, K-pop girl group TWICE's Chou Tzuyu and French model Thylane Blondeau, who is hailed as "The Most Beautiful Face" in 2018.

The Independent Critics have been making the annual list since 1990 under the leadership of British film critic TC Candler.

According to its website, the ranking covers more than just "aesthetic perfection," as "grace, elegance, originality, daring, passion, class, poise, joy, promise and hope" are also seen "in a beautiful face."

Other Filipinas who made it on the list in 2018 were Nadine Lustre whose rank went up to the 78th spot from the 70th last year, and Jessy Mendiola who is at the 55th spot, 16 places higher than last year's 71st spot.

Meanwhile, actor James Reid is 21st on "The Most Handsome Faces" list. He ranked fourth last year.

Model Daniel Matsunaga meanwhile jumped to the 39th spot from placing 88th last year.

Aquaman actor Jason Momoa is this year's "Most Handsome Face."

Karen Gallman makes history as first Filipina winner of Miss Intercontinental

tal

Karen Gallman becomes the first Filipina to win the Miss Intercontinental pageant.

When asked to define success, she said it's all about setting goals and working hard to achieve them.

And it's going to be very difficult to argue against Karen Gallman's philosophy after she was crowned Miss Intercontinental 2018 — the first-ever Filipina to win the title in the pageant's 47-year history.

She won after preaching about the importance of being focused when it comes to becoming successful, saying during the Q&A round: "For me, success is not just about winning in life."

"It is about setting goals, achieving your dreams, working hard for everything you want, and always looking up to God and be thankful for everything. For me, that is success," she said.

She defeated a strong challenge from Costa Rica's Adriana Alvarado and Slovak Republic's Laura Longauerova, who both drew loud applause for their answers on the same topic.

Alvarado, who argued that being "100%" certain about what we want in life constitutes success, ended up finishing first runner-up.

Longauerova, who placed second runner-up, answered that success is looking into a mirror every morning and being proud.

Representatives from Colombia, Vietnam, and Ethiopia rounded up the top six of the coronation night, which was held at Mall of Asia Arena Saturday night.

This is the first time the Philippines won Miss Intercontinental, ending one of the longest droughts in an international beauty contest for the pageant-crazed country.

This pageant was the 47th edition of Miss Intercontinental.

Gallman is a Filipino-Australian who is pushing for better education for poor kids living in rural areas of the country.



Andrea Brillantes and Kyle Echarri responds to people with dirty minds

Andrea Brillantes and her fellow Kadenang Ginto star, Kyle Echarri were rumored to be dating as of the moment. From their posts in their respective social media account, it seemed like the two are really close and really fond of each other.

But then, their closeness became an issue when Kyle posted a photo of him and Andrea in the beach. The photo shows them in the wearing their swimwear while submerged in the water. The two were positioned close to each other with Kyle at the back of Andrea, while holding her shoulders.

Though there is really nothing wrong with the photo, many netizens reacted negatively to it. Some commented that the photo was very inappropriate, especially with their age. They even pointed out what the two were wearing. Some netizens defended Kyle and Andrea saying that they are swimming in the beach and it is just normal for people to wear swimwear no matter how 'revealing' it might be.

Other netizens were looking at the photo with so much malice which makes the perception of it worse.

Because of this issue, Andrea decided to tweet a controversial statement which seemed to be addressing the problem at hand, calling those who were criticizing them as people with "unhealthy, disgusting opinions."

"Literally just enjoying my vacation before the year ends and before I get back to work. Ya'll think too much, Way too much. Unfortunately, I'm too happy to think about unhealthy disgusting opinions," tweeted Andrea who is currently spending her holiday break in Boracay.

On the other hand, Kyle also did his part in defending himself and Andrea against all the criticisms spewed on them. He edited the caption of the said photo with a statement that addressed other people's lack of respect and narrow-mindedness.

"Respect. Don't forget you have a woman in the family; a mother and/or a sister. Before you spit those foul comments, ask yourself: 'Am I righteous?' If you have nothing good to say, keep those malicious and perverted comments to yourself as it simply respects on the type of person you are," Kyle wrote.

The fans of the both of them showed their support by commenting positive things about Kyle and Andrea. They even defended them with all the negative comments.

Some of their good friends also showed their support like Bailey May and Mav Legaspi.



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Hunger among Pinoys less in 2018 — survey

“THE best is yet to come,” Malacañang said after a recent survey showed that hunger incidence among Filipinos dropped in December 2018, the lowest since 2003.

MANILA, Philippines – A Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey conducted in December 2018 but released last January 16, showed that 10.5 percent or an estimated 2.4 million families suffered from involuntary hunger at least once in the past three months.

This was 2.8 points lower than 13.4 percent

or an estimated 3.1 million families recorded in September the same year.

In a statement, Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo said the Palace was “pleased that the 2018 average hunger rate, as per the polling firm, is the lowest figure recorded in 15 years.”

Panelo noted that “positive development is consistent with the earlier survey result showing a decrease among Filipino families who consider themselves as mahirap.”

“The Palace considers the improvement experienced by the survey participants in relation to their economic status as among the paramount reasons why PRRD continues to win the trust and approval of the Filipino people,” he said.

“The President’s sincere endeavors, whether

in taming inflation or running the bureaucracy, have started to bear fruits,” he added.

He cited that that the economy under the first two years of the Duterte presidency, which averages 6.6 percent, “is now the highest level of growth compared to the first two years of all previous post-EDSA administrations.”

“We are enthusiastic to witness our nation finally enter the upper-middle income country status this year, as per the Department of Finance,” he said.

“The best is yet to come, as the Chief Executive continues to work double time in the remainder of his term to uplift more Filipino families out of poverty and hunger, towards a more comfortable and prosperous life for all,” he added.



Gelli and Ariel living under the same goal

Gelli De Belen and Ariel Rivera DIRECTOR Perry Escano debuted in Cinemalaya with “Ang Guro Kong ‘Di Marunong Magbasa”, a drama about kids who are forced to fight as rebels. He now has a new movie, “Ang Sikreto ng Piso”, a hilarious family comedy produced by JPP Dreamworld Productions that opens on January 30. The story is based on real incidents that happened in 2006 when our peso coins were being smuggled out of the country because of their high nickel and copper content.

This is told from the point of view of a couple, played by Gelli de Belen and Ariel Rivera, who got involved in smuggling the coins and later on discovered the secret that the coins hold. The last time they worked together in a movie was in “Ikaw Pala ang Mahal Ko” in 1997. Ariel has been offered to do other movies before but he didn’t accept them. So why did he accept this one? “I’m used to doing dramas on TV but I accepted this one kasi I want to try doing comedy, something light,” he says. “And I enjoyed doing it, kahit mas mahirap siya kaysa sa drama. Also, it’s nice to be reunited with my wife on the big screen. Inalalayan nga niya ako rito kasi she’s the one who’s more used to doing comedy as she’s naturally funny, even off cam.”

For Gelli, how does it feel to work with hubby Ariel in a comedy movie for the first time? “Well, it’s nice to work with him again pero siyempre nanibago ako kasi sanay akong nakikita siyang nagdadrama,” she says. “But he’s able to adjust quickly, lalo’t marami kaming kasamang ibang comedians dito to help us out.”

They have one of the most stable marriages in showbiz. What’s their secret? “More than anything else, good communication,” says Ariel. “We’re always open to each other kaya hindi nga kami nag-aaway at all. And we have the same goal in mind: we both want a happy family with happy children.”

“Ariel is so easy to get along with,” says Gelli. “He’s so generous, not selfish, mapagbigay. Mana siya sa father niya in Canada, with whom our two sons are staying now for their college studies there. Kaya ngayon, parang empty nest na kami. Balik kami sa pagiging kaming dalawa lang ulit and it’s nice kasi we’re together kahit sa working out in the gym. But I have my own show on GMA-7, ‘Ika-5 Uto’, while he has his soap sa ABS-CBN and when we’re both working, we really miss each other.”

Also in the cast of “Ang Sikreto ng Piso” are Lou Veloso as Ariel’s grandpa, child star Angelica Ulip as their daughter, Bea Binene as Angelica’s teacher, plus Ernie Garcia, Long Mejia, Ricky Rivero, Beverly Salviejo, Wacky Kiray, Raphael Robes and producer Joyce Penas Pilarsky in a special role. The movie is about the joys and strengths of familial love and also explains an episode in recent history about what happened to the Philippine peso coin.

Fil-Can Businessman Found Guilty Of Exploiting Filipino Workers Hoping For A Better Life In Canada

Canadian Hector Mantolino found guilty of immigration fraud in court and for exploiting foreign workers.

A Canadian businessman had his sentencing hearing today after being sued for taking advantage of foreign workers by falsely offering them the “Canadian dream”. The Halifax businessman has now been found guilty of exploiting several Filipino workers that were hoping for a better life in Canada.

Hector Mantolino was found guilty of immigration fraud today in court. For his sentence, the Crown is now recommending two years in prison, according to CTV News.

Mantolino is actually originally from the Philippines himself. Yet despite this, he was found guilty of taking advantage of fellow Filipinos for several years and the whole story is heartbreaking.

Mantolino was the owner of several cleaning and maintenance companies. In order to find employees for his business, he used the temporary foreign worker program. He brought a total of 28 workers to Canada from the Philippines over several

statements and said that they were underpaid and worked long hours. They said that they stayed silent despite the harsh working conditions because they were scared of getting deported back to the Philippines.

Jamie Jason Sta Juana Jr., who used to work for the businessman, called Mantolino “heartless” in court. “He broke my dream for the future of my family, and had a great impact in my life,” he said.

“The financial and emotional devastation is too intense to be able to describe in words.” While working for Mantolino, Jamie Jason Sta Juana Jr. was unable to even pay for diapers or formula for his child.

“Where there is desire, there are people who are willing to exploit that desire,” said Crown lawyer Timothy McLaughlin in court. “Mantolino is a person who knew where these people were to exploit that desire”.

However, some of his workers were supportive of the businessman because they said he did help them and make their lives better by helping them immigrate to Canada. Joe Mari Mangunay said in court that the businessman was “very nice to us” but knew there were problems with how much he was getting paid. “I am very thankful and so is my family,” he said in court.

Bagong system sa taping, gagawin ng GMA-7

Mukhang nag-pictorial na sina Gabby Concepcion at Jennylyn Mercado para sa rom-com series na pagtatambalan nina sa GMA-7, ang Love You Two. May bagong litrato kasing lumabas ang dala-na kuha sa photoshoot.

May ibinalita pala si Gabby sa paraan ng taping ng Love You Two, pero hindi nagdetalye.

“Bago ang lahat... In my experience, this will be



Ken’s love team with Rita spreads positive vibe

KEN Chan says he didn’t expect that his love team with Rita Daniela in the hit GMA Afternoon Prime drama, “My Special Tatay”, will be embraced warmly by the public.

“Everywhere I go now, people call me Boyet, my name in the show, and people will then ask me, Nasaan si Aubrey, which is the name of the character played by Rita,” he says. “May name na nga ang love team ng characters namin, called BoBrey. Rita says na siya rin, saan man siya magpunta, hinahanap sa kanya ng mga tao kung nasaan si Boyet.

Hindi namin talaga akalaing magki-click kami sa tao. Obviously, nagustuhan nila ‘yung kahit mentally challenged si Boyet, naging very positive ang epekto niya sa pagkatao ni Aubrey para hangarin nitong magbagumbuhay at hindi na maging pokpok.”

Now, Ken and Rita are together again. This time, you can hear them doing a duet of the catchy song “Almusal”. Ken has just signed up with GMA Music, where Rita is already a resident talent. Ken has recorded songs before with PolyEast Records but he’s now glad to be part of GMA Music.

“This is a good way to start the new year, signing up with them on January 8 to be a member of their roster of talents,” Ken adds. “Sobrang happy po ako dahil ang tagal ko nang wish na mapabilang ako sa GMA Music. Talagang nagpapasalamat po ako sa kanila dahil nagtiwala at patuloy na nagtiwala ang GMA sa akin. Dati sa acting lang, ngayon pati sa singing na rin. Lahat ng pino-produce nila, show man or music, maganda talaga, kaya excited akong makatrabaho sila.”

His duet of “Almusal” with Rita is now getting good airplay over the radio and also getting excellent feedback. “Simple lang ‘yung song, pero feel good ‘yung music at relatable ang lyrics,” adds Ken. “Kasi ‘di ba tayong mga Pinoy, mahilig tayong mag-almusal. Kapag may sinusuyo tayo, ‘di ba isa sa mga ginagawa natin, pinaghahanda natin sila ng almusal. Nagpe-play na po sa Barangay LS 97.1 and sa RGMA provincial radio stations nationwide ‘yung single. Noong una ko siyang narinig na pinapatugtog sa radyo, sobrang sarap sa feeling na finally pinarinig na sa mga Kapuso natin ‘yung single namin.”

Meanwhile, GMA Music managing director Rene Salta proudly welcomed Ken and revealed that they already have quality projects in store for him, “Happy ang GMA Music sa signing na ito with Ken Chan because he is one of the Network’s most prized talents. In fact, meron na siyang naka-ready na next single. Abangan nyo kasi it’s coming soon, and we’re also looking forward to shooting the music video for that.”



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Ryza Cenon calls out Maine Mendoza's fans for false accusation



Just a few months ago, Ryza Cenon surprised the public after she signed a contract with ABS-CBN. After this, she instantly became part of Coco Martin's hit TV show, "Ang Probinsyano". But recently, she has once again made waves after she called out the attention of Maine Mendoza's fans.

On her Twitter, the Kapamilya star expressed her disappointment the netizens, who falsely accused her of snubbing Maine. This started after some people pointed out that Ryza didn't mention the Kapuso star's name after she allegedly accepted the FPJ Memorial Award for the movie "Jack Em Popoy".

Because of this, Ryza immediately clarified that she wasn't the one who received the recognition. She also stressed that she doesn't have any brawl against the Kapuso star.

"Hi sa lahat ng fans ni @mainedcm na nagagalit sakin dahil hindi ko daw nabanggit ang pangalan nya. Linawin ko lang hindi ako ang tumanggap ng FPJ Memorial Award at pakinggan nyo rin kung ang sinabi ni Ms. Camille ang sabi nya "Sa ngalan ng aming Producers" kaya wag manghugsa agd."

The 31-year-old actress even mentioned Maine on her Tweet to show that she's in good terms with the actress. Ryza also reminded the "Eat Bulaga" host to remind her fans to be respectful towards other celebrities.

"Yes kailangan nyang malaman. Concern ako sa kanya kasi dapat ang mga fans alam nila dapat ang ginagawa nila dahil bawat bash nila sa ibang tao nag rereflect sa idolo nila yun. At para mapagsabihan din nya. @mainedcm."

What did Martin realize after doing drag queen

MARTIN Del Rosario got a lot of congratulatory remarks for his performance as Barbs right after the special screening of "Born Beautiful" at the UP Film Center.

Everyone enjoyed his flamboyant performance as a pretty drag queen torn between two lovers, Kiko Matos, a tricycle driver, and Akihiro Blanco, a taxi driver. Didn't he have any qualms doing his numerous kissing scenes and sizzling sex scenes with them? "No, when I accepted the role, alam kong may ganung scenes na kailangang gagawin.

I've done gay roles before in 'Magpakailanman', 'Maalaala Mo Kaya', 'Karelasyon', but walang gay love scenes. Dito, I talked muna to both Kiko and Aki, at pareho naman silang game. Actually, mas marami pa kaming ginawang kissing scenes kay sa sa what was shown in the movie. Remember, we did a TV series of 12 episodes.

What was shown in the movie are just scenes from the first five episodes lang. So tip of the iceberg lang ang naipakita. Doon sa episodes 6 to 12 ng TV series, mas intense pa ang mga eksena namin."

What did he realize after seeing himself as Barbs? "I realized na kung babae pala ako, maganda talaga ako. Ha ha ha!"

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He describes the past year as a good one. "Aside from 'Born Beautiful', I also did 'Urban Legends' with Nora Aunor, which is completed na, and 'My Stepmother's Lover' with Sunshine Cruz na may one shooting day pa, both directed by Adolf Alix. Then I had a teleserye, 'Hindi Ko Kayang Iwan Ka', on GMA-7 with Yasmien Kurdi. So it's a very productive year for me."

Before shooting, he had to lose weight to be convincing as a slender transwoman. "Dapat magkasya ako sa body-hugging outfits they've prepared for me. Hindi puwede 'yung bato-batang arms so I have to look slim talaga. Aside from the looks, I have to get into the heart and mind of a transgender. Nagpaturo rin ako ng feminine movements kay Wilma Doesnt, including how to walk in heels kasi hirap na hirap ako. Also, I had to wax all the hair off my body, arms, legs, armpits. Ang sakit pala. Dumudugo. We shot the series for about 6 months so noong next time, nagse-shave na lang ako kasi ang sakit ng waxing."

How did his parents react to the movie? "They're very supportive. My dad accompanied me to the shooting at inaayos pa niya ang wig ko. Sabi niya, gandahan mo ha."

Martin won the PMPC best new movie actor award for the horror movie, "Dagim", in 2010 then the Urian best supporting actor award for "Dagitab" in 2014. Now, some folks are saying he might win the best actor award for "Born Beautiful".

"I don't want to expect anything, but I



really gave this movie my very best at kung magkakatotoo, e di thanks very much," he says. "But doing Barbs is really exciting and satisfying for me as I've done gay roles before but this time, I play the main character, lead role, so it's a big break and a big challenge for me. I'd like to thank Direk Perci Intalan for helping me get to interpret the role right."

Jennylyn Mercado reconnects with biological mother



Jennylyn Mercado posts a photo with her biological mother Jinkee Pineda. Does this mean that the two have reconciled after their rift in the past?

Tila maayos na ang relasyon ni Jennylyn Mercado sa kanyang biological mother na

si Jinkee Pineda.

Noong January 15, nag-post ang 31-year-old Kapuso actress sa kanyang Instagram Story ng larawan kung saan kasama niya ang ina habang kumakain sa isang restaurant.

Tanging caption ni Jennylyn sa photo: "Safe flight Mom. [heart emoji]"

Ang ina ni Jennylyn ay nakabase sa London, England.

Ni-repost naman ng fans ni Jennylyn ang nasabing larawan sa kani-kanilang Instagram accounts.

Nai-post din sa Instagram accounts ng fans ni Jennylyn ang ilang larawan at video na magkasama ang aktres at ina nito.

Kasama nila sa isang larawan si Rita Ho, ang ina ng boyfriend ni Jennylyn na si

Dennis Trillo.

Noong December 2018 naman, nag-post ng mga larawan si Jennylyn sa kanyang bakasyon sa Rome, Italy.

Sa isang post ay magkasama sina Jennylyn, Jinkee, at Rita.

May kasama rin silang isang babae at isang lalaki sa larawan, pero hindi tinukoy ni Jennylyn sa caption kung sino ang mga ito.

Noong 2017 naman, nag-post ng mga larawan si Jennylyn kasama ang kanyang biological father na si Noli Pineda.

Nakipagkita si Jennylyn sa kanyang ama sa Seoul, South Korea, kung saan ito nagtatrabaho bilang isang musician.

Si Jennylyn ay lumaki sa poder ng kanyang adoptive parents na sina Roger at Lydia Mercado, na parehong pumanaw na.

FV Foods start 2019 with Good News

FIRST, FV Foods owner Mel Galeon poses in front of Freshco grocery in Oakville. SECOND, Fv Foods products now sold by Freshco supermarket! THIRD & 4TH, FV Foods Lawrence branch opens a bakery onsite. FIFTH, Mel loads a truck picking FV products for Winnipeg. FV Foods products also available in Nova Scotia.



Con House passes bill lowering 'minimum age of responsibility' to 12

Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, January 28) — A controversial bill seeking to lower the minimum age of responsibility of children in conflict with the law (CICL) to 12 hurdled the House of Representatives on final last January 28.

Lawmakers voted 146-34 on House Bill (HB) 8858, which aims to amend Republic Act (RA) 9344 of the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006, previously setting the age at 15.

They also deleted the word "criminal" that modified "responsibility" in referring to youth offenders.

The House initially lowered the age of

responsibility to 9 — which passed the first reading on January 21. However, following backlash from experts and opposition from senators, it was moved up to 12 years old.

SAGIP Party-list Rep. Rodante Marcoleta, through a substitute bill, introduced last-minute changes during the plenary session on January 23.

President Rodrigo Duterte told reporters he was "comfortable" with 12 years old being the new standard.

Duterte added he would have also been amenable to lowering the age of liability to 9.

He said it would force parents to discipline their children at a young age.

"Kasi ang gusto ko (because what I want is), at that age, pati ang (even) parents must be conscious of the criminal accountability already," the President said.

House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo earlier promised to pass the bill because "the President wants it."

Under HB 8858, children younger than 12 years old are referred to as "children in conflict with the law below the age of responsibility."

Children who are 12 years old and above will be held liable for crimes if they are found to have acted with discernment.

Alden dreams of being with another Kapuso actress, other than Maine

ALDEN Richards is the only actor who hosted a thanks-giving party for the entertainment press this past season. So what are his next moves for 2019?



"Siempre, tuluy-tuloy lang po sa 'Eat Bulaga' and 'Sunday Pinasaya,'" he says. "Then I have a series of concerts to do abroad before I start a new series on GMA-7."

What's the title? "Nothing is definite po as of now."

But the fans of his love team with Maine Mendoza are requesting GMA to make them star in the local remake of the popular Korean novel, "Descendants of the Sun". "I'd really love to do it as I know it's a hit drama worldwide. I'd also love to work with Maine again. But hindi naman po kami ang magde-decide tungkol diyan kundi ang GMA management. So I hope sana nga, sa amin ni Maine nila ibigay ang project as I'd really love to do it. Actually, kahit magkaiba ang career paths namin ngayon ni Maine as we're on our own, mas close kami ngayon as friends at mas open sa isa't isa. We are growing individually, on our own. But we really appreciate the fans of our love team who continue to support us and root for us and request na magkasama kami uli sa isang teleserye or movie."

What about the rumor that he really has a secret girlfriend who's not from showbiz and this is the reason why he declared that he is at his happiest now? "Not true. I'm at my happiest dahil sa dami ng blessings na dumaraming sa akin. Actually, ang wish ko nga, sana magtagpuan ko na 'yung the one this 2019. But hindi ko naman hinahanap, basta kung darating siya, 'di okay."

He turned 27 last January 2 and his best birthday gift for himself is the new branch of a popular fast food chain he is endorsing in Biñan, Laguna. "Under construction pa po," he adds. "But sobrang saya ko kasi dati, kumakain lang kami ng family ko sa isang branch noon sa Sta. Rosa at ngayon, may sarili na akong franchise. Our plan is to open it on Easter Sunday."

How about doing a new movie? "There is a plan po at kino-conceptualize na. Honestly, I'd like to do something out of the box, like playing a dark character, para mas challenging naman."

Who among the current Kapuso actresses would he like to work with in the future? "I'd really like to be given the chance to work with Heart Evangelista. I find her a good actress and I've never worked with her before. I'd really like to experience working with her as my leading lady."

Much ado about Derek moving to GMA

REGINE Velasquez moved to ABS-CBN last year and was given a lavish, fabulous red carpet welcome. She's definitely a big loss for GMA-7. But it's good Kiray Celis, aside from Devon Seron and Paul Salas, moved from ABS-CBN to be a Kapuso.

What do you call that? A vindication? Tit for tat? There's justice in this world? Magkaka-level ba sila?

Aside from Regine, other stars who left GMA to be a Kapamilya are Ryzza Cenon and Raymart Santiago. In turn, Kapamilya actors who jumped ober da bakod to GMA include John Estrada and Rayver Cruz.

There's much ado now about Derek Ramsay moving to GMA-7 also but, in local showbiz (reality check), there's a premium on being young and Derek is now 42 years old. His long stay with TV5 didn't really help boost his career as an actor, so he might be a bit rusty when GMA-7 gives him a teleserye.

Well, we just hope that he can be like Gabby Concepcion, who is now 54 but is still being accepted by the viewing public even when he's paired with much younger leading ladies, like Jennylyn Mercado in his newest show as a Kapuso.

Crazy rich Asia risks running into trouble

New film's celebration of wealth is also a warning about rising inequality



The romantic comedy film "Crazy Rich Asians" can be taken as a warning on rising inequality.

"Crazy Rich Asians," which has topped U.S. movie charts, gives a brazenly self-confident view of the continent's moneyed elite. Drenched in brand-name excess, the film has been praised for its breakthrough all-Asian cast. But rather than a celebration, Crazy Rich Asians should be viewed as a warning: of a continent once admired for inclusive growth now suffering a new era of rising inequality.

Not long ago even extreme Asian wealth seemed welcome. Few of the continent's early tycoons made their fortunes without a single-minded ruthlessness that was often criticized, from Hong Kong property baron Li Ka-shing to pioneering Indian industrialist Dhirubhai Ambani, father of Mukesh Ambani, presently Asia's richest man. But against a backdrop of recent poverty, these early super-rich were a sign of renewed entrepreneurial vitality. More importantly, their wealth came alongside economic growth that was both rapid and equitable.

Much the same was still true when author Kevin Kwan published Crazy Rich Asians in 2013.

Yet in the five years since the novel's publication, research has revealed a far more alarming picture of a continent growing less equal for decades.

It suggests Asia is set to overtake sub-Saharan Africa as the world's second most unequal region after Latin America.

In a continent this large, with 4.5 billion of the world's 7.5 billion people, it is of course hard to paint an entirely uniform picture.

When you look at wealth disparities within countries, much of Asia's recent increases in inequality have come in China and India. Southeast Asia's picture is more complex, with poorer nations like the Philippines and Indonesia showing rising income inequality while the likes of Malaysia and Thailand become very marginally more egalitarian. Singapore, where Crazy Rich Asians is set, remains one of Asia's least equal countries measured by income. Inequality in the city state rose for much of the last three decades, although it has dipped slightly since the global financial crisis a decade ago.

The pattern is that almost no Asian country has made rapid reductions in inequality of late. A rising tide that once lifted all boats is now mostly lifting those at the very top.

There are good reasons to worry about this. Countries with high inequality tend to grow more slowly, in part because their middle classes consume less.

Other research suggests wealth extremes corrode public institutions, which begin to respond only to the interests of the elite. Indeed, this seems a fair description of Malaysia's recent history under ex-Prime Minister Najib Razak, who was engulfed by a series of corruption scandals prior to his election defeat in May.

As it happens, this is just the kind of wealth portrayed by Crazy Rich Asians. Young himself is the scion of a property empire, a classic old economy sector. Almost of his plutocratic circle inherited their wealth. The only character that actually made his own money is a struggling software entrepreneur, portrayed as a borderline social failure.

These types of social divisions may bring the kind of populist political backlash that engulfed western nations following their own decades of galloping inequality. Protecting against such an outcome will require various policy measures. Part of the answer, the World Bank suggests, will come from helping those at the bottom, for instance by making it easier for those with gray market jobs to join the formal economy, and especially so for women. Other steps must target the top, from sharply more progressive tax systems to aggressive competition policies to check the family-owned conglomerates that still dominate much of Asian business.

Above all, Asian economies need to create more effective state institutions, capable of both enabling and redistributing wealth. Being crazy rich is fun. But boring egalitarian Asians would enjoy a far brighter future.

Kris Bernal thankful for good projects

AFTER last year's "Impostora" that lasted for more than half a year, Kris Bernal now scores with another certified hit in her latest soap, "Asawa Ko, Karibal Ko", which is now the top show in GMA-7's Afternoon Prime.

"I'm so happy to be given shows by GMA na kakaiba talaga ang storyline," she says. "Kagaya nga nitong 'Asawa Ko, Karibal Ko', na wala akong kama-lay-malay as Rachel na ang rival ko pala over the affections of Rayver Cruz as Gavin is my own former husband, si Jason Abalos as Nathan, na nag-transform into the transgender woman na si Venus played by Thea Tolentino."

Matthias Rhoads, turns up to be a friend of Rayver and he might be the key for the truth about Venus to be revealed.

The unique storyline is complemented by the very persuasive acting of all the actors in the cast, so it's not a surprise that a lot of viewers are following its every episode on afternoons after "Eat Bulaga". Kris is one star who's also a successful entrepreneur. She has her own Korean restaurant with her businessman boyfriend named Perry Choi and she has also launched her own beauty line called She Cosmetics with her first line of lipsticks formulated and packaged in Korea.

A few weeks ago, she went to the U.S. on a vacation with her family. She went to Los Angeles, where she has bought her own house (in West Covina), in time for the birthday of her of her older sister Katie who lives there. They visited the Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah and then also stayed in Las Vegas.

Liza makalipad pa kaya bilang 'Darna'?

KASALUKUYANG ginagawa ng Black Sheep Productions ang kanilang ikatlong proyekto, ang still untitled movie kung saan tampok na mga bituin ang hot loveteam at magkasintahang Liza Soberano at Enrique Gil.

The young couple plays college students na may magkaibang pangarap. Ito'y mula sa pamamahala ng hugot director' na si Antoinette Jadaone.

Dahil sa bagong movie na ginagawa nina Liza at Enrique, nangangahulugan lamang na magpu-push back na naman ang filming ng "Darna" na pamamahalaan ni Jerrold Tarog under Star Cinema.

Si Jerrold ang nagdirek ng mga hit period movies na "Heneral Luna" na pinagbidahan ni John Arcilla at "Goyo: Ang Batang Heneral" na pinangunahan naman ni

Ang ay nung Angel role ang pag- Paulo Avelino. "Darna" movie remake 2014 pa plinano with Locsin playing the title at si Erik Matti naman director. Pero dahil sa kakaroon ni Angel ng back ailment, umatras

ito sa nasabing project at ito'y napunta kay Liza Soberano. But in the middle of preparations ay nag-back out ang director nitong si Erik Matti kaya siya'y pinalitan ni Jerrold Tarog. Pero hanggang ngayon ay hindi pa rin nakaka-take ang production ng bagong "Darna" movie na pagbibidani Liza.



ISIS eye Mindanao as SEA base

MANILA, Philippines — The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) has chosen Mindanao as its "epicenter" on its plan to establish control in East Asia, Solicitor General Jose Calida told the Supreme Court last January 29.

During the oral argument questioning the legality of the third martial law extension in Mindanao, Associate Justice Rosmari Caramdang asked Calida to confirm reports that ISIS has chosen the Philippines, specifically Mindanao, and not the other Muslim countries in Asia, referring to Malaysia and Indonesia as its center.

Calida answered in the affirmative. "In fact, ISIS already admitted its complicity in the Jolo bombing," Calida told the court.

Calida added that making Mindanao its center in Southeast Asia is part of ISIS' plan.

"They want to control not only the Middle East countries but they want to spread up to

Southeast Asia," Calida said.

He explained that the jihadist group has chosen Mindanao because 23 factions have pledged allegiance to ISIS. Calida added that the group preferred Mindanao because it can easily penetrate the "backdoor."

Interior and Local Government Secretary Eduardo Año said that as early as June 2016, there were already several groups that have pledged allegiance to ISIS.

"But there are certain conditions before ISIS could recognize a Daulah Islamiyah and one of them is there must be one total organization with one leader. With [Isnilon] Hapilon as the leader and establishing a base in Lanao del Sur, the ISIS Mindanao was affiliated with its ISIS in Syria," Año said.

He added that the group has managed to gather members targeting young Muslims.

This Fil-Am actor and model is under the spell of Liza Soberano

A Fil-Am Hollywood actor and model has expressed his admiration for the gorgeous Liza Soberano. Has Enrique Gil finally met his match in him?

Liza Soberano has proven time and time again that her beauty can and will shine through despite



the tough competition in the entertainment industry. The young actress is once in a while included in TC Candler's "The 100 Most Beautiful Faces" for this year, making her fourth appearance at the landed time, behind Israel's Shelbia, K-pop star Tzuyu, and French Thylane Blondeau.

This time, she was added to the list's "hall of fame" for being included four consecutive times. I mean, at this point, would any sane person still question Liza's beauty? Filipinos may be divided on a lot of issues, but everyone agrees that the actress has a captivating face and spirit that makes us fall

for her charms.

Ryan Kolton is not an exception to this spell that she has. The Fil-Am actor and model, who just recently moved to the Philippines to pursue a career here, expressed how much he likes Liza Soberano.

"You know why? She's perfect. Honestly, she's the whole deal. She is nice. She's kind. She's a great actress. She's kinda defines what true actor should be. Whether it's acting or endorsement," he said.

But Liza is already in a relationship, wouldn't that complicate things? For Ryan, this isn't a problem at all because he has no plans of pursuing the girl. He clarified that he would only like to work with her such as being paired together in a movie or television show.

"I respect her a lot and it will be an honor to work with her. She's the top of her game."

While Ryan Kolton is indeed handsome and charismatic, he is not the first foreign-blooded attractive man who admire Liza. In fact, singer Charlie Puth personally invited the Kapamilya actress to his Manila concert in 2016!

The Vamps member James McVey also had a little (maybe not little) crush on her. Although he didn't explicitly say it, James uploaded a selfie of the two of them backstage, not once, but twice! His captions also proves that he liked Liza more than he can admit. "Lovely to see the wonderful @lizasoberano tonight. I did sing to her... Maybe" Swoon!

What do you think?

Beauty Gonzalez hits back at trolls judging her bikini photo

Pinoy celebrities are just as used to criticisms as they are to praise, but sometimes negative remarks take their toll on them. Actress Beauty Gonzalez couldn't help but slam her detractors in her recent Instagram post.

In her post dated December 28, Beauty posed in a two-piece bikini while lying on a couch. No wonder why; she loves going to the beach as seen on her previous Instagram posts.

She captioned:

Basking gloriously in this dappled Sunshine



but in reality currently bracing ourselves for a typhoon to hit. Rain or Shine Beach is Life.

However, her said photo seemingly didn't win some netizen's nod. A few netizens noticed how often she posts daring photos of her. Not afraid to hit them back, Beauty did not let two negative remarks pass. One netizen (@gab.9994) said:

"Parang last week ka pa hubad ng hubad ah...damit na!"

Beauty replied:

"ikaw pakita ka naman! Para mag-enjoy 14 followers mo?!? Please?"

In another comment, @sweetieshines expressed:

"So tired of this woman getting [redacted] all the time especially showing her pasty body."

The 27-year-old actress answered:

"aww, di mo na kaya? Sige, my next post is dedicated to you. Sana wag ka na ma-tired."

She then posted a photo of her wearing a long dress with sleeves with a caption:

I hear the secrets that you keep,
When you're talking in your sleep.

Though the caption does not show any hint of response to the previous negative comments, some of her followers concluded that the photo fulfills the detractor's demand.

Meanwhile, her followers showed admiration for her beach-ready body and advised her to not mind the critics.

Earlier, the "Kadenang Ginto" star faced a similar issue after posting a bikini photo in front of the beach. She responded to one of her detractors by telling that her suit is appropriate and pointing out that she is endorsing a clothing brand.

A self-professed beach lover at a fitness

inspiration, Beauty loves to show her well-toned body despite already giving birth to her daughter Olivia in 2016. Of course, her high-fashion taste in swimsuit designs has also been commended by her followers.

Beauty rose to fame after she joined "Pinoy Big Brother." She starred in various TV and movie projects in ABS-CBN. She is in a relationship with Norman Crisologo, the father of Olivia.

Joyce Pring starts 2019 with a kilig surprise from Juancho Trivino

The "Unang Hirit" crew were witness to a kilig surprise orchestrated by Juancho Trivino for his co-host Joyce Pring.



The pair did not spend the holidays together and Joyce was under the impression that Juancho had a different schedule this Friday.

"Ka-text ko pa sya kaninang umaga pagka land nya ng mga 230am sa Manila, sabi nya direcho daw sya tapping kasi may for airing sila na episodes," Joyce explained in an Instagram post.

She was caught off guard when Juancho wheeled into frame as she was doing a live segment for the show. The staff, Joyce realized, was in on it from the start.

"Pati ang prod team, camera man, RM ko etc. Kaya naman pala andaming extra na cameras today...may ido-document sila," she said.

Joyce dropped the "cool" act and confessed that she's just a girl, feeling kilig over a surprise visit from a boy.

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Mapapanood ang mga GMA teleserye na Impostora, Legally Blind, Someone To Watch Over Me, Hanggang Makita Kang Muli, at Ika-6 na Utos dubbed in Spanish sa mga bansang Ecuador, Uruguay at Peru.

Afternoon Prime noong July 3, 2017 hanggang February 9, 2018.

Dual role si Kris sa naturang teleserye bilang si Rosette at Nimfa.

BEA BINENE

Si Bea Binene naman daw ay gumagawa ng

Gumanap dito si Bea bilang isang feral child o isang batang lumaki sa piling ng mga hayop.

JANINE GUTIERREZ

Si Janine Gutierrez naman ay nakapanood ng pinagbidahan niyang Legally Blind na dubbed in Spanish at tuwang-tuwa siya rito.

"Napapanood ko yung mga videos ng Legally Blind na naka-dub in Spanish, so sobrang nakaka-aliw lang.

"Kasi nung bata ako, paborito ko yung Marimar, Rosalinda na naka-dub in Tagalog.

"So for me, to see na yung ginawa namin na show, baligtad naman—dubbed in Spanish 'tapos pinapalabas sa Latin America—sobrang nakakatawa.

"Saka hindi kami makapaniwala," pahayag ni Janine.

Umere naman ang Legally Blind sa GMA Afternoon Prime mula February 20, 2017 hanggang June 30, 2017.

TOM RODRIGUEZ

Happy naman si Tom

Rodriguez na nagiging paborito ng ibang lahi ang pinagbidahan niyang teleserye na Someone To Watch Over Me.

Sinabi pa ng aktor na malapit ito sa kanyang puso.

"That's such a pleasant surprise for 2019.

"Parang ang sarap, kasi like I said, that was another project that's near and dear to my heart," pag-amin ni Tom.

Tungkol sa isang lalaking na-diagnose with early-onset Alzheimer's disease ang kuwento ng Someone To Watch Over Me, na umere sa GMA Telebabad noong September 5, 2016 hanggang January 6, 2017.

paraan para makapag-communicate siya sa mga Spanish-speaking fans na nanonood ng Hanggang Makita Kang Muli.

"Nagdi-DM [Direct Message] talaga sila.

"Tapos, yung mga sinasabi nila Español pa, kasi feeling ko baka hindi marunong mag-English.

"So ako, ginu-Google Translate ko pa, 'tapos sasagot ako English, igu-Google Translate ko rin, gagawin kong Spanish," ngiti pa ni Bea.

Ang Hanggang Makita Kang Muli ay isa sa GMA Afternoon Prime teleserye na umere mula noong March 7, 2016 hanggang July 15, 2016.



Kapuso stars including Kris Bernal, Bea Binene, Janine Gutierrez and Tom Rodriguez feel ecstatic about getting messages from South American fans who enjoy their GMA-7 teleseryes aired in South American countries such as Ecuador, Uruguay and Peru

KRIS BERNAL

Sa naging interview kay Kris Bernal sa 24 Oras noong nakaraang January 23, ikinatutuwa raw nito ang natatanggap niyang mga mensahe mula sa ilang fans na taga-South America.

"Gustung-gusto nila yung Impostora.

"Tapos, may mga nagme-message sa akin na, alam mo 'yon, sa ibang lengguwahe pa rin.

"Hindi ko alam kung paano ako magreply.

"Gusto pa nilang magpagawa ng video greetings," masayang kuwento ni Kris.

Ang Impostora ay umere sa GMA

INVITATION

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Tawilis now on endangered species list

MANILA, Philippines — The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has placed tawilis, the only freshwater sardine in the world, on the list of endangered species.

Threats to the survival of tawilis (*Sardinella tawilis*) include “overexploitation, pollution and competition and/or predation with introduced fishes,” the IUCN said.

“Overfishing, illegal use of active fishing gears such as motorized push net and ring net, proliferation of fish cages, and deterioration of water quality” are also among factors to the dwindling number of tawilis.

“Na-assess siya as endangered. Well, ibig sabihin, it’s a step closer na pwede na siyang maging extinct. Pero wala pa naman siya



doon,” National Academy of Science and Technology’s Dr. Mudjekeewis Santos said.

“Wag na sana nating paabutin na maging critically endangered by doing nothing. May

pag-asa, may management na ginagawa. Pero to us, it’s a wakeup call,” he added.

Furthermore, the study stated that this species significantly declined since 1998 with a decline in harvest by about 49% over the past ten years.

This species of sardine can only be found in Taal Lake, Batangas. Major eruptions of Taal Volcano in the 18th century sealed the lake from the sea, eventually leading its waters to become fresh water. Tawilis is one of a few marine species trapped within the lake that have evolved into purely freshwater species.

The IUCN recommended that the Philippine government consider Taal Lake as one of its high priorities for conservation.

Duterte tirades vs Church mere diversion

MANILA, Philippines – Bayan Muna party-list on Friday slammed President Rodrigo Duterte’s attacks against the Catholic Church, adding that it is a diversion, adding that religious leaders must guide the faithful in fighting against looming tyranny in the Philippines.

“Part ng diversion yan. Ina-atake niya ang simbahan siyempre tulad ito ng mga atake niya sa ibang mga institusyon na tumutuligsa sa mga policies ng pamahalaan,” Bayan Muna Rep. Carlos Isagani Zarate said in a prayer rally at Rajah Sulayman Park in Malate, Manila.

(It’s a diversionary tactic. He attacks the

Church the way he attacks other institutions who are opposing government policies).

Former Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo said Duterte wants to smear the credibility of Church to minimize opposition to his administration.

“Kaya pinapakita diyan at sinisikap niyang [Duterte] isara ang credibility ng Church para yung isang balwarte ng paglaban sa kung ano ang binabalak niya, lalo na yung patungo sa tyranny at dictatorship ay mababawasan,” Ocampo said.

(Duterte is trying to clip the credibility of the

Church so that a pillar in fighting hid plans will be weakened).

Meanwhile, former Department of Social Welfare and Development Secretary Corazon ‘Dinky’ Soliman said Duterte must stop attacking the Church.

“Bilang pangulo dapat ginagalang niyo ang Diyos at bayan. ‘Di na kami tatahimik at di na kami papayag na iniinsulto mo ang alagad ng Diyos,” she said at the sidelines of the rally

(As president, he should respect God and the people. We will not keep quiet and we will not tolerate insults against the Church).

Heart not doing ‘Crazy Rich Asians’ sequel in China

Despite earlier reports that the team behind the blockbuster rom-com flick “Crazy Rich Asians” wouldn’t even start filming the sequel until 2020, many Filipino fans help that Evan-Has China start of must be something to the movie.

In a recent on Twitter, the actress finally the “For you in



China Rich,” Much of the supposed inclusion in the sequel stems from the actress’ friendship with Kevin Kwan, who wrote the popular book on which the film is based. Kevin also had Heart in a Harper’s Bazaar video feature on “real crazy rich Asians.”

Meanwhile, in an interview with a small group of reporters last December, Heart said that though she feels flattered that there are people who seem to think that she would be perfect for the movie, “I’m not sure if I’m doing one with them.”

“I’m very good friends with Kevin Kwan. So, by just doing Harper’s Bazaar, doors opened for me in other countries. But I don’t really know what to say about that,” she said.

Heart is currently in China “for something else,” but wouldn’t reveal exactly what for, just yet.

“I will be doing lots of things abroad,” Heart said in the same interview, perhaps alluding to her current project. “I wish I could say. But based on my personal experience, when something amazing is about to happen and I say it out loud, the bad spirit comes and takes it away!”

“So, I’m going to do my own thing in my little corner of the world and work hard and prepare for dreams that are bound to come true,” Heart added.

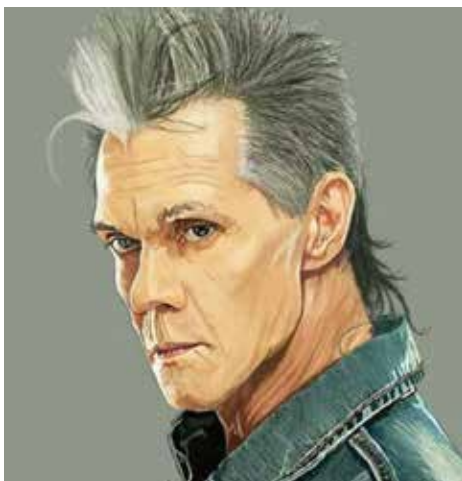
Why Enchong ‘liked’ Gretchen’s post vs Kris

“I didn’t realize I was that important,” said actor Enchong Dee when reporters asked why he “liked” a post by Gretchen Barretto that was supposed to be a tirade directed at Kris Aquino.

“Mahilig ako mag-like. I ‘like’ a lot of posts every day. Napapansin pa pala ng tao ang nila-like ko?” Enchong told reporters at a recent media gathering for his film, Joel Ferrer’s romantic drama “Elise,” which hits cinemas on Feb. 6.

“You know me, I would speak about all sorts of things, be it political or environmental,” he pointed out, adding that, yes, he was well aware that Gretchen’s post was for Kris. “I know what I like and comment on.”

He also said he did not want the issue to get blown out of proportion. “I don’t want to elaborate on it anymore. I don’t want it to be a big deal or to be a part of promoting this movie,” he insisted. “It’s just a matter of how people will interpret what I did. I know what I like—that’s it!”



BREAKING: Pinoy rock pioneer Joey ‘Pepe’ Smith dies at 71

MANILA, Philippines — Joey “Pepe” Smith, one of the pioneering fathers of Pinoy rock, died early this morning, Jan. 28, his daughters Daisy and Delta confirmed to the Inquirer. He was 71.

“Thank you for everything papa bear ko. Thank you for being the best dad in the world. I know you’re in the best place now, no more pains papa.. i will see you in few days. I love you to the moon and back,” his daughter Daisy wrote on Facebook.

Smith reportedly suffered a stroke a few years ago but has not been taking medication.

In 1974, Smith, along with his Juan dela Cruz bandmates Mike Hanopol and Wally Gonzalez, released the groundbreaking album “Himig Natin,” whose title track defined the sound of Pinoy rock.



Fil-Canadian organization extends support to GMA Kapuso Foundation anew

GMA Kapuso Foundation (GMAKF) once again received a monetary donation from the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF), one of the biggest Filipino charitable organizations in Ontario, Canada to help fund GMAKF’s projects for this year. The annual turnover was led by PCCF Executive Vice President Rosemer Enverga (fourth from left) together with GMAKF Founder and Ambassador Mel Tiangco (fourth from right). Also present last January 18 were (From left) GMAKF



EVP and COO Rikki Escudero-Catibog, Miss Teen Philippines Canada 2018 Alexa Grant, Little Miss Philippines Canada 2018 Samantha Sarmiento, Miss Philippines Canada 2018 First Runner-up Ashlyn Velecina, Miss Philippines Canada 2018 Ranielle Macapagal and Mrs. Philippines Canada 2018 Elvira Ortiz. Every year, key members of the organization provide financial aid to their beneficiaries in the Philippines. The donations come from proceeds of their various fundraising activities in Canada such as Pinoy Fiesta Toronto which showcases Filipino beauty, values, and culture. To donate to GMAKF, visit www.gmanetwork.com/kapusofoundation. (30)



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Netizens noticed something about KC Concepcion's body



Holiday weight gain? Netizens can't help but talk about KC Concepcion's body in this video uploaded by her mother Sharon Cuneta.

The season for family gatherings and get-together is here once again! Family members who rarely see each other throughout the year gather in one nice house to have hearty lunch or dinner with the entire clan. Of course, this calls for a lot of delicious and sinful dishes that everyone seems to avoid to eat for the fear of gaining weight. But it's a holiday with your family, so go eat your heart out!

This seems to be the case for Megastar Sharon Cuneta's family this Christmas. The Megastar posted a short video clip of what looks like a prayer before Christmas dinner, lead by none other than her eldest daughter KC Concepcion. She is joined by her French boyfriend Pierre Plassart.

The lovely KC prayed earnestly with all her heart, and Sharon's follower were very touched by her eloquence in expressing her strong faith. However, netizens also noticed something quite different with her body. Many of them were asking if the lady gained weight after all.

Some netizens justified this by saying that KC's body type is one that can easily gain weight if not watched, and because of her happy relationship with boyfriend Pierre, she couldn't care less. Plus, it's the holidays! Everyone enjoys being around family and eating good food so why should it be a surprise when someone gains weight?

If you take a look at the comments section, you would see a long and unending argument between fans and those who kept giving negative comments about KC's body. Some agreed that she indeed gained weight, but still looks phenomenal so why does it even matter?

However, KC's fans are confident that the actress-entrepreneur won't be affected much by this commotion. In the Beauty Fair hosted by Shopee last June, KC joined fellow Women's Rights advocates Megan Young, Martha Jante, Kristine Roces, and Helen Payawal in talking about their struggles as women and how they push through it.

"It's about being healthy and having a happy body. Dapat healthy and happy 'yung mind at 'yung katawan," she said.

"A lot of those tend to be so physical. First of all, you're expected to be so thin and fit. Sa genes namin, hindi kami tingting, 'di ba? I don't believe in totally supporting being really big, because then it can mean na hindi ka healthy. Hindi din naman ako okay sa anorexia na payat. I've always believed in having a healthy body. I really spend a lot of time getting healthier and learning about my body."

KC has one thing to say about all the beauty trends emerging today—may it be fitness, makeup, or anything that in the long term becomes a burden to women. "Be natural. Be confident. Try not to be too strict or too

serious with yourself. Allow yourself to play and have fun."

Former actress Jewel Mische shares what success means for her

Jewel Mische shared that her mother wanted her to be a beauty queen, after Miss Philippines Catriona Gray won Miss Universe 2018 last December 17. On her Instagram page, she revealed her mother's dream for her, saying:

"Like Ms. Catriona Gray's mother, my mom also once dreamt that I become a beauty queen. I never really saw myself as



one though, it was never my desire.. at saka, height pa lang bagsak naman na ako, e!"

Now that being a beauty queen was impossible Jewel also admitted that being a doctor was also appealing to her mother. She shared:

"Pwede din doktor, sabi niya, which was never gonna happen because I don't even like the sight of blood."

Apparently, third time's the charm for her when she embarked her career as an actress after she won Ultimate Sweetheart in the reality show "Starstruck" back in 2006.

"Tapos naging pag-aartista na lang nauwi yung pangarap ng nanay ko for me. Ayun natupad naman, even though it was never my first love kaya naiwanan ko din," she admitted.

Before marrying her husband Alex Kurzer in 2014, Jewel traded stardom for domestic family life in 2013. She then moved to Michigan, U.S.A and is now raising their daughter named Aislah. The former actress also admitted that she and her mother sometimes don't see eye to eye, including how they view success.

Jewel Mische confessed:

"My mom is very different from me though, we have always clashed... I believe she still secretly thinks I am a failure for leaving showbiz to be 'just a house wife' or a 'full time mom.'"

She continued:

"My definition of success is different from hers. 'Success' to me (and one of my favorite preachers)—is completion and fulfillment (of the original intent) of the purpose for your existence (why you were created)."

Jewel further explained:

"In other words, success is not about making a lot of money, it's not about having a big house with a nice car by the lake... Success is very very simple, discovering your purpose and then completing it before you [redacted]. In other words, success must be measured by why you were created. Success is therefore, 'PURPOSE FULFILLED.'"



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Filipino Canadian Catholic Parents Organization Slates 5th Anniversary and Valentine Event

By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

The Filipino Canadian Parents Association in Catholic Education - FCPACE will hold its 5th Founding Anniversary with a Post Valentine Dinner Dance and Induction of Newly Elected Officers for 2019 on February 22, 2019, Saturday, at 7:00 pm. at JC's Banquet Hall, 1686 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, Toronto.

Formed in November 2013, the faith-focused, non-profit, volunteer-run and community-based organization will celebrate its purposeful partnership and participation in the ever-growing Filipino Canadian community in the Greater Toronto Area. FCPACE was organized in order to promote and foster among parents, guardians and community members the meaningful practice of authentic Catholicism through Christ-centred love, devotion, and understanding. The organization, through its established programs and projects continuously advocates and contributes to the achievement of student success in Toronto Catholic schools.

Under the admirable stewardship of president Manny Lim and vice-president Joseph Redoblado as a program host, the FCPACE officers and members will offer an evening full of fellowship, fun, food, entertainment, prize

raffles and social dancing activities. Expected to attend the event are family members and friends as well as invited guests from the educational, religious, social and community sectors.

The members of the Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 term are Rose Apilado, Ben Corpuz, Paulina Corpuz, Cielto Drapeza, Kit Galema, Gina Lim, Manny Lim, Christine Manrique, Zinnia Milburn, Jeffrey Oliveros, Joseph Redoblado, Lorelei Redoblado, Tony A. San Juan and Marla Tanuan, with TCDSB Trustee Garry Tanuan as an adviser. For membership or event tickets, please contact Manny Lim at mannytlm@gmail.com. or Joseph Redoblado at Tel. 416-728-1964

FCPACE, since its inception, has been the "leading light" and steadfastly helped in the creation of the Filipino Advisory Committee in the Toronto Catholic District School Board in 2014 as well as the passage and proclamation in 2018, of "June as Filipino Heritage Month" and the official celebration of Philippine Independence Day every June 12 in all Catholic elementary and secondary schools in Toronto. Proudly, it aims to continue pursuing its desirable goals and programs faithfully and productively as possible. (Tony A. San Juan, OCT).

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Ken looks back at the good and bad things about 2018

KEN Chan says that the recently concluded year, 2018, has been both a good and bad one for him. It's good because he got a new show for which he is now receiving much acclaim for his very credible performance as a mentally-challenged young man, "My Special Tatay", but it's also bad as his dad is now fighting the big C.

"I thank the Lord for all His blessings and here's hoping that the new year 2019 will be an even better one for all of us," he says. "I'm also happy that all of us in the cast of 'My Special Tatay' have become very close to each other and we're now one big happy family. Maganda lagi ang bonding naming lahat sa set in between takes."

In a video they posted while they're taping the show, you will see Rita Daniela, who plays Aubrey, singing "My Heart Will Go On", while Bruno Gabriel, who plays Orville, is playing the piano. Singing along with them are Carmen Soriano as Lola Soledad, Jillian Ward as Odette, Kenneth Giducos as Dekdek, and

Ken himself as the title-roler Boyet. Watching them shows that they are all full of positive vibes and it's obvious that they all get along fine, on and off camera.

The show's story has gotten more absorbing. The villainous Teresa Loyzaga as Olivia is trying her best to keep Ken as Boyet away from his caring Lola Sol. Meantime, the formerly obnoxious Rita as Aubrey is being changed for the better by honest love and care of Ken for her. No wonder more and more viewers are rooting for their love team.

Rita has her own problems with her mom, Angeli Bayani as Myrna, who is full of complaints and is very materialistic. She finds

her match in Candy Pangilinan as Chona, the godmother of Boyet who is very protective of him. The show started airing at the beginning of September and continues to rate very high as it enter it's fifth month of telecast so we won't be surprised if it would be extended for several more months.



Luis Manzano, scolded for eating Bible-prohibited food, claps back: 'So, see you in hell?'

TV host and actor Luis Manzano brushed off the comments of one netizen after the latter called him out for a recent Instagram post – about food.

Manzano took last Jan. 25 where million-strong fans spread, which grilled pork and fish, and others.

"Pusit isda at

their

It made it seems receptive to it. jaime_ruj, in a ment, pointed out the food he shared the Bible.

"These are one of not eat, it is unclean netizen wrote, quoting Manzano seemed comment and wrote "So paano? Kita tayo ka una? Paiwan nalang (So what now? Will we What time are you going gate open, will you?)

"I didn't say that said," the netizen, in comment, repeated.

"Kaya nga, kita kits pre! (Exactly, see you there, bro!) Text me when you get there," replied Manzano.

Other fans came to Manzano's defense and called out the netizen for his out of place comment. "Be thankful instead, ang dami alam (you know too much) @jaime_ruj," said one fan (@mynameis_dm).

A certain Kat (@kat_eugenio) also reprimanded the netizen, saying they were quoting laws from the Old Testament. In some verses in the New Testament, it was said that Jesus Christ has since declared all foods as "clean" (Mark 7:17-23).

"I know what you are referring to and I'm telling you that you have misunderstood it dahil sa Old Testament ka lang nag base (because you only based it in the Old Testament)," she wrote.

In the end, the netizen, seemingly out of bullets, told Manzano to just "move on" – a response the TV host found laughable.

"@jaime_ruj natawa ako sa move on," said Manzano. "Di ka nga maka-move on sa pusit at hipon."

(You made me laugh as you say, "Move on." You cannot even move on from the squid and shrimps.)

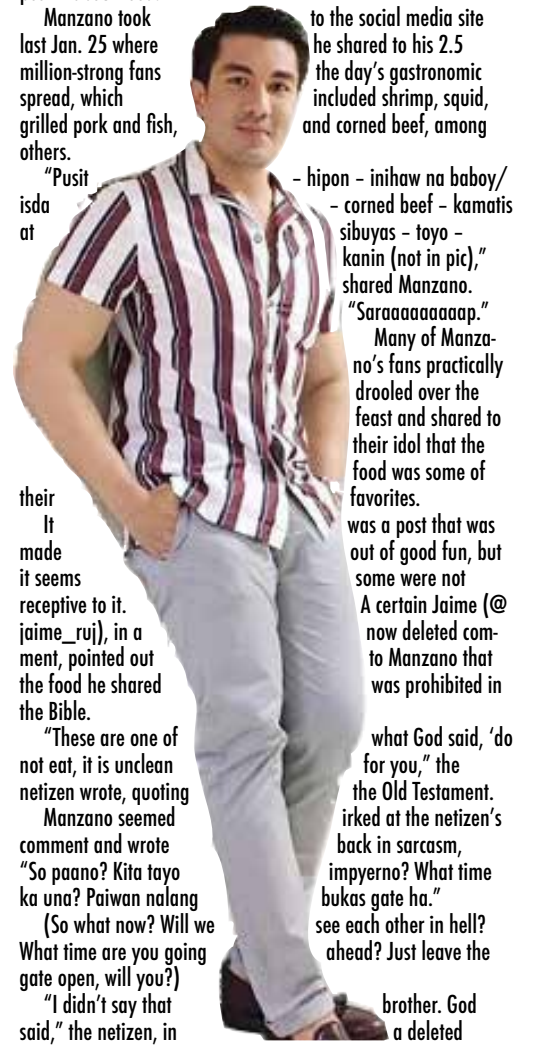
to the social media site he shared to his 2.5 million-strong fans the day's gastronomic included shrimp, squid, and corned beef, among others.

Many of Manzano's fans practically drooled over the feast and shared to their idol that the food was some of favorites.

A certain Jaime (@jaime_ruj), in a comment, pointed out the food he shared the Bible.

what God said, 'do for you,' the the Old Testament. irked at the netizen's back in sarcasm, impyerno? What time bukas gate ha." see each other in hell? ahead? Just leave the

brother. God a deleted



What direk Laurice want to teach younger stars

DIRECTOR Laurice Guillen admits it's more difficult to direct a show with a big cast like "Ika-5 Utos" compared to her past hit, "Ika-6 na Utos". "Ika-5 Utos" is about three different families so mas malaki talaga ang casting, samantalang ang 'Ika-6', sina Gabby Concepcion, Sunshine Dizon and Ryza Cenon lang ang main cast.

Sa senior members naman ng cast ng 'Ika-5' like Jean Garcia, Tonton Gutierrez and Gelli de Belen, konting adjustments na lang. Mga paalala na lang, like si



Valerie Concepcion as the main contravida, laging galit, laging ang taas-taas, so I just remind her to tone down para maiba naman ang atake niya sa eksena."

She says she has to focus more attention on the younger members of the cast: Jake Vargas, Ina de Belen, Jeric Gonzales and Klea Pineda. "Kasi kung minsan, parang wala sa loob nila ang ginagawa nila. They just read their lines in the script without knowing kung saan o ano ang pinanggagalingan ng eksena. Basta mai-deliver lang. So bumababa talaga ako from the van to talk to them na ayusin ang work

nila kasi I cannot accept 'yung kind of acting na okay na 'yan, puwede na 'yan. I really want to train them well."

Aside from "Ika-5 Utos", Direk Laurice has finished a new movie, "Man and Wife", based on the classic radio and TV soap opera, "Gulong ng Palad". It stars Gabby Concepcion and Jodi Sta. Maria and will be released as pre-Valentine presentation in 2019. What are her other plans for the new year?

"I want to lose weight," she says. "May bike ako inside my room, pero hindi ko naman nagagamit. Kasi madali akong hingalin, e. At gusto ko na ring magkaapo. My two daughters naman, Anna and Irina, are already of age. I've met their boyfriends and okay naman sila. Yun ngang farm ko sa Batangas, ihinahanda ko na, tinataniman ko ng fruit trees para later on, I can show their fruits to my grandchildren. O, itong chico, itong bayabas, itong atis. Sana, daliin na nila para makita ko na ang mga apo ko," adds Direk Laurice who's been a widow since 2009 when her husband Johnny Delgado passed away.

She also remains to be the head of the annual Cinemalaya Filmfest. She's happy that the last one in August produced many good, acclaimed entries, like "Liway", "ML (Martial Law)", "Kung Paano Hinihintay ang Dapithapon", "School Service" and "Distance". She finds fulfillment in guiding young filmmakers with their new films. "My advise to them always is to be open-minded and humble," she says. "Kasi 'yung mga iba cannot accept that they still need mentoring. I always tell them we don't want to meddle with their work and we really want them all to succeed as filmmakers."

Barbie Imperial insists she and JM de Guzman not yet an item



at Rhian ang pang-iintriga sa kanila at sinabi nila sa hiwalay nilang mga pahayag na magkaibigan lang sila.

Subalit nitong December 19 ay mukhang nagkaayos na ang dalawa matapos mag-post ni Barbie ng litrato nila ni JM sa Instagram, kung saan sweet si JM habang pabirong naka-roll eyes naman si Barbie.

Last December 30, nag-post naman si JM ng litrato kasama si Barbie.

Makikita sa litrato na binibigyan ni JM si Barbie ng isang heart-shaped pretzel habang nakangiti sila sa isa't isa.

Ang caption naman ni JM sa kanyang post ay isang bahagi ng kanta ni John Mayer na may titulong "Friends, Lovers Or Nothing."

Nag-comment sa post ni JM ang co-stars nila sa Precious Hearts Romances: Araw Gabi na sina Jane Oineza, Rita Avila, at Vina Morales.

Sabi ni Jane, "Ayun na nga po. Iba din naman."

Comment naman ni Rita, "Hello mga palitaw kong anak. Lulubog Lilitaw. Suspense Thriller. Aso't pusa. Opposite poles attract naman. Tantantanaaaaa. Tantantanaaaaa."

Saad ni Vina, "Ayiyiiiiii [heart eyes emoji] hahaha magpakita kayo after New Year"

Magkasama rin sina JM at Barbie sa Instagram story ni Barbie, kasama ang kaibigan nilang si Cholo Barretto.

Barbie Imperial insists that she and JM de Guzman are not yet in a relationship. JM, on the other hand, posts a sweet photo with Barbie on Instagram.

Iginiit ni Barbie Imperial na hindi pa sila magkarelasyon ni JM de Guzman.

Nag-quote tweet si Barbie ng tweet ng isang netizen, kung saan nag-post ito ng video clip mula sa iWant original program na IKR: I Know Right.

Ayon sa video clip, naging magkarelasyon sina Barbie at JM, nag-away, nagkabati, at ngayon ay nagkabalikan na.

Sabi ni Barbie tungkol dito, "Uy hindi pa po kami ni JM ah! Hahahahaha"

Matatandaang nagkaroon ng alitan ang dalawa na pinag-usapan sa social media

Inulan ng pambabatikos si JM matapos akusahan ng ilang netizens—kasama ng fans ng kanilang love team—na pinaasa nito si Barbie na nagkakamabutihan sila, gayong may ugnayan din diumano ang aktor kay Rhian Ramos.

Si Rhian ay naging leading lady ni JM sa pelikulang Kung Paano Siya Nawala, na ipinalabas nitong nakaraang Nobyembre.

Mariing pinabulaanan nina JM



FROM LEFT, Bea Santiago (with Fashion designer John Ablaza), Arianna Pantaleon and the students of Star Circle Entertainment Therese Lamug, Nathalia Laurent, Samantha Gavin, and Jana Barash modelled Ablaza's fashion marking his 30 years in the business.

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LEFT, Veronica Corpuz and Junita Desautels walk the runway at John Ablaza's fashion show.



Kassandra Adajar and Kathryn Rodricks model some of the creations of John Ablaza.



Forex Toronto, a balikbayan box company was one of the sponsors of Golden Voices Encore concert.



Good Vibes 2019 producers Fe Paca-Taduran and June Javier pose with Scarborough Toyota's Emmanuel Yanga (CENTER), who is one of the major sponsors of the show. The producers give their heartfelt thanks!



Melissa Saldua Ventocilla (FAR RIGHT) poses with other beauties at the Miss World Canada meet and greet.



Philippine comedians AJ Tamiza & Le Chazz, who recently entertained at the well attended 'Good Vibes 2019 Show' at the Toronto Pavilion, paid a courtesy call to their major sponsor, the Scarborough Toyota. They were warmly received by Justin Griffin (4th FROM LEFT), Scarborough Toyota General Manager, Scarborough Toyota's Emmanuel Yanga, our heartfelt thanks!

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By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

The quintessential ACTristar Marketing Corporation - Saladmaster, ending on a high note of the year 2018 and expecting the new year, 2019 would be a banner year for the prominent entity, held its 20th year anniversary on December 19, 2018 at Montecassino Hotel and Event Venue, North York, Toronto. ACTristar, the leading authorized dealer of world-renowned Saladmaster products, is

a company "dedicated to educating people how to prepare and cook food" efficiently.

Led by its President Alfredo "Pidoy" Pacis and Vice President Carmela "Ting" Pacis, the successful celebration was attended by more than 300

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2018 AWARDEES

PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Loyalty Awardees

1. Denia Javier (2 yrs)
2. Mary Grace Sernadilla (2 years)
3. Norieda Caringal (2 years)
4. Jensen Castillo (3 years)
5. Dario & Abigail Dario (4 years)
6. Felipe Manaos (4 years)
7. Frankie Lacuata (4 years)
8. Dennis Ornedo (5 years)
9. Bayani Caasi (8 years)
10. Leomar Cabison (8 years)
11. Carmen Skulj (8 years)
12. Kim Christian Pacis (9 years)
13. Melissa Ramos (9 years)
14. Chita Jove (11 years)
15. Heidi Gutierrez (11 years)
16. Raymond Arguelles (12 years)
17. Al & Jean Parucha (18 years)

Top Stock Program

1. Caroline Mina
2. Elleonor Poblete
3. Bella Flor Dela Rosa

2018 30/30 Challenge Award

1. Anne Agan
2. Mary Grace Sernadilla
3. Jenalyn & Castro Babia Jr.

Top Rookie

Caroline Mina

Top Recruiter

Mary Grace Sernadilla

Team Spirit Awards

Vega Team

PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Top personal Sales - Consultants' Category

1. Caroline Mina
2. Bellaflor Dela Rosa
3. Eleonor Poblete

Top Personal Sales - Managers' Category

1. Mary Grace Sernadilla
2. Felipe Manaos
3. Heidi Gutierrez

Top Distributors

1. Mary Grace Sernadilla
2. Felipe Manaos
3. Leomar Cabison

HONORARY AWARDS

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1. Bellaflor Dela Rosa
2. Bienda & Duel Gabrido
3. Felipe Ranillo
4. Sharon Padua
5. Caroline Mina
6. Lailanie Cuevas
7. Allan Liac

Most Improved Life-Changer Award

Catherine Palsi

Most Enthusiastic Life-Changer Award

Bienda Gabrido

Most Consistent Life-Changer Award

Mary Grace Sernadilla

Most Reliable Life-Changer Award

Jenalyn & Castro Babia Jr.

Carmen Skulj

Most Dedicated Life-Changer Award

Felipe Manaos

SPECIAL AWARDS

GMC Consistency Honors

Felipe Manaos

GMC Rolex Watch Recipients

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Mary Grace Sernadilla

MAJOR AWARDS

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Moira Dela Torre tweets a rude concert-goer

Moira Dela Torre was heckled during concert! How did she respond?

For artists and performers, getting on stage is a frightening thing. To stand in front of hundreds or even thousands of people, all eyes on you, watching every move is enough to make one shiver. These performers will offer up their talent on that stage, never mind the probable mistakes they may make in the midst of it and give their heart in that performance. Then, applause from the admiring crowd.

But it is a totally different case when you have not-so kind crowd. Most times, artists would have to face rude snide remarks from some people in the audience. Heckling while they're performing? How should they react? Singer Moira Dela Torre found herself in a tight spot when she experience this first-hand. During a year-end concert at Marikina Sports Center where she performed in front of 70,000 fans in the venue, a certain person from the crowd shouted some very unkind and rude words to her.

Moira expressed her feelings about this on her Twitter account.

In the first tweet, she wrote, "To the rude kuya shouting "ang taba mo laki mo moira panget taba" while i was performing last night..i was so tempted to look at you & give you a piece of my mind. But i didn't want anyone feeling how you made me feel. Even you. (1/2)"

"Women are beautiful whatever

size and may I be the last person you disrespect like that," the singer continued. "May you learn to love yourself enough that you won't need to bring people down just to feel 'funny' or important. If you're reading this, I hope next year showers you love. Happy new year."

After unloading her thoughts about the encounter, thousands of Moira's fans came to comfort her with kind words that can surely trump down the body-shaming she had endured. Lots of them came with stories of how they became her fans, of how she helped them through their tough times.

Knowing that a lot of people have experienced the same thing, the singer uploaded a short letter to the world explaining that "everyone can use a little kindness".

"...I think kindness can stop the cycle of bullying or hiding unnecessary comments under 'constructive criticism'. Because constructive criticism should aim only to bring people up. I just needed to make that clear because I need people like me to know they are not alone and that they are beautiful and loved."

BELOW, Ed Tubale (FAR RIGHT) and friends poses with singer Maria Panaligan poses (2ND FROM LEFT) after the Golden Voices Encore concert.



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Meet the vlogger turned Kapuso heartthrob + other stories

One may be familiar with model entrepreneur Mikaela Lagdam-ao-Martinez and be totally aware of her good looking genes. Lucky for us, she has a younger brother named Andre Lagdameo who was just recently signed under GMA Artist Center, making him our latest hottie to follow.



he said. Andre Lagdameo also added that "As long as I relate with people—that's what I really enjoy. It's not just senseless content, but I actually want to give substance to my videos and give a good message."

The 19-year-old YouTube vlogger has revealed that he thought of the streaming site as a good platform to reach out to people. "For me, I al-

ways thought if I can reach out, then I think it's worth taking a shot. I think YouTube is a great platform to reach people because people are always on their phones, computers, devices. So, I'm like, why not use YouTube? I can reach people even from my home," he shared.

"[I want to encourage others to] Be confident in who they are and knowing that if ever they are going through something, they are not alone. They can make it through it. They don't have to stay stuck there forever. It's not a permanent thing," he added.

21 year old Filipino factory worker wins \$60 million in Canada

Filipinos are among 9 winners in \$60 million



Lotto Max jackpot in Canada

A group of nine factory workers in Guelph, Ontario hit the jackpot in a big way.

Nine employees of Linamar Corporation put their money together to play Lotto Max, a Canadian lottery game coordinated by the Interprovincial Lottery Corporation.

Lotto Max started in 2009, and you can get a ticket for just \$5.00. If you want to play Encore, throw in another \$1.00. Lotto Max is drawn every Friday.

In Lotto Max, you can play seven numbers (from 1 to 49). The jackpot starts at \$10 million and goes up to a maximum of \$60 million.

Once the jackpot reaches \$50 million,

additional draws are held for MaxMillions, with \$1 million dollar prizes each.

Starting May 2019, Lotto Max will be drawn twice a week, with an increased jackpot amount.

The nine workers, including three Filipinos, were just playing for two months when they hit the big jackpot.

"I couldn't believe it," Fernando Meneses said

during the press conference in Toronto on Thursday, January 10.

Other winners included new immigrants from the Middle East and Africa.

When asked what they would do with their newfound wealth, the workers said that they plan to buy new houses and cars and of course, go on vacation.

21 year old Ella Nicole Cabrera plans to buy a house and take care of her parents. "They couldn't believe it, they were crying and thanking me."

The Lotto Max ticket was purchased at a convenience store in Guelph, Ontario.

Congratulations to the big winners!

Have Fun like it's 2019



FV Foods owner Mel Galeon (FAR LEFT) had his __tieth birthday celebration and everyone had fun and games.

'Katawan ko 'to, ako 'to': Angel Locsin responds to body shaming



MANILA — "The General's Daughter" star Angel Locsin is aware of criticisms targeting her weight, but would rather not take time out day to engage with those behind body shaming on social media.

Instead, she posed a question for them, when the topic came up in her interview on "Tonight with Boy Abunda."

"Kung iisipin mo, maaawa ka doon sa tao, kasi anong klaseng person ka para magawa mo 'yon? Perfect ka? Hindi mo na lang papatulan," Locsin answered, when asked by host Abunda whether she gets affected by comments about her weight.

"May mga bagay kasi na hindi mo dapat gawin sa kapwa mo. Kung ang taong ito comfortable siya sa ginagawa niyang 'yan, ayaw ko mag-deal sa mga ganu'ng klaseng tao. Kasi sad ang life niya. Kasi ako, wala akong problema. Bakit ikaw ang dami mong isyu? Ako nga, walang isyu, eh. Katawan ko 'to, ako 'to, sarili ko 'to.

"Eh, ikaw, okay ka ba?" she said.

Locsin, 33, also opened up about her spine injury which she first revealed in a 2015 interview on the same program. Four years since, the actress said her condition has improved, but the journey has been a difficult one.

"I think better na siya. Hindi naman siya mawawala. Mag-i-improve lang condition. Pero iyon na siya for life," said Locsin, who had to withdraw from the superhero flick "Darna" due to the injury.

While she has mostly recovered, Locsin has had to adjust to physical limitations.

"Noong bumalik ako ng workout, umiyak ako, eh. Naramdaman ko 'yung mga hindi ko na puwedeng gawin. Dati kasi feeling mo superhero ka talaga, kaya mong gawin lahat," she explained, providing as examples sudden standing, twisting, running, jumping, and bending.

"Kailangan mong harapin na iba na. Hangga't hindi mo natatanggap 'yon, hindi ka mag-move forward kasi, eh," she said.

Locsin managed just that as she took on the lead role in "The General's Daughter." The prime-time series sees her return as the "Action-Drama Queen," but this time decidedly with a newfound maturity, which has meant taking extensive measures to ensure her safety and continued recovery.

Ogie Diaz advises Kris Aquino to stay away from social media: "Kasi yan ang papatay sa 'yo, hindi ang sakit mo."

Isang open letter ang ibinahagi ng komedyante/radio host/talent manager na si Ogie Diaz sa kanyang kumareng si Kris Aquino.

Inilathala ito ni Ogie sa kanyang Facebook account January 15.

Pinayuhan ni Ogie si Kris na magpahinga muna sa social media, katulad ng naunang pangako ng TV host/actress/web star bago ito lumipad papuntang Singapore upang magpa-checkup.

Sa kabila ng karamdaman at nasa ibang bansa



ito, aktibo pa rin si Kris sa social media, kung saan isa-isa niyang sinagot ang mga pahayag ng magkapatid na Nicko at Atty. Jess Falcis laban sa kanya.

Sa kanyang liham, sinabi ni Ogie na kung nais ni Kris makapiling ang kanyang bunsong si Bimby Yap hanggang ito ay maging adult sa edad na 18, dapat muna itong tumigil sa social media.

Ito raw kasi ang tuluyang papatay sa kanya. Narito ang buong liham ni Ogie para kay Kris (published as is):

"Dear Mareng Kris,
 "Pagaling ka muna bago mo istresin ang sarili mo sa mga isyu.

"Kasi yan ang papatay sayo, hindi ang sakit mo.

"Yan ay KUNG gusto mong maabutang mag-18 si Bimby tulad ng pakiusap mo kay Lord.

"Sabi mo, inspirasyon mo ang mga anak mo, kaya patuloy kang lumalaban.

"Pero saka na ang paglaban sa mga isyu.
 "Mag-log out ka muna sa fb at instagram.

"In short, ilayo mo muna sa yo ang mga gadgets para makapagpalakas ka.

"Useless ang ginagawa mong pagpapa-check up at pagpapaospital sa Singapore kung hinihigop naman ng stress sa mga isyu ang lakas mo.

"Di bale sana kung gagaling ka agad sa mga pagsagot-sagot mo sa mga isyu.

"Pwera na lang talaga kung masokista ka at nag-e-enjoy kang ini-stress ang sarili mo.

"Don't get me wrong. Gusto ko at ng marami, gumaling ka. Pahinga ka din. Kaya mong magpahinga sa social media.

"Lakasan lang yan ng loob. Try mo kahit isa o dalawang araw lang na um-absent sa social media.

"Nakakaumay na yang away nyo ni Falcis. After all, dinala mo na yan sa korte, hayaan mo na yan doon.

"Ibahin naman natin. Yung cute lang.

"Na nami-miss ng marami sa mga updates na ginagawa mo sa social media accounts mo.

"Kunwari, ibinalita mo na pinadoktor mo si Bimby dahil nakagat ng tatlong langgam na pula.

"O kaya si Bimby, nadapa, nagkagalos sa tuhod, kaya nilagyan mo ng betadine.

"Or sinamahan mo sa kanyang dental appointment si Bimby, dahil pinabunutan mo ng wisdom tooth, kaya di mo muna iniwan. Or si Kuya Josh, nag-38 ang lagnat, kaya ipinatawag mo uli ang favorite family doctor nyo.

"Na at the end of the day, yung mga simpleng pangyayaring yon sa buhay ng mga anak mo na big deal sa yo ay kasisilipan pa rin namin ng

kadakilaan mo bilang isang ina.

"Nagmamahal,

"Pareng Ogie

"PS... Sana, makinig ka na, huhuhu!

#UtangNaLoob"

Daniel Matsunaga believes Polish girlfriend is already 'the one'

They have only been together for over a year now, but Daniel Matsunaga is already certain that his current girlfriend Karolina Pisarek is "the one."

"Of course, otherwise I wouldn't be with her. Of course, I think she's the one. We pray every day, together.

I guess, the

base of our

relationship

should always

be prayers and

putting God

in front of

everything," he

said.

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She actually,

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said.

"Every time

she comes here,

we try to

explore some

places. I try to

bring her to

different

places. Her

favorite is

Palawan. She

loves the beach

'cause she

lives in a

cold country.

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relationship is going strong even if they are miles apart most of the time.

"She's back to Poland. We keep in touch most of the time through videos and text and call. We always try to adjust to each other. She's also very busy, she's also travelling a lot so we adjust to each other. We're very happy, we're in love, and yeah, we're doing well," he said.

Admitting it is hard to be in a long-distance relationship, Matsunaga said what's most important is they trust each other.

"Basically, we just go with it. We respect each other, we trust each other. We just base our relationship in God, in Jesus," he said.

According to the Brazilian-Japanese actor, Pisarek last visited the country during the holidays.

"She was here for Christmas and New Year. She actually, for the first time, spent a long time here. It was like more than two weeks. We had a lot of fun," he said.

"Every time she comes here, we try to explore some places. I try to bring her to different places. Her favorite is Palawan. She loves the beach 'cause she lives in a cold country. Laging sobrang saya, we always go with my family, as well," he added.

Pisarek is a model who finished runner-up in the fifth season of Poland's version of "America's Next Top Model" back in 2015.



Gizele Mirasol and Philip Beloso were the hosts of the Golden Voices Encore concert.

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guests, friends, family members, Saladmaster distributors & consultants, business and media personalities in Ontario. ACTristar is owned and managed by the hardworking couple Pidoy and Ting Pacis since 1999. It is consistently recognized as the top Saladmaster product distributor in the world for the past 15 years.

The evening program started with a "parade of stars" introducing the "productive people" of ACTristar, including entertainment provided by Raidon Cabangon & other members, a homily, raffle prizes drawing and fine dining, drinks, desserts and dancing. Philippine Deputy Consul General

- Toronto Bernadette Therese Fernandez, delivered an inspirational address.

Also, to the delight of the guests, a special "Battle of ACTristar Talents" contests were admirably acted by the Polaris Alpha, Ori- & Hercules Vega teams.

With video background, Clyde Pacis retraced down memory lane the beginning and growth of the company.

Aptly and ably hosted jointly by Ron Pacis & Melissa, Kim Pacis & Jula, the festive function ran unabashedly smoothly well.

One of the major highlights of The 5-hour celebratory event was the presentation of awards and prizes to outstanding sales performers who are "achievers and money-makers" of the year 2018. A 3-part awards segment of Honourary, Major, and Prestige Category Awards was conducted by Vice President Ting Pacis, assisted by her 3 sons, Clyde, Kim and Ron. At the presentation, ACTristar awarded 2-karat diamond rings and a number of Rolex gold watches to deserving winners. Lots of trophies, prizes and give-away gifts were also handed to special awardees and recipients.

Capping the evening celebration was the stirring speech by President Pidoy Pacis. In his best address, Pidoy announced the goal of ACTristar: "that the coming 2019 will be a memorable breakthrough year". Moreover, he hoped and wished that with consistency, leadership and collective efforts ACTristar would continue to be the best and top distributor in the world with more recruits and bigger sales. To meet its vision and goal, Pidoy promised to offer greater incentives and free vacation cruises to top sales producing distributors and members of ACTristar - Saladmaster's diamond, Rolex and car clubs. With his visionary leadership and prescient spirit, he thanked and encouraged everyone to make ACTristar "the biggest in the history of Saladmaster in the next 20 years".

ACTristar - Saladmaster Awards night.

Gizele Mirasol, Rodney Ronquillo and Chyrell Samson attend the 20th ACTristar - Saladmaster Awards night.

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Dolly & George Blessed on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary

Long time residents of Scarborough, George and Dolly Poblete and their children has been very active in helping in the community. They are blessed by six children and fourteen grandchildren.

George and Dolly were active in the religious communities in Toronto. Even in their octagenarian years, they are actively involved in the Block Rosary Crusade in the GTA (36 years), many other Block Rosary movements, Rosary Apostolate in the Schools (20 years) and their Church ministries. George and Dolores are also Grand Cross Members of the Holy Sepulchre, an 11th century Papal Order, who financially support maintain Christianity in the Holy Land, These Filipino-Canadians holds the highest ranks (KGCHS & LGCHS) in the Order in Canada. Dolores is also a member of the Third Order of the Carmelite (OCDS) in the Scarborough Community.

They find so much satisfaction in serving the community, after retirement from there work.

Sir George is a recipient of many outstanding

awards in the community. In 1974, he was awarded as one of the ten Outstanding Filipino-Canadian in the engineering and Management fields.; Has build better youth in the community (through Judo, where Sensei George is a well respected Judoka, a Godan, 5th Degree Black Belt) for over forty years. and was awarded the Toronto Volunteer of the year in the Year of Volunteers in 2000; a recipient of the Queen's Jubilee medal for his community work (2004); the only Fil-Canadian recipient of the Philippine Presidential (2014) Pro-Patria Medal in North America for his extensive community in the Philippines and Canada.; and the only Fil-Canadian recipient of the QSMV (Queen's Sovereign Medal for Volunteers) in 2017.

He has helped in the church, community, families, youth and seniors, by his active participation



Dolly and George was Blessed by Fr. Michael Holmes at Prince of Peace Church, shown with children Amy Isaac, Dr. Cecilia Poblete, and Ferdie Poblete



in the Knights of Columbus (PGK, FDD, PFN and Commander for Honor Guards) and in Civic work through the Knights of Rizal (KGCR. Grand Cross Medal), an international civic organization, whose members emulate the good works of Philippine

National Hero Dr. Jose P. Rizal, and conducts Rizal projects worldwide.

Sir George has been a great asset to Canada. Together with his wife Dolly, they enjoyed their untiring service to the community.

Ryan Bang reveals most memorable moment in 2018: “Minura ako ni Angelica Panganiban!” + other stories



During her interview, the “Wildflower” star has shared an update about John Lloyd. Many people were totally curious about the reason behind their get-together with their talent manager, Nenette Rustia.

According to the “ASAP Natin ‘To” star, John Lloyd is currently contented with his life. She also expressed how happy she was to see him enjoy his private life. Maja also stressed that he respects the actor’s decisions in life and in his career.

“He’s very, very, very happy, and...period. Ayoko magbigay ng detalye kasi I want to respect him. Gusto ko rin respetuhin yung friendship na mayroon kami. Yung trust na ibinibigay nya sakin.”

The press also tried to ask Maja about John Lloyd’s plan of coming back into the industry.



To her response, the 30-year-old actress clarified that they didn’t talk about it and that they only tried to catch up with each other’s lives.

“Yung mga bagay na ganyan, wala yan sa topic namin. Pag nagk-

ikita kami lagi, hindi kami artista.”

Although it wasn’t clear if the seasoned actor still has plans of coming back, many people are still happy to see him enjoy his life with his family. His supporters are still thrilled to see his updates on his social media accounts and are still eager to see their family grow.

Whatever you decide to do, we are very happy for you John Lloyd Cruz! Continue to become a good father to your son and may your family be full of love and healthy!

Dolphy’s grandson, Rowell Quizon, joins ABS-CBN’s “Tawag ng Tanghalan”

We can all agree that the late comedy king, Dolphy, has never failed to make us laugh. Despite not being here, his influence in the industry still lingers. In fact, one of his grandsons appeared on the first episode of “It’s Showtime” for the year 2019. As a “Tawag ng Tanghalan” contestant, Rowell Quizon managed to entertain the public with his hilarious impersonations of Jaya and Ogie Alcasid.



Just like his grandfather, he also has the ability to make his audience laugh. In fact, he also engaged in hilarious banter with Vice Ganda and Vhong Navarro, which definitely made him stand out.

Rowell is the son of the late actor, Freddie Quizon, who was one of the 18 children of the comedy king. As a father of two, he definitely works hard as a stand-up comedian and singer in Tondo. He said that he also wants to be part of the showbiz industry just like the rest of his family.

Through his performance, he was able to amaze many people, including the show’s judges. There’s no denying that he’s also blessed with the talent to entertain the public. Vice also mentioned that this wasn’t the first time that he met the aspiring artist. In fact in 2011, he was a semifinalist in the third season of ABS-CBN’s “Pilipinas Got Talent.” Rowell also used to watch the Unkabogable star on his shows in local comedy bars.

Unfortunately, he wasn’t able to advance

in the final round of the contest. But despite not winning on “Tawag ng Tanghalan,” he still managed to win the hearts of the public through his hilarious jokes. Many people also believe that he still has a huge potential to make his own name in the glamorous world of entertainment.

Is Xian Lim transferring to GMA Network?

Xian Lim clarified that there is no truth to rumors that he is set to transfer to GMA Network.

The 29-year-old Kapamilya actor said he was also surprised when he first heard about his supposed network transfer making the rounds online.

“Wala naman po kasing ganyan. Actually, nabasa ko lang siya sa Twitter. Hindi ko naman po alam kung saan nanggagaling.

“I’m still with ABS-CBN pa naman po.”

A homegrown talent of ABS-CBN, Xian used to be with the network’s talent management arm Star Magic from 2008 to 2017.

Then he transferred to Viva Artists Agency in January 2018.

Netizens have observed, however, that he is no longer visible on TV of late.

The last time he appeared on TV was in 2017, when he did a special participation for the now-defunct prime-time series A Love To Last.

When asked about the status of his TV career, Xian explained that his lack of visibility has nothing to do with his change of talent



management.

“Even naman po when I was with my previous management madalang na rin naman po akong nakikita sa TV, e.

“Ako naman, I don’t think the management had anything to do with it. It’s more of naghihintay lang po ako ng projects.

“In terms of TV, naghihintay lang naman po ako.

“Thankfully, yung mga pelikula ko, pasok na pasok.”

CO-PRODUCER OF HANGGANG KAILAN

Xian was interviewed after the presscon for Hanggang Kailan, his newest movie opposite fellow Viva artist Louise Delos Reyes.

Xian signed a 10-picture deal with Viva Entertainment headed by Vic del Rosario.

Talking about what it’s like being a Viva artist, Xian said, “Being with Boss Vic, nakakatuwa lang na andaming opportunities.

“He always asks kung ano ang vision ko, ano ang gusto kong mangyari, and ano ba magagawa niya para matupad yung mga gusto ko.”

Part of their agreement was for Xian’s newly-established film company XL8 to be a co-producer for Hanggang Kailan.

Talking about his experience as a producer, Xian recalled, “Sobrang hands on kasi ako, e. Artista kasi ako.

“Ang taas ng level na nararamdaman ko kapag may kailangan yung mga tao sa paligid.

“What’s gonna make everyone comfortable, ibibigay ko hangga’t sa kaya ko.”

Xian is also slated to co-produce the 2019 Cinemalaya entry Tabon, which will be his directorial debut at the same time.

Beaming, he concluded, “2019 is the start to make more movies.”

While most of us remember the most amazing and positive things in 2018, TV personality Ryan Bang’s most memorable 2018 moment was unpleasant yet funny with her friend actress Angelica Panganiban.

Ryan told Boy Abunda in his talk show “Tonight with Boy Abunda” last December 31 that his most memorable 2018 moment was when Angelica called and told him some unpleasant words.

He said that this is the first time that Angelica swore some unpleasant words to him.

What could be the reason behind her throwing a hissy fit on the phone? According to Ryan, Angelica called him to inquire about Jeju Island.

Ryan told Angelica that Jeju Island is like the Boracay of South Korea so the actress thought it was a tropical island perfect for a beach getaway. She got her beach outfit and went to the famous island.

Little did she know that it was freezing cold there and it is far from the tropical island getaway that she was looking forward so she called Ryan and ranted to him about his earlier remark about the island.

“First time minura ako ni Angelica Panganiban. Sobrang galit siya sa akin. Balak niyang pumuntang Jeju Island tapos ang sabi ko ang Jeju Island ay parang Boracay ng Philippines. Eh sobrang lamig tapos puro shorts and beach outfit ang dala niya,” he said.

Ryan and Angelica are known as close friends especially that they work together in the comedy variety show “Banana Split.”

Angelica recalled the first time that she and Ryan met and she admitted that she went hard on him.

“Minsan bad trip na din mag check ng facebook dahil sa mga lumalabas na itsura mo, noong 23years old ka. Kakauwi ko lang nito galing South Africa. Si [John Prats] naman, kakagaling lang sa dengue. Si [Ryan Bang] naman, first day niya sa banana. Na muntik na niyang maging last,” Angelica narrated.

“Dahil habang nilalabanan ko ang jetlag, ginising niya ko sa dressing room ko, nagpa picture siya sakin. Pumayag naman ako. Pero nung nakita ko siya sa loob ng studio, nangigigil ako eh!! Naalala ko na siya ang lalake na gumising sakin para mag pa picture!! Sa isip isip ko, artista pala siya... at kasama ko pa!! Lagot sakin to... matatagalan ang pang bubully ko dito. Tsk tsk tsk.. well, hanggang ngayon naman, siya pa din ang kawawa sa grupo,” she added.

Today, Angelica and Ryan’s friendship is stronger than ever and they even call each other “Mahar” as their terms of endearment.

Maja Salvador reveals something about John Lloyd Cruz and his current life with his family

We are all aware that John Lloyd Cruz recently left the limelight of show business to focus on his family. After his son Elias was born, the Kapamilya actor and Ellen Adarna have decided to live a much simpler life. In fact, there have been several times when the star was seen in public. That’s why many were shocked to see his recent bonding with Kapamilya actress, Maja Salvador.

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Dennis Trillo on Cain at Abel ratings vs Ang Probinsyano:

“Tanggap na namin, mahihirapan talaga kami.”



Dennis Trillo (left) is glad that Coco Martin liked his Instagram post about Cain at Abel. “Nakakatuwa, dapat naman talaga, ganun, dapat hindi natin... although nasa rival networks, sabihin na nating ganun, pero hindi natin kailangang maglagay ng barriers, di ba?”

This was after FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano lead star, Coco Martin, liked Dennis’s Instagram post about Cain At Abel last November 19.

According to Dennis, he was surprised by Coco’s gesture, especially since he did not even know that Coco was following him on Instagram.

He said, “Oo, na hindi ko naman alam na pina-follow niya ako.

“Sabi ko, ‘Uy, nakakatuwa naman.’

“Parang mas na-inspire lang ako, mas lalo akong na-ano, siyempre, dahil hindi ko ine-expect na mangyayari yun at gagawin niya yung ganung klaseng gesture.”

Dennis, who also started his career with ABS-CBN, believes that these simple gestures prove that celebrities aren’t affected with the so-called network war.

“Nakakatuwa, dapat naman talaga, ganun, dapat hindi natin... although nasa rival networks, sabihin na nating ganun, pero hindi natin kailangang maglagay ng barriers, di ba?”

This is the reason why Dennis is happy to be part of the 2018 Metro Manila Film Festival entry, One Great Love, where he worked with Kapamilya actress Kim Chiu.

He continued, “Masaya nga ako na dito sa One Great Love, na-break yung mga barriers na yun at napagsama-sama kami.

In the comments section of Dennis’s post, Coco expressed his wish to work with the Kapuso actor.

Dennis said about this, “Sino ba namang ayaw, di ba? Sana mangyari din yun and inaantay ko na magkatotoo yung comment na yun.”

PAIRING WITH SANYA LOPEZ

Despite the challenge in the ratings game, Dennis is happy with the outcome of their TV show.

He admitted that he enjoys playing his character, the fugitive Elias.

“Doon sa show, laging intense, laging may takbuhang, habulan, may fight, suntukan, brawl. Kung di naman ganun, intense drama naman.

Dennis is also amazed by how their directors, Don Michael Perez and Toto Natividad, handle the production.

Direk Toto, coincidentally, is a former director of FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano. Cain at Abel is his first project with GMA-7.

Dennis said about their new director, “Okay siya, iba rin yung style niya, parang movie.

“Hindi siya yung traditional na soap opera na flat, na medyo kailangan maliwanag lahat.

“Si Direk Toto, nandun siya sa artsy side, mga half-lit na eksena, mas more on depth yung pinapakita niya, hindi lang glamour.”

Dennis is also happy with his new leading lady, Sanya Lopez, who has been delivering an impressive performance as his wife.

The Kapuso actor said about Sanya, “Medyo pina-papalib niya nga ako, e, kasi dun sa cast, siya yung medyo baguhan pa.

“Si Sanya, mga ilang years pa lang siyang artista pero wala siyang pinakita na weaknesses ng isang baguhan, kaya niyang sumabay na hindi mo mahalata na ilang taon niya palang ginagawa.

“Nakakatuwa lang na ganun siya kabata sa showbiz, e, parang veteran na yung values at saka yung habits niya, sa professionalism, kaya all praises kami sa kanya, kahit si Dong ganun sa kanya.”



GMA7’s online program “The Boobay and Tekla Show” is now on TV

After a successful and hilarious run last year, Kapuso comedic duo Boobay and Tekla remain unstoppable in spreading positive vibes and laughter to their loyal viewers and followers as their digital comedy program The Boobay and Tekla Show finally invades Filipino homes abroad beginning February 2 via GMA Pinoy TV.

From short-form online capsules, the well-loved and highly popular comedy program now becomes a weekend show with a complete mix of entertainment viewers will surely enjoy. Every episode features celebrity guests, as well as segments where the hosts interact with everyday people.

For long-time comedian Boobay, he said that he is thankful for the overwhelming support of their fans.

“Nagpapasalamat ako sa GMA kasi nakita nila yung chemistry namin ni Tekla as comedy duo. Pero para sa akin, fans ang may kagagawan kung bakit kami mapapanood sa telebisyon. Kung hindi dahil sa suporta nila—sa libu-libong likes at views na binibigay nila sa amin sa bawat episode ng show namin, hindi kami mabibigyan ng chance ng GMA” he said. On the other hand, Tekla looks at comedy as a serious thing so he promises to exert more effort in putting a smile on people’s faces.

“Yung nararamdaman ko is tuwa and at the same time, challenging din ito para sa amin ni Boobay kasi mabigat na responsibilidad ang comedy,” he said.

Witness another round of fresh gimmicks such as live performances, live prank, outrageous interviews with celebrity guests as well as the remake of the online hit ‘Dear Boobay and Tekla.’

The Boobay and Tekla Show is under the helm of director Rico Gutierrez.

Catch the fun and excitement in The Boobay and Tekla Show beginning February 2, via GMA’s flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV. For the program guide, visit www.gmapinoytv.com.

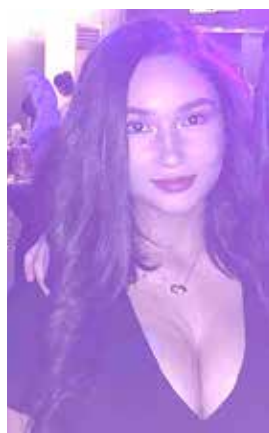
Meet Erika Poturnak, Ina Raymundo’s equally beautiful daughter

For quite a long time, Ina Raymundo kept her eldest daughter anonymous from her active life on social media. Her four other kids Jakob, 14; Mikaela, 10; Anika, 8; and Minka, 5 instantly became online stars as they appeared on her Instagram account. No wonder it came as a shock when the veteran star finally introduced her first-born Erika Poturnak to the public. Much to everyone’s surprise, Erika turned out to be as equally gorgeous as her mother.

It suddenly made everyone question

why a beauty like Erika was a hidden gem. In a post in 2016, the former “Sabado Nights” girl revealed that it wasn’t her idea to keep Erika off her social media page. In fact, it was actually her daughter’s choice to remain unknown at that time since Erika focused on her sports camp activities back in America.

Now that we finally



get to see more of Erika, netizens pointed out the gorgeous resemblance between the mother and daughter. They proved that beauty really runs in their blood as her eldest daughter grew up into a stunning woman.

Their snapshots

on social media showed that she has a lovely face and captivating charm to become the next biggest star. While many are looking forward to Erika joining the limelight, Ina

has yet to comment about the idea of allowing her kids to follow her footsteps in showbiz. For now, it’s nice to finally see the bonding moments between Ina and Erika on social media.

BANNED IN THE USA

MANILA, Philippines – The US Department of Homeland Security has banned issuing visas for new Filipino workers seeking agricultural and non-agricultural jobs in the country for a year.

In an announcement posted January 18, the department announced that the Philippines will no longer be eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B programs due to high overstay rates.

The H-2B visa is issued to foreign workers in the US for temporary non-agricultural services while the H-2A visa allows foreign workers for temporary or seasonal agricultural work.

This ban will take effect from Jan. 19, 2019 to Jan. 18, 2020, according to the DHS.

The ban on the Philippines stems from the nearly 40 percent overstay rate of H-2B visa holders.

US Embassy in Manila issues most T-derivative visas

The US agency noted that the US Embassy in Manila issues the largest number of T-derivative visas, which are reserved for certain members of principal T-1 non-immigrants or certain victims of a severe form of human trafficking.

“DHS and [Department of State] are concerned about the high volume of trafficking victims from the Philippines who were originally issued H-2B visas and the potential that continued H-2B visa issuance may encourage or serve as an avenue for future human trafficking from the Philippines,” the DHS said.

The US Embassy in Manila has issued an estimated 40 percent of the total T-derivative visas issued worldwide from 2014 to 2016, according to the DHS.

Approximately 60 percent of those who were granted T-1 statuses, whose spouses were also issued T-2 visas in the same period, have been identified to

have been victims of trafficking to the US through H-2B visas.

The US government considered the rates of overstay and human trafficking severe enough to remove the H-2A visa program for Filipinos as well.

The DHS noted that there was also an increase in H-2A visa applications from Filipinos between 2015 to 2018.

“The Philippines’ continued inclusion creates the potential for abuse, fraud, and other harm to the integrity of the H-2A or H-2B visa programs,” the DHS said.

Aside from the Philippines, the Dominican Republic and Ethiopia were also deemed ineligible for the program due to overstay rate and being “at risk of non-compliance,” respectively.

The three countries have been removed from the eligibility lists for H-2A and H-2B for 2019 but nationals may still be beneficiaries of approved petitions upon request of the petitioner determined by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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ako when they tell me, siguro, ang salbahe mo talaga! Direk Gina Alajar says it means effective ako, but natatakot din ako kasi baka ma-typecast naman ako sa contravida roles. Siyempre, gusto ko rin naman pong magbida.”

We tell her she shouldn’t worry because her looks are really for leading lady roles. She should just take her role as Natalie as a stepping stone for her so that the public will get to know her. “Yes, I think, tumatak naman sa viewers namin ‘yung role ko as Natalie. Kasi I’ve done other roles before in ‘Destiny Rose’ and ‘Encantadia’, pero dito talaga sa ‘Onanay’ ako ang natatandaang mabuti ng mga tao.”

Kate is not a product of a reality show. “Nagpa-VTR lang po ako sa GMA Artist Center, then kinuha na nila ako. Dito sa ‘Onanay’, I’m so thankful that most of my scenes are with Ms. Cherie Gil, kasi noong una intimidated ako sa kanya. But she turned out to be so accommodating. She really helps me a lot. Sobrang grateful ako sa kanya. Also kay Mikee kasi akala ng ibang tao, nag-away kami talaga

dahil laging may cat fights kami, but we’re really okay off cam. The first time may sampalan kami, sobrang napalakas ang sampal ko sa kanya at nagka-rashes ang mukha niya. Sising-sisi ako, iyak ako nang iyak, sorry ako nang sorry sa kanya, but siya pang nagsasabi ng okay lang. Dahil doon, we learned na dapat, sa sakitan scenes, alalay lang kami.”

Now that they’re extended again, Cherie Gil as Helena has been arrested and is now imprisoned, so Kate as Natalie will be forced to live with her real mom, Jo Berry as Onay and her sister, Mikee as Maila. But she still cannot accept Jo and Mikee as her real family members and will continue to be hostile against them. Watch out for more complications in the story after Cherie is mauled by the other prisoners in jail and she will escape to sow more havoc in the life of Onay and her two daughters.

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The Filipino Centre Toronto Opens Search for Five Outstanding Filipino Canadian Seniors

by Tony A. San Juan, OCT

TORONTO - The Filipino Centre Toronto - FCT, a prominent and progressive Filipino Canadian community service hub in the Greater Toronto Area, proudly announces its search for Five Outstanding Seniors for 2018-2019 commencing on January 2, 2019.

The initiative is following the heels of the October 28, "2018 Outstanding Students Awards -OSA" to Filipino Canadian student graduates in the elementary, secondary and post-secondary educational institutions. This time, the Centre is engaging to conduct a public tribute of appreciating, recognizing and honouring senior citizen achievers in the Filipino Canadian community.

Specifically, the awards project is being offered by the FCT -Filipino Centre Toronto to encourage, identify and celebrate seniors who have made outstanding service and valuable contribution into the life and well-being of the community by helping build a better community through their personal or professional endeavours. With their varied backgrounds as community leaders, business & management executives, social-cause advocates & volunteers, public & non-governmental officials, service-oriented & faith-focused people, and art, health, sports & media practitioners, these still active individuals are serving or have served as role models and inspirations to students, youth & young adults and their fellow senior citizens.

The "5 Outstanding Filipino Canadian Seniors of the Year" - OFCSY Awardees will be selected from any of the following areas of profession, discipline or service, namely: 1) Business and Entrepreneurship, 2) Certified Profession / Trade, 3) Community, Public or Non-governmental Service, 4) Health, Wellness, and Sports, 5) Arts, Media, and Public Relations. Every awardee or winner will be given a prize in the form of a "Plaque of Recognition", "Congratulatory Certificate", and "Cash Award" (the amount of which is to be determined by the FCT Board of Directors).

General Requirements for Candidates. The Candidate must meet the following Application Requirements:

- 1) Must complete and submit an Application Form, with 2 - coloured headshot photographs.
- 2) Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Ontario and of Filipino heritage (photocopy of an Ontario SIN Card is required).
- 3) Must be at least 65 years or older, at the time of application (photocopy of a government - issued Senior Citizen Card is required).
- 4) Must show proof of age and residency in Ontario for at least the last 5 years (a photocopy of an Ontario Health Card is required).
- 5) May be nominated by a recognized professional / community-based organization or may directly apply on his / her own accord.
- 6) Must submit at least two (2) Recommendation / Reference Letters from a current or previous employer or from a professional /religious/ community organization senior officer.

7) Must write in no more than 250 words her / his rationale or reason(s) for his application.

Selection Process. The selection of awardees will be based on the following Evaluation Criteria with the suggested weight of 100 %: 1) Demonstrated Skill or Performance in the area of Expertise or Professional Practice and /or Discipline (Licensure / Practitioner / Career Position) =30%; 2) Community Engagement and Involvement (participation in community projects and initiatives on a responsible capacity or position) = 20%; 3) Awards and Honours Received from an Organization or Recognized / Reputable award-giving bodies(professional / community award of distinction) = 20%; 4) Affiliation and Achievement as an Officer, Director or Member of a Recognized Organization (membership with known community organizations) = 15%; 5) Assessed rating on the Candidate's reference - testimonial, i.e. credible community standing, and individual attributes, application rationale and personal current / future plan = 15%.

The FCT Outstanding Seniors Awards Committee is composed of: Garry Tanuan, TCDSB Ward 8 trustee; Alice Herrera, UPAAT president; Steve Pagao, PCCT president; Antonio Villarin, a solicitor-barrister; Mary Ann San Juan, FCT president & CEO; Frank Cruzet, a retired Toronto police officer; and Tony A. San Juan, a retired Toronto educator, as Chairman. Officers and directors of the FCT and their immediate family members are ineligible to apply for the award.

The winners will be presented and honoured at the FCT gala event on April 13, 2019, Saturday. Application / Nomination Forms are now available at the FCT- Filipino Toronto Centre, 4395 Sheppard Avenue East, Scarborough, Toronto, ON M1S 1T9 or phone: 416- 335- 0485. Deadline for submission of completed application/nomination and requirements, either by hand or mail, is March 16, 2019, Saturday. The decision of the FCT Outstanding Seniors Award Committee is final and binding. Winners of the search will be informed accordingly.

The Filipino Centre Toronto -FCT has established this special awards project in order to carry out its mission and mandate in promoting and encouraging the elderly members of the Filipino Canadian community to participate actively and meaningfully in the productive operation of the Centre's in-house service and outreach programs, projects, and initiatives. As well, the FCT is determined to identify, select and recognize Filipino Canadians who have demonstrated in their personal or professional capacity, excellent service and admirable contribution to the community as a whole in the form of respectable accomplishment, desirable voluntary work and exemplary engagement over their productive years as a senior citizen. (Tony A. San Juan, OCT).



Family and friends pose with singer Maria Panaligan (4TH FROM RIGHT) after the Golden Voices concert.

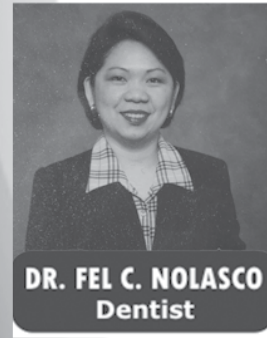


Star Circle Entertainment presented their recital last November before the start of John Ablaza's 30 Years - Beyond the Seams fashion show.

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TNT Boys bag awards, officially join int'l talent show, 'The World's Best'



THE unstoppable journey of TNT Boys continues as they opened 2019 with more recognition under their belt and will represent the country in the international talent show "The World's Best," which airs soon on US TV network CBS.

The trio sustained their winning streak this January, having nabbed the "Breaking Boundaries" award at the 3rd Wish 107.5 Music Awards for their massive impact on audiences worldwide and for breaking into the international scene.

The group of Mackie Empuerto, Keifer Sanchez, and Francis Concepcion also won the Push Music Performance of the Year at the recently held Push Awards for their trending performance of "Too Much Heaven" by Bee Gees in "Your Face Sounds

Familiar Kids."

Aside from the numerous recognitions, the TNT Boys will also raise the country's flag once again on the international stage in their much-awaited stint in the international talent competition "The World's Best," where they will compete with the most impressive talents from different fields and countries around the globe.

Viewers already got a glimpse of the show when it released its teaser, which featured Tony-award winning actor James Corden as host and Hollywood A-lister Drew Barrymore, Grammy winner Faith Hill, and drag queen superstar RuPaul as its league of judges.

Since their trio was launched in 2017, the TNT Boys have remained unstoppable. They have performed in "Little Big Shots" US, UK, and Australia. They were also hailed as the grand champion of "Your Face Sounds Familiar Kids."

Last November, they successfully staged their first major solo concert at the Araneta Coliseum, which made them the youngest artists to headline a sold-out concert, not only at the Araneta Coliseum but in the whole country. The "ASAP Natin To" regulars also released a Christmas album titled "TNT Boys Christmastime" under TNT Records.

Marco Gumabao reveals real REASON of transfer from Star Magic to VIVA



"Well, if you can say that, yes, siguro. It was a good career decision.

"Ako naman, I owe a lot to Star Magic because antagal ko rin sa kanila, do'n ako nagsimula. Na-ka-form ako ng family with them.

"When I told them, 'parang I think I wanna do more,' naiintindihan din naman nila."

Siyempre, you can't blame them naman din kasi marami rin naman kasing nasa Star Magic.

"So, minsan you can't blame them kung di ka nila nasasama sa bagong shows.

"So, I said, siguro it's best if I transfer management na maka-ka-push sa akin," he said.

Marco also shared his initial fears when he was just considering the move he made with his career.

"Very hesitant ako nung first time, before ako umalis ng Star Magic. Sabi ng handler ko before sa Star Magic, 'Bakit ka pa aalis, you're inside the network na?' Pero sinabi ko, five years na akong nasa Star Magic at that time, and may nangyari naman, pero it's not the pace we wanted.

"So, sabi ko, 'I have to try new things. I have to try a new management siguro.'"

Marco also shared how he views the life inside showbiz.

"All I can say is I'm where I wanna be now, but this is not where I wanna stay yet.

"So, for me, I believe in the step-by-step process.

"Ayoko yung overnight na sumisikat."

One of the things that people in the management sector often miss is the fact that people want to grow. Many managers think that people work because they want to earn. What they do not sometimes understand is that earning is only a part of the bigger picture of growth that these people want to have in their lives.

Growth is also the main factor why celebrities switch networks or switch management through out their career. They want to have the best in themselves that they often go to managements which can help them bring it out of them. For Marco Gumabao, this is the main reason why he switched from being a Star Magic talent to a VIVA artist.

Marco revealed the reason why he considered switching management after five years of working with Star Magic. He was asked if the move he made was a good career decision.

Arjo 'hinahanting' ang bashers dahil kay Maine

IBA-IBA ang reaksyon sa Kapamilya actor na si Arjo Atayde sa pagiging honest nito na "exclusively dating" sila ngayon ng ka-loveteam ni Alden Richards at isa sa Dabarkads ng "Eat Bulaga" na si Maine Mendoza. At hindi ito ikinatuwa ng AdDub Nation dahil mas gusto pa rin nila si Alden para kay Maine.

Kaya lang pati ang pamilya niya at si Maine ay nadadamay na sa bashing at ito'y hindi niya ipinagkikibit-balikat lamang. Gumagawa na umano siya ng paraan para ma-track down ang mga namba-bash



na plano umano niya sampahan ng demanda. Nagtatata lamang si Arjo kung bakit hindi masaya ang ibang tao para sa kanila ni Maine kahit wala naman silang ginagawang masama at walang sinasagasaang ibang tao.

Samantala, bahagi si Arjo ng isa na namang major action-drama TV series, ang bagong simulang "The General's Daughter" na binubuo ng isang powerhouse cast sa pangunguna ni Angel Locsin. Lumutang nang husto ang husay ni Arjo bilang actor ng maging bahagi siya ng long-running action-drama na "FPJ's Ang Probinsyano" na pinagbibidahan ni Coco Martin. Nagbida na rin siya sa "Hanggang Saan" na pinagsamahan nila ng kanyang inang si Sylvia Sanchez kung saan niya minana ang husay sa pag-arte.

Kara Mia already creates buzz before it begins February



Barbie Forteza and Mika Dela Cruz

AFTER creating buzz on the internet with its unique and "memeable" characters, GMA Network's highly-anticipated fantasy drama series, Kara Mia, is set to change the landscape of primetime television this year.

Kara Mia features the country's versatile and award-winning actresses - Barbie Forteza and Mika dela Cruz - as it boasts of an endearing but unique storyline certain to captivate Filipino viewers.

Barbie's acting ability is beyond compare and she has numerous awards tucked under her belt. She has received the New Movie Actress of the Year at the 26th PMPC Star Awards for Movies for Puntod, Best Supporting Actress at the 2014 Cinemalaya Awards for Mariquina, Best Actress at the 36th Fantasporto International Film Festival and Ani ng Dangal Awardee at the 9th Ani ng Dangal Awards, both for Laut. This time around, viewers will witness another

memorable role from the multi-talented Kapuso star.

Meanwhile, Mika was awarded Best Promising Child Drama Actress at the Dangal ng Pilipinas Awards, Best Supporting Actress at the 12th Gawad PASADO Awards, Best Child Film Actress at the PMPC Star Awards - all for T2.

Barbie portrays Kara, the kind-hearted girl who deeply cares for her sister; while Mika plays Mia, the face behind Kara's head who has strong jealousy over Kara.

Based on a true story from India and an urban legend in Great Britain, the series follows the lives of two sisters born with dispropor or craniofacial duplication, a congenital defect where they have two faces but share only one body. Until today, the origin of this condition, which is one of the rarest malformations in humans, is still unexplained, whether it is mythical or medical.

Joining Barbie and Mika in this engaging spectacle are sought-after leading men: Jak Roberto and Paul Salas.

Playing vital roles in the lives of Kara and Mia are four of the country's top-caliber actors - Carmina Villarroel, Glydel Mercado, Mike Tan and John Estrada. Alicia Alonzo, Althea Ablan, Lielze Lopez, and Karenina Haniel complete the star-studded ensemble.

This top-notch production is under the helm of esteemed director Dominic Zapata.

Enchong on chemistry with Janine: 'Watch before you judge'



ENCHONG Dee is a Star Magic talent but he's busier with Regal Entertainment than with Star Cinema. He did the comedy "I Love You to Death" and the family drama, "Mano Po 7" where he got very good reviews. And now, he is paired with Kapuso actress Janine Gutierrez in the romantic-comedy, "Elise", a pre-Valentine presentation offering on February 6.

"This is not the first time we get to work together ni Janine," he says. "Kasi two years ago, we did the horror movie, 'Lila', for Direk Gino Santos, which was an entry in the Sinag-Maynila Filmfest. After that, we became friends who keep in touch every now and then. Also, Rayver (Cruz) is a best friend of mine and even before he moved to GMA, we talked about Janine's sexy pictorials for some magazines, like Preview. We said Janine is the hottest female actress we have today. And now, I'm glad to be given the chance to work with her again."

So how is it working Janine? "Napakagaan niyang katrabaho at never kaming nailang sa isa't isa. She's a natural actress, very relaxed ang style niya. The role she plays, Elise, is a free-spirited, independent-minded

young woman and she was able to capture the essence of her character totally."

Janine as Elise is the object of desire for Enchong as Bert. "Magkababata kami but we lost touched as we were growing up," he says. "Then we meet again and I can feel na sobrang love ko pa rin siya but I don't have the courage to express my feelings for her. Eventually, naging kami and we have a kissing scene and I felt awkward. I told her about it kasi I feel like I'm kissing the special person of my best friend. But I know naman si Rayver is very supportive, but after the scene, I told Janine jokingly that I think I lost a friend and we laughed."

Enchong is one actor who's very vocal in expressing his political views on social media, prompting some folks to call him "sawsawero" and "KSP (kulang sa pansin)." "I'm not affected by such comments," he says. "We live in a democracy and this is a free country, so all of us have the right to say what we want to say about what's happening around us. I'm a Filipino and not just because artista ako, wala na akong karapatang magpahayag ng damdamin ko."

How about the bashers who say Janine should have gotten another leading man for "Elise" since she has no chemistry with Enchong? "Like I said, we're all entitled to our opinion and I respect that. But I will respect them more if they'd make such comments after watching 'Elise'. Sana, panoorin muna nila, bago sila mag-comment ng ganyan."



Bishop fires back: 'Duterte's presidency a disgrace'

It is known as 'kill, kill, kill'

MANILA - A Catholic bishop has fired back after President Rodrigo Duterte issued another violent rhetoric against the Philippine clergy.

In an interview with Church-run Radio Veritas, Balanga Bishop Ruperto Santos said Duterte's presidency is not only a disappointment, but a disgrace to the country.

"His presidency is disappointment and disgrace to our country. It is known as 'kill, kill, kill'", the bishop said.

Santos was reacting to Duterte's recent attacks against Filipino prelates, saying "tambays" or bystanders should kill or steal from "rich bishops."

Last December, Duterte also again lashed out at Catholic bishops, saying they are better off dead because they are useless.

Malacañang defended the president, saying the firebrand leader was only using figure of speech when he ordered "tambays" or bystanders to kill or steal from rich bishops.

Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo also said that the president was merely retaliating against the clergy's criticisms of Duterte's leadership.

But Bishop Santos insisted that the president must be criticized and urged those who are close to the chief executive to correct his violent rhetoric.

"It is high time that those who are closed to him must correct him, advise him of good manners because his words instills hatred and creates division and torments fear," the bishop added.

Santos also lamented how Duterte's supporters laughed at his violent threats.

"And his 'fans' consider his murderous words as a mere joke! Is it a joke to advise people to kill? There should be a mass movement among decent Filipinos to make him desist from speaking like a devil. Let us do something to make him stop this evil!"

The word war between the president and Filipino bishops stretched way back from the 2016 presidential campaign.

It intensified amid the government's bloody war against illegal drugs which saw thousands of individuals killed in police operations alone.

Personalities from both sides have tried brokering a peace accord, but even after a meeting in 2018 with fellow Davaoño Archbishop Romulo Valles, president of Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, the exchange of tirades between Duterte and the prelates continues.

Damasco Continue Reaching Out to Knights of Rizal Officers, Members in Canada Region

By Romeo Ayson Zetazate & Dindo Orbeso

The most intrinsic character of Sir Joe Damasco, KGOR, regional commander of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region was his extra-ordinary way of reaching the chapter officers of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region.

In fact, he has been consulting the regional advisers which include Sir George R. Poblete, KGCR; Sir Lapulapu Cana. KGCR; Sir Jaime T. Marasigan, KGOR; and Sir Ed. Prillo, KGOR.

Sir Joe Damasco has named with the concurrence of the officers of the Rizal Canada Regional



Sir Joe Damasco (middle), KGOR, regional commander of the Knights of Rizal Canada Region; Sir Jaime Marasigan, KGOR, regional adviser; and Sir Romy Sinajon, KGOR, immediate past deputy regional commander, Rizal Canada Region. (St. Jamestown News Service)**

Council officers with the appointment of Sir Dr. Romy Sinajon, KGOR as overall coordinator of the educational forum about Dr. Jose.P. Rizal which will start sometime in June 2019 before the birthday celebration of the birth anniversary of the Philippine National Hero.

Sir Jaime Marasigan, KGOR, is now preparing the delegates from the Knights of Rizal Canada Region for the 22nd International Assembly of the KOR which will be held in Antipolo City some time next month. (St. Jamestown News Service)



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Social media linked to higher risk of depression in teen girls

LONDON — Teenage girls are twice as likely as boys to show depressive symptoms linked to social media use - mainly due to online harassment and disturbed sleep, as well as poor body image and lower self-esteem, researchers said.

In a study analyzing data from nearly 11,000 young people in Britain, researchers found that 14-year-old girls were heavier users of social media, with two-fifths of them using it for more than three hours a day, compared with a fifth of boys.

The study also found that 12 percent of light social media users and 38 percent of heavy social media users (five-plus hours a day) showed signs of having more severe depression.

When the researchers looked at underlying processes that might be linked with social media use and depression, they found 40 percent of girls and 25 percent of boys had experience of online harassment or cyberbullying. Disrupted sleep was reported by 40 percent of girls compared with 28 percent of boys. Anxiety and poor sleep are both linked to depression.

Girls were also more affected when it came to social media use and concerns about body image, self-esteem and appearance, the researchers found, but here the gap with boys was smaller.

Yvonne Kelly, a professor at University College London's Institute of Epidemiology & Health Care who co-led the research, urged parents and policy-makers to note its results.

"These findings are highly relevant to current policy development on guidelines for the safe use of social media and calls on industry to more tightly regulate hours of social media use for young people," she said in a statement.

She said families may also "want to reflect on when and where it's ok to be on social media" and consider restrictions on teenagers having mobile devices in their bedrooms.

The study, funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), was published online in the journal *EClinicalMedicine*

Khalil describes girl friend Gabbi: Not clingy

KHALIL Ramos turned 23 years old on January 22 and he went up a mountain in Tanay with his special someone, Gabbi Garcia, who he calls his favorite person. Khalil is from ABS-CBN while Gabbi is with GMA-7, but the fact that they come from rival networks is not an obstacle in their cultivating a romantic relationship.

Gabbi herself posted their photos together while trekking on the mountain in her social media account and they look so genuinely happy together.

For the first time, Khalil admitted that he and Gabbi have been playing beautiful music for two years now, after the usual press releases that "we are just good friends". Gabbi is 20 years old and Khalil says they never really considered the fact that she's Kapuso and he's Kapamilya.

"It has never been a problem for us that we come from different networks," he added. "Usually, 'yun ang first question sa amin. How's it that, you're from ABS and she's from GMA. But for us, we consider it an advantage that we don't work together kasi mas nasasabik kami sa isa't isa since we don't get to see each other everyday. We don't have the same handlers or road managers. We're from the same industry in showbiz, but totally separate kami talaga when it comes to our careers."

How did they get to know each other? "Our relationship happened out of the limelight kasi we never got the chance to work with each other. We were introduced by a common friend. Naging friends muna kami and we're thankful for that kasi hindi kami love team lang or anything. Then we went out together and the friendship blossomed. We clicked kasi more or less, we have the same personality. We're both independent and we both have the same leadership qualities. Gabbi is a strong woman with a mind of her own, so hindi siya clingy. Last holiday season nga, magkahiwalay kami. She's with her family and I was with my family sa U.S., but okay lang. We treat each other as equals, no one is superior to anyone. Pantay lang kami. We want to help each other grow and we don't want to be a hindrance in the growth of one another as a person. For example, I'm thinking of going abroad to study and she completely supports that. At this point, we can do what we want with each other's life as long as it is clear that we belong to the same team."

Khalil is very serious with his profession as an actor and he's happy to be part of a movie like "Dead Kids". "Mikhail Red is one of our best younger directors today and this project of his is very relevant today to what's happening with our young people who are reared in social media. When I read the script, I liked it so much that I felt the need to be part of the project as it's saying something very important and is not just your usual youth or barkada movie. I'm so glad they chose me to be part of the cast after I auditioned with Direk Mik." Khalil is also happy with his role in the movie as Paulo. "I'm the most maloko in our group, and also the most horny," he laughs. "I serve as a comic relief in the story and it's very challenging for me kasi mas sanay ako sa drama in both movies and teleseryes. Malaking hamon ito sa akin kasi kapag hindi natawa ang audience sa movie, it's going to be my fault."

Aside from this, we know Khalil is also doing another youth or barkada movie with Director Dondon Santos. It's working title was "Project G" and produced by Cineko Productions. Khalil is co-starring with a bunch of newcomers. We're now wondering whatever happened to that one.



Sue gets back at basher: Sobrang victorious



SUE Ramirez was personally handpicked by writer-director Mikhail Red to play a lead role in Globe Studios' production of the youth-oriented suspense thriller, "Dead Kids", while the other cast members auditioned for their respective roles. She plays Janina, the love interest of newcomer Kelvin Miranda, one of the kids who kidnap their classmate, Marcus Paterson as Chuck.

"Maganda 'yung role ko kasi ako 'yung hindi basta sumusunod sa norm ng millennials," Sue says. "Malinis at mabait 'yung character ko rito and a good role model for young people."

"I saw her in 'Ang Babaeng Allergic sa Wifi' and I liked her performance there, so I wrote the role she plays in 'Dead Kids' with her in mind," says Direk Mik, who's best known for the award-winning "Birdshot" now being shown on Netflix.

"Dead Kids" is about today's young people who are growing up in the environment saturated by social media, where bullying and harassment can be so rampant. Sue herself has been a victim of bashers and haters who must be living a very boring kind of existence, so they have the habit of putting down celebrities to put some excitement into their own lives. How did Sue cope with her online detractors who called her names?

"Sa totoo lang, if it's just ordinary criticism, I don't really mind, palalampasin ko na," she says. "Pero kapag sobrang vicious na at grabe na ang dating, they're bullying you, you have to put your foot down. Kaming mga artista, favorite target talaga kami ng cyber bullies. Basta galit na galit sila sa amin even if they don't really know us. I really cannot understand where their anger on celebrities is coming from. Very bitter."

Her worst hater lambasted her by making nasty comments to all her posts. "This happened just last month, talagang the bully resorted to name calling to harass me. Nilait pati hitsura ko, mukha raw akong GRO, wala naman daw akong career, so I got screenshots of all her tweets and posted them online. Then I told her that there is now a law against cyber bullying and harassment and I intend to file a case against her."

"I searched for her profile and I found out that she already has two kids. So I wrote to her, I hope your children won't be like you when they grow up na natutuwang makasakit ng ibang tao. So when I warned her that I will take her to the NBI, nag-sorry agad siya at tinanggal na niya lahat ng comments and messages niya na hina-harass ako. So dapat

ganun, wag mo talaga palampasin kapag they cross the line na."

Sue is thankful to Direk Mik and Quark Henares of Globe Studios for making her a part of a ground-breaking movie like "Dead Kids".

"First time ko to work with them and also with most of my co-stars like Kelvin Miranda, Vance Larena, Khalil Ramos, Gabby Padilla, and Jan Silverio, so excited talaga ako working with new people," she adds. "I'm really thankful na maganda ang naging pasok ng 2019 sa akin kasi kauumpisa pa lang ng taon, heto, may bagong movie na agad ako and it's intended to be entered pa sa film festivals abroad."

Boots celebrates 74th birthday significantly

BOOTS Anson Roa is one of our most respected actresses. Most of our top female stars joined the movies in their teens while still single. Boots has the singular distinction of debuting as a movie actress when she was already married with kids. It was the late actor-director Eddie Rodriguez who got her first and introduced her as his leading lady in the action-drama, "El Perro Gancho", in 1968 when she was already 23 years old.

Viewers liked her so much that she was soon doing four to five movies a year. And she quickly became a favorite leading lady of the top actors of the time, including the late Fernando Poe Jr. with whom she did "Santiago" and "Ang Kampana sa Sta. Quiteria" both in 1970, "Sto. Domingo" in 1972, "Ang Agila at ang Araw" in 1973, "Anino ng Araw" in 1975.

She also did a series of "Erap" domestic comedies with Joseph Estrada and she won the FAMAS best actress award in 1973 for her performance in "Tatay na si Erap". She has not retired and continues to be active playing mother and grandmother roles in both movies and teleseryes.

Boots is turning a year older soon and we got this very nice invitation from her that we would like to share with you, our dear readers.

"They say that for a woman to live a full life, she has to give birth, plant a tree and write a book."

"Thanks to my late husband Pete, I have four children. "Thanks to my husband Atty. King Rodrigo, I just planted an atis tree last week on our little patch garden in Tagaytay. Thanks again to King, I can now write a book for publication on my 75th birthday on January 30, 2020.

"Significantly, King is turning 80 this June 14, 2019, simultaneously with our 5th wedding anniversary. I wish we could give you a sensational headline like 'we are having a baby', but that would warrant a miracle and that would be the ultimate 'fake news'."

"But we have blessings enough that that we would like to share with you and our closest friends in media: our joyful union, our family, our work, endeavors and advocacies, senior moments, as well as plans for the years ahead that God will grant us."

TO STRENGTHEN THE BUHI ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO

By Romeo Ayson Zetazate & Dindo Orbeso

Natives of Buhi, Camarines Sur who have resettled in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, are now intending to strengthen their after businessman Marcelino Mendizabal was encouraged by advises from the Bicolano elders.



The town of Buhi in the province of Camarines Sur has been visited by foreign tourists because of the sinarapan which is known as "tabios" which has been described as the smallest fish in the world which sanctuary is in

Lake Buhi. The said lake is so clean and there more kind of fresh fishes like Carp and among others.

Mendizabal's father, Lawyer Francisco was for several years served as municipal mayor of Buhi

Camarines Sur.

Two former presidents of the Buhi Association of Toronto (BAT) Cris Benedicto and Vicenta Ricafranca are all our supporting this program and project of the Buhi Association of Toronto.

For more information, please get in touch with businessman Marcelino Mendizabal at email: jpmarmortgage@gmail.com, tel. (905)-595-6748 (landline), (416) 871-1934. (St. Jamestown News Service)

EDGES Concert Sold-Out

LEFT, Marivic Fuentes-Man, Gracie Rayos Bunquin, April Joyce Balungcao and Maraja Regodon. Jhoie Alipay, not in photo RIGHT, It was a full-house at Rembrandt despite the -15 celsius temperature.



Sunshine Dizon hesitates filing for annulment



Natawa ang Kapuso actress na si Sunshine Dizon nang sabihin naming walang dudang maganda ang takbo ng career niya sa nagdaang taon, at gayundin sa pagpasok ng bagong taon.

Sa katunayan, may bago siyang afternoon series sa GMA-7, ang Inagaw Na Bituin.

Pero kung ang tatanungin ay tungkol sa personal life o usapang puso, kumusta naman kaya ang aspetong ito ng buhay kanya?

"Ah, ano raw yun?"

"Hindi puwedeng best of both worlds."

"Ganun talaga."

"Choose one only," natawang sabi niya.

Pero okay lang ba sa kanyang ang career niya ang mas mabigyan ng focus sa ngayon?

Mabilis niyang sagot, "Oo naman, lalo na ang hirap na ng buhay ngayon."

"Magpasalamat tayo na may trabaho tayo."

HESITANT TO FILE FOR ANNULMENT?

Napansin naman namin na "di pa ngayon" ang sagot niya nang tanungin ito kung hindi pa siya nagpapa-annul ng kasal nila ng mister niyang si Timothy Tan.

Sabi rin ni Sunshine, "Matagal na akong nakapag-move on."

"Pero siyempre, di ba, lahat naman ng tao, pro-family tayo. Kung kaya pang ayusin, aayusin, ilalaban mo. Pero sometimes, you also get to a point na you also want to consider your own happiness for yourself, di ba?"

"Kumbaga sa giyera, hindi mo na alam kung saan ka nakatayo, di ba?"

"Civil naman kami, hindi naman kami nag-aaway."

Kinumusta rin namin kay Sunshine kung sa loob ng tatlong taon ay may pagkakataong sinabihin siya ng mga anak niya na magbalikan na lang sila ni Tim.

Lahad niya, "Wala. Parang nakuntento rin ang mga anak ko na ganun ang situation."

"Pero yun din, I don't want my children to think that it's okay."

Pagdating sa pagiging single parent niya, ano ang pinakamahirap para sa kanya?

"Malungkot!" pag-amin niya.

"Pero alam niyo, sobrang na-enlightened ako noong presscon ng Rainbow's Sunset."

"Direk Joel Lamangan was asked kung malungkit daw ba ang mga gays during the sunset of their life."

"Napakaganda ng sinabi ni Direk Joel."

"Hindi mo puwede i-automatically assume

na kapag single ang tao, malungkot ang buhay nila."

"Kasi marami namang single, pero masaya sila, di ba?"

"At marami rin naman na married, pero hindi talaga sila masaya."

"Na-enlighten ako noong sinabi ni Direk yun."

"You know, honestly, in the three years, malungkot, oo... pero masaya rin naman ako, e."

"Kasi, nakakalungkot din na natutulog kang mag-isa. Nakakalungkot din na wala kang pinagsasabihan ng hinaing mo sa buhay. Iba ang asawa, iba ang close friends. Pero masaya rin naman ako. May trabaho ako. Maayos ang mga anak ko."

"Hindi naman kami pinapabayaang ni Lord. 'It's not perfect but I'm okay with it.'"

Dalawang closet gays ng magkabilang TV network, minamanmanan ng mga boss para di bumigay

NOEL FERRER: Nabuhay ang kuwento ng dalawang closet gays ng magkabilang TV network, na ingat na ingat ang mga boss na hindi umalingasaw ang kanilang tunay na pagkatao.

Una ay ang Kapamilya actor na sumailalim sa isang challenge sa isang show, na sobra ang pagtili nang ma-excite at matakot sa activity.

Hindi na nagulat ang mga kasamahan niya sa trabaho. Mas maingay pa siya sa babaeng kasama niya sa episode.

Ikalawa ay ang Kapuso star na nag-evolve na to be a good actor, pero minamanmanan ng mga boss ng network na hindi pumilantik ang kanyang mga kamay at huwag masyadong give-away ang facial expressions para hindi bumigay.

Pero tila hindi niya napigilan ito nang mag-Miss Universe at ipinakita ang kanyang reaksyon sa pagkapanalo ni Catriona Gray.

Ayun, biglang naging sanitized ang version ng lumabas na video dahil ayaw ipalabas ng mga boss ang lamya ng kanilang lead actor.

Ang tanong ko, kailangan pa ba itong itago? Sabi nga sa Rainbow's Sunset... 2018 na, isyu pa ba kung bading nga sila?

GORGY RULA: Kailangan talagang itago dahil promising ang kanilang career.

JERRY OLEA: Hay, naku! Dapat wisikan ng asin (pink Himalayan salt) ang dalawang aktor para huwag umalingasaw ang kanilang chenes-chenes na lansa.

Sumangguni kaya sila kay Mark Bautista, na pogilicious at yummylicious nang mag-perform at mag-host sa MMFF 2018 Gabi ng Parangal nitong Disyembre 27, Huwebes sa The Theater at Solaire?!

Gaya ni Mark, parehong magaling mag-sing (and dance?) ang dalawang aktor, huh?!

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group Edges sold-out their concert at Rembrandt and people still came despite the -15 degree Celsius temperature. With the wind chill factor, that is probably closer to -24 degree.

If you see a woman with a microphone with a TFC mic flag on it, chances are that she is Christine Santos, the new freelance field reporter for Balitang America. Her cameraman is her husband Raymond Santos. She has covered the non-profit Batapreneur, a small-scale trade show where the entrepreneur are kids. She recently covered the Good Vibes 2019 comedy show featuring AJ and Le Chazz. We wish her, and her husband good luck in their new, er... vocation.

January 2019 seems to have started on a lively note for the Filipino community in Toronto. Then again, so is the winter weather. It seems to be making up for the un-winter-y start last December. If the forecast is right that winter may ast until April, bundle up. I don't think even the groundhogs are coming out to check their shadows anytime soon.

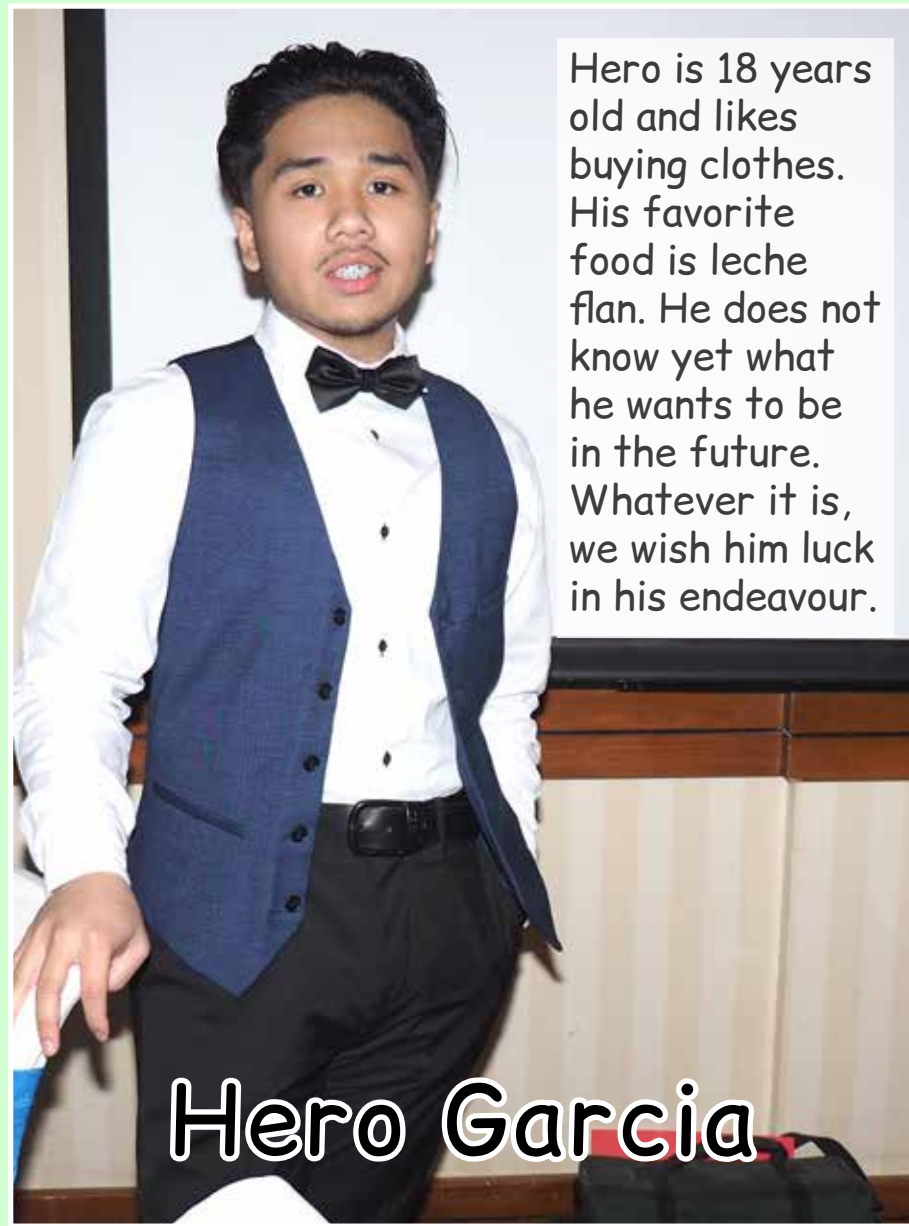
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marunong mag-express ng anger in real life. So it's really a struggle for me na saktan siya kasi I can feel myself holding back."

The show is now on its sixth month of telecast. What did she learn the most from doing it? "I learned a lot from this show, especially working with acting greats like Nora Aunor and Cherie Gil as our co-stars and Gina Alajar as our director. But ang natutuhan ko talaga is the importance of nuances. Kasi you can follow the instructions of your director, but 'yung nuances na ginagawa mo in front of the camera, sa'yo manggagaling 'yun. Nagugulat ako when people tell me about the nuances I do sa isang eksena. Ang laki pala ng impact noon sa viewers."

Because she's so engrossed with work, she has no time for love. "One year nang wala, kasi I really want to focus on my work. Also, tuloy rin ang studies ko as I'm taking up architecture. Isa pa lang naman ang naging boyfriend ko, non-showbiz. At this point, masaya naman ako. I want to prove that you can find your own happiness nang hindi ka nagre-rely sa lovelife. I also want to be more serious in being a singer kasi I'm part of 'Studio 7' every Sunday and I really enjoy doing the musical numbers that we present there."

Hunk Shot



Hero is 18 years old and likes buying clothes. His favorite food is leche flan. He does not know yet what he wants to be in the future. Whatever it is, we wish him luck in his endeavour.

Hero Garcia

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Three women Produce a Comedy Show and still managed to laugh in the end



June Javier, Velona Daliva and Fe Paca-Taduran with Star Circle parent Nathan Mendoza enjoyed the comedy show.

Good Vibes 2019 was the title of the first comedy show last month featuring comedians AJ and Le Chazz. It was produced by three women, June Javier, Velona Daliva and Fe Paca-Taduran. It took a lot of legwork, asking favors and a lot of selling. It wasn't easy but they pulled it off. Three weeks prior the concert, Fe told me that they already break even.

"Not bad," I said.
"No it's not," Fe said "the important thing is that we do not lose money."

When word got out that they were promoting a comedy show, local producers were offering to produce the show for them. They respectfully declined. They wanted to learn the ropes. If somebody else will produce the show for them, they will not learn the ins and outs of producing and promoting. And if it fails, there will be the usual finger-pointing as to why it failed. As the saying goes, "success has many fathers and failure is an orphan." This way, whether it fails or succeeds, they only have themselves to blame or take credit for.

For three rookies who do not have any experience



Balitang America reporter Christine Santos interviews Krystal Castillo, Kaitlyn Mohan and Elizabeth Trovato after the Good Vibes 2019 show. RIGHT, Samantha Gavin models one of the creations of Fashion Designer John Ablaza.

in producing a show, a break-even is an accomplishment.

On the day of the show, their other worry was for naught. While they were already sure they would at least get their money back, they were worried the theatre will be empty. Thankfully, it wasn't and there were around 440 bums on the seats, give or take.

Star Circle Entertainment held its annual recital last November 17, 2018. It was shown before their Star Circle / John Ablaza's Beyond the Seams fashion show celebrating his 30 years in the business. Ellen Galorport and Phoebe Yap Chan of Star Circle were honored with the partnership with the world-famous Filipino fashion designer. BB Pilipinas International 2013 and Miss International 2013 titlist Bea Santiago was the finale of the fashion show.

December and January has come and gone and we survived the parties.

It's already February and by now you would have

given up exercising and canceled your gym membership already.

What are the reasons for the January new year resolutions to get fit and healthy? Party. Party. And more parties.

Sometimes, I get lucky and get to glamorous parties. Sometimes, you do not know in advance which one would be a glamorous party. I was looking forward to the Star Circle Entertainment's Christmas bash when Marissa Corpuz invited me to attend the AC Tristar Saladmaster Awards Night before that date. It was on a Wednesday night, which was great because it did not conflict with the Star party on a Saturday.

The Saladmaster bash was a corporate event held at Montecassino hotel. I've always missed this party before even though Pidoy Pacis, the boss of AC Tristar has invited me before. For clarity, AC Tristar is the distributor of Saladmaster, the brand of cooking utensils used in the finest kitchens in the world. And AC Tristar has never fallen below the top 3 distributors in the world.

You just have to know that if it's a corporate get-together, the food would be good. That's a given. But you do not know if the drinks would be flowing. Well, in this case, it was free and flowing. Unfortunately, I was 23 km away. So, I stuck to orange juice and Coke. I can't remember the food but I know there was pasta, chicken, fish and desert. We were also served a platter of lechon on a platter per table. In between bites, the program was going on. It was an array of awards. The figures, meaning money, being mentioned are impressive. There were also Rolex watches and rings given away to the best Saladmaster performer.

Afterwards, there was a dance-skit presenta-

tion of the different groups of Saladmaster employees. Afterwards, Pidoy Pacis addressed everyone.

"Next year, our 20th year, we are going to give away cars," Pidoy says.

Well, they already gave away Rolex watches and rings this year. Obviously, you have to top that.

Anyway, we had a wonderful evening.

On a positive development, I am happy that local Toronto-based talents can now sell and even sell out a concert. In October, the Golden Voices concert with local singers Martha Joy, Alyssa Grace and Maria Panaligan put on an entertaining show and sold enough to fill at least half the seat at Toronto Pavilion.

Was it successful? Well, if it wasn't, they would not have held an encore Golden Voices concert last December 29, with singer Shairah Garrido replacing Alyssa Grace in the line-up and still sold more than the original.

Last month, the

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Celebrity couples who break up via social media

IT'S getting to be a trend among celebrities to let the public know that they've broken up by just unfollowing each other in their respective social media accounts. Ryza Cenon and Cholo Barretto used to be very vocal and demonstrative about their affectionate feelings for one another.

Judging from their exchange of sweet words, you'd think their relationship would last forever. Then one day, all of a sudden, people noticed that they've already unfollowed each other's social media accounts. Although they have yet to confirm it, it's very obvious that they have already split up.

One couple who also used to be diligent in posting their photos together, especially pictures of their travels abroad, was Lovi Poe and non-showbiz foreigner BF Chris Johnson. Now, they are no longer visible in each other's accounts and the Christmas holidays came and went without them even greeting each other.

Then there's Julie Anne San Jose and Benjamin Alves. They never admitted outright that they're officially on (and their rumored romance also didn't help boost their careers at all). Then their fans are suddenly surprised because they have also unfollowed each other's social media accounts. How sad. A showbiz romance that started and ended in social media.

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Le Chazz, did not disappoint. Feedback from those who watched the show were all positive. They were entertained and laughed at the jokes and antics of the duo, who are regular performers in Philippine television and at Allan K's Klownz Comedy Bar and Zirkoh in Manila. Le Chazz is now a co-host of Willie Revillame in the TV Show 'Wowowin'. AJ was recently a part of Eat Bulaga's BakClash and other programs. The Toronto show was the 7-year partners' first major performance in Canada. In 2012, they performed as front act for more popular entertainers in Edmonton and Calgary. They have also entertained Filipinos in numerous Philippine cities, Europe, Dubai and Bahrain, amongst other places.

Amongst those who provided musical and dance numbers during the shows' front act were: the beautiful and talented singer and pride of Barrie, Ontario, Audrey Lyn Bushell, Star Circle Entertainment's teen singing group CHARMS (composed of Kassandra Adajar, Krystal Castillo, Samantha Gavin, and Angela Castillo), Katelyn Mohan and Elizabeth Trovato, Kathryn Rodricks, young singer Aidan Rodricks, and Andrew Dapat. Seasoned choreographer and dancer Chollo Lagdameo and the On the Spot Dancers provided back up to the major performers. Also featured in the show were contemporary dancer Jasmin Souter Flores, hiphop dancer siblings Aysu and Arel Usta and Hawaiian dancer Christal Bautista.

The show's major sponsor was Scarborough Toyota through Manny Yanga. Other sponsors were Basil Rodricks of Sunlife, Mitzi Faigal of Mitzify, UMAC, LBC Canada, and FV Foods. (Fe P. Taduran)

Xian Lim reveals how he pursued Kim Chiu despite being discouraged by others + other stories

I namin ni Xian Lim, 29, na sa simula pa lang ay may mga taong ayaw siyang makatutulan ni Kim Chiu, 28.

Pero masaya raw ang aktor na pagkatapos ng ilang taon ay girlfriend pa rin niya si Kim.

Noon lamang November 2018 nang mapaamin si Kim tungkol sa relasyon nila ni Xian.

Halatang masaya si Xian na malaya na niyang nasasabi ang relasyon nila ni Kim matakop nila itong ilihim sa publiko.

Pahayag ni Xian sa episode ng Magandang Buhay, "Ang sarap sabihin. 'I just wanted to share kasi it feels good na, after so many years, 'Okay lang po kami. Masaya lang po.'

"Ang saya lang. We're just enjoying everything right now."

FALLING FOR KIM

"Naaalala ko pa yung exact day... 'Napanaginipan ko siya and then I woke up, sabi ko, 'Grabe, mahal ko na ang taong ito.'"

Pero marami raw ang hindi pumabor sa nararamdaman niya para kay Kim.

"So, even when we were starting out, nung nagsisimula pa lang kami ni Kim, ang dami nang mga tao sa paligid na sinasabi, 'Huwag mong ipu-pursue, huwag mong ipu-pursue dahil hindi ka magugustuhan niyan. Ayaw ka namin para sa kanya.'"

May mga kumuwestiyon din sa intensiyon ni Xian kay Kim, gaya ng akusasyong ginagamit lang niya ang aktres para sumikat.

"Sabi ko nga nung una pa lang kami ni Kim, 'Kasalanan ba 'tong nararamdaman ko para sa 'yo?' Sinasabi nila, 'Yang si Xian, ginagamit lang ang pangalan' or 'Ginagamit lang 'yan para magkaroon ng role or something.' Something like that."

Pero sinunod daw ni Xian ang kanyang puso at dinagdagang ng dasal. "And yet, here we are now years later and we're still together."

NO FAMILY PLANS YET

Sa tanong naman kung napag-uusapan na nila ang pagkakaroon ng pamilya, sinabi ni Xian na ayaw nilang magmadali ni Kim.

"I think sa set-up namin, mahirap lang magplan so far ahead.

"Parang hindi yung masyadong, 'O, ganito ang

gagawin natin.' 'Ang cliché man, we just live each day. 'Masaya tayo ngayon,' parang ganun."

Baka raw kasi makaramdam sila ng pressure kung nag-set sila ng specific plans.

Pumatok ang tambalan nina Xian at Kim sa 2011 prime-time series My Binondo Girl, at sinundan ito ng Ina, Kapatid, Anak noong 2012.

Sa pelikula naman, nagtambal sila sa Bakit Hindi Ka Crush Ng Crush Mo? (2013), Bride For Rent (2014), at Past Tense (2014).

Marian Rivera to go on hiatus after giving birth to baby boy

Marian Rivera on taking a hiatus after giving birth: "Siyempre may Sunday PinaSaya ako. Pero siyempre, pagkabuwanan ko na, re-rest na ako."

Magpapahinga muna sa showbiz si Marian Rivera pagkatapos niyang isilang ang pangalawang anak nila ng mister na si Dingdong Dantes.

Lalaki ang kasarian ng ipinagdadalantao ngayon ni Marian

Sa kasalukuyan, dalawa ang programa ng Kapuso Primetime Queen sa GMA-7—ang weekly comedy-variety show na Sunday PinaSaya at ang weekly drama anthology na Tadhana.

Aniya, "Siyempre may Sunday PinaSaya ako. Pero siyempre pagkabuwanan ko na, re-rest na ako.

"Tadhana, nagte-taping kami at marami kaming pondo."

Kapansin-pansin namang sexy at blooming pa rin si Marian kahit ilang buwan mula ngayon ay mangananak na siya, bagamat hindi niya pa sinasabi kung kailan eksakto ang kanyang due date.



Sobrang thankful din si Marian sa GMA Network dahil nauun-awaan nitong kailangan niyang asikasuhin ang kanyang pamilya.

Saad niya, "Sabi ko nga, kung ano ang binibigay ni Lord sa akin na trabaho at blessing, sobrang thankful na ako.

"Pero siyempre, thankful din ako sa GMA at naiintindihan nila kung ano ang priority ko.

"Pero the point is, malinaw sa kanila na ang priority ko ay ang pamilya ko—ang pagkakaroon ng anak talaga at maalagaan ko sila."

Dagdag pa ni Marian, nakakataba sa puso kapag malapit ang isang anak sa kanyang ina, kagaya nila ng panganay na si Zia.

"At nakita mo naman yung resulta kapag nag-ing hands-on ka sa anak mo.

"Na ang sarap at hindi matatawaran na ganun kaming ka close nung anak ko.

"Na talagang, kita mo naman ang lambing, so ayun."

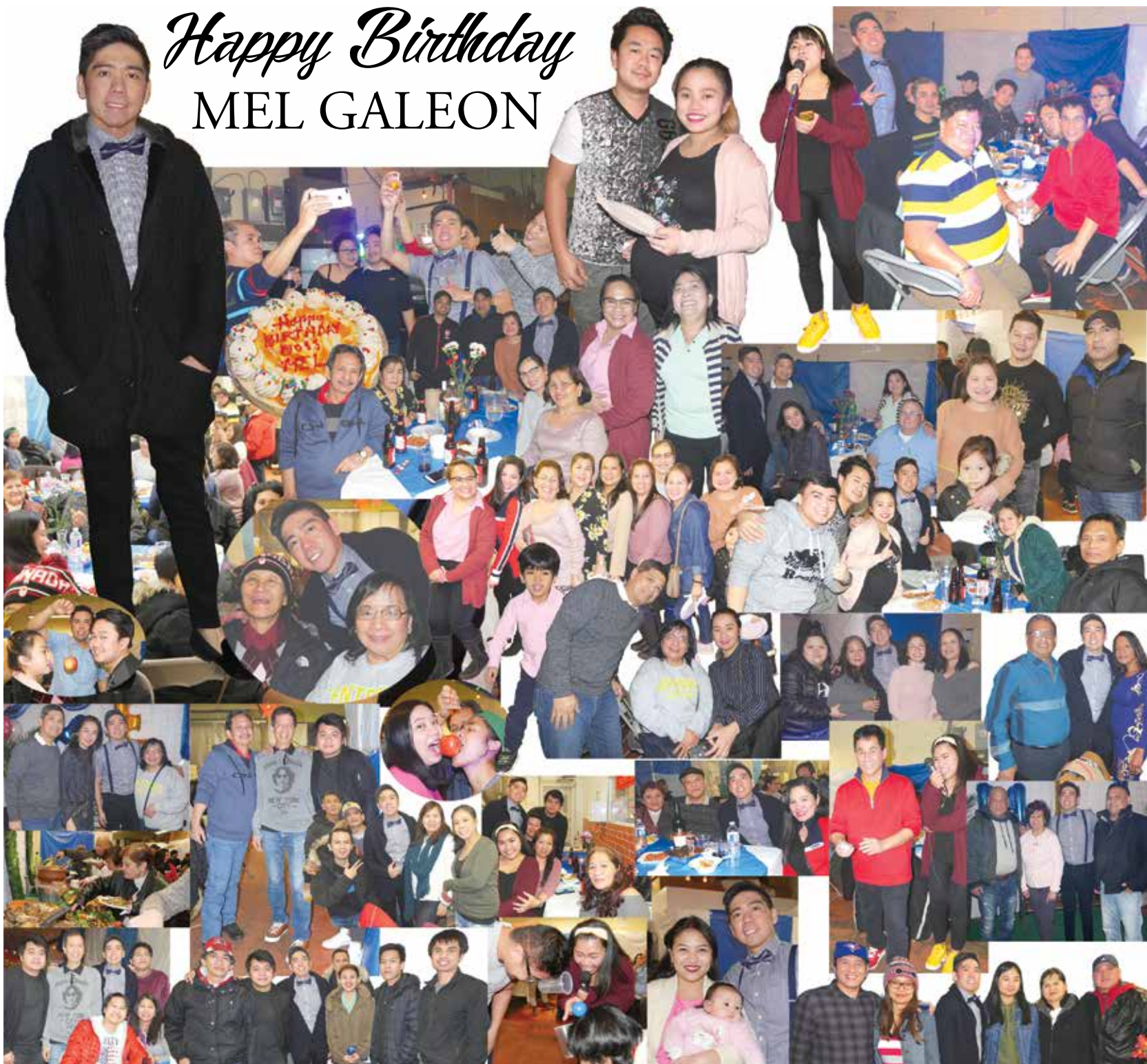
Candid SPOOF

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



Singer Maria Panaligan poses for her mom Genelie and a friend as another waits to get her attention.

Happy Birthday MEL GALEON



Mikee admits: Doing catfights with Kate is difficult

MIKEE Quintos just returned home from a vacation in the U.S. where she got to visit Disney World in Orlando, Florida and also L.A. The day after she returned home in Manila, she immediately reported back to work to resume her taping for GMA-7's hit drama on primetime, "Onanay", where she plays Maila, the good daughter of Jo Berry as Onay.

"Yes, trabaho po agad," she tells us when we visited her on the set of "Onanay". "Abangan nyo ang bagong episodes namin this week kasi napipikon na si Maila at malapit na siyang lumaban sa mga nang-aapi sa kanya, led by her own sister, Natalie, played by Kate Valdez, na kahit na-reveal na ang katotohanan, hindi pa rin matanggap na magkapatid talaga kami."

She has had several cat fight scenes with Kate in the course of the show. Don't they somehow get hurt with all the violent physicality of their confrontations? "It cannot be helped naman po, nagkakasakitan talaga. Lalo na 'yung first sampalan scene namin na sa sobrang lakas ng sampal niya, talagang namula ang mukha ko at sorry siya nang sorry sa'kin. I can't just blame her naman kasi ganun siya ka-invested sa role niya at sa eksena. So nag-usap kami na when we do such scenes, we should be aware that trabaho lang ang lahat at kahit, magkasakitan kami, it's just part of our being professional. Actually, ako talaga, hirap na hirap sa ganung mga eksena kasi in real life, hindi ako nagagalit, e. Pag may sitwasyong nakakagalit, pinalalampas ko na lang. Hindi ako

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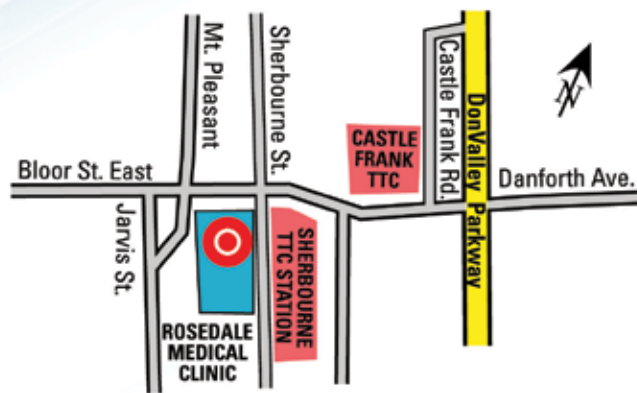


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