

# CONFIDENTIAL

## Beauties at the Park

PCCF Miss Philippines Krista Bella and Miss Teen Philippines Chiara Silo pose with Dr. Tom Virey at the Nagcarlan picnic.



## Dead Judge on the list

Duterte names 158 government officials as allegedly involved in the illegal drug trade. How accurate is this list? STORY INSIDE

## MARIA PANALIGAN

### A Sold-Out Concert



PHOTO AT RIGHT

Three year old Joshua gets confused when he is put onstage stage with flowers while his sister Maria Panaligan is being congratulated by their uncle Jun Tenorio from Ohio. Nobody told him what to do with the flowers.

## Ready



Rey Velasco (FAR LEFT) and wife Sai (FAR RIGHT) pose with Ready Honda's Anita Diaz and Pinoy News' Joy D'Aoust at the Fiesta ng Kalayaan at Celebration Square.

## Friends

Mia Napao and Jeannette Ricasio have fun at the Maria Panaligan concert.



## Worldstars



WCOPA Multi Gold medalists #Worldstars sharing their talents for the benefit of the Scarborough Hospital Foundation. Candace Santos (wcopa2009); Roy Tugbang (wcopa2013); Katharine Reyes (wcopa2013) and Rebecca Niu (wcopa2016)

## Powerful Grill Bicol Canada



FV Foods' Owner Mel Galeon (BEHIND IN YELLOW T-SHIRT) is ecstatic as Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau with MP Marco Mendocino takes their turn at the barbecue at the Taste of Manila festival.



Bicol Canada President and Action Honda Manager Rafael Nebres (SITTING 5TH FROM LEFT) poses with guests at the Bicol Canada Community Association Induction Dinner at Bluffers Restaurant.

## Roadsport



Roadsport Honda's Harold Guarin poses with one of the display cars at Scarborough Ribfest. Roadsport Honda was a major sponsor of the Ribfest at Thomson Park.

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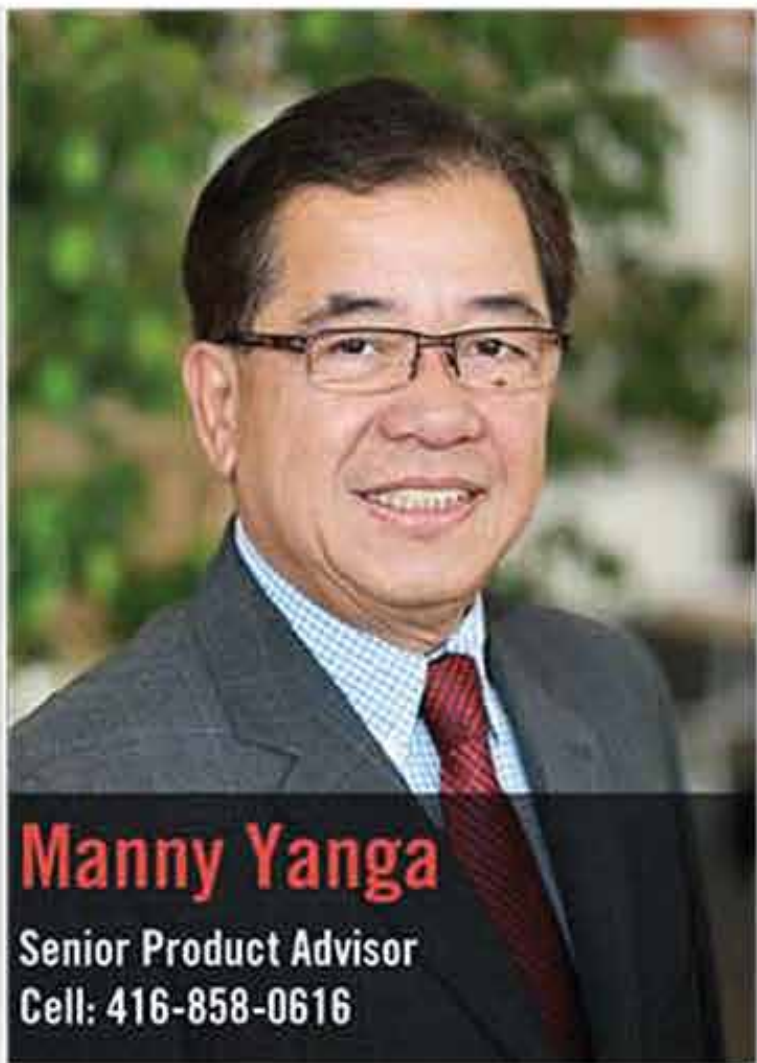


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# One Lucky Golf Player May Turn Out a Millionaire at the 2016 Golf Tourney

TORONTO - One lucky player may go home with the grand prize of \$1 million for a Hole-in-One at 170 yards at the 2016 Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto (PCCT) Golf Tournament.

Steve Pagao, President of the PCCT, said the tournament will be held on Sunday, September 11 this year at the Bethesda Grange Golf Course at 12808 Warden Avenue in Stouffville, Ontario. Registration starts at 10:30 AM; tee off time, 1



FROM LEFT, PCCT President Steve Pagao, Ace Alvarez, Action Honda's Rafael Nebres, Fria-Isa Raon Tugadi and Oswald Tugadi discuss golf.

PM.

Pagao said the format of the game will be two-person best ball.

Also on grab is a 2016 Toyota RAV 4 for a hole-in-one. Other prizes are to be won.

The PCCT is inviting players across the province and those from neighboring provinces and U.S. cities to join the tournament.

For more information, please contact Marsal Drilon at 416-587-0596; Steve Pagao, 647 333 4829; or, Oswald Tugadi, 416 561 3065. (PCCT PR)

## Guaranteed contract, ipinatutupad na sa isang estasyon

Tiyak na makaramdam ngayon ng maraming artista sa isang TV network (hulaan n'yo kung alin sa tatlong estasyon: ABS-CBN, GMA, at TV5) ng hirap as far as sustaining their income is concerned.

Dinig namin, isa sa tatlong network ang nagpatupad ng bagong policy sa mga talent na may guaranteed contract. Para sa kaalaman ng publiko, magkaiba ang guaranteed contract at guaranteed income.

Ang una'y ginagarantiyahan lang ang artista ng trabaho within a given period of time, samantalang ang ikalawa'y pumapabor lang sa mga big star na kahit walang trabaho ay kumikita pa rin (doon lugi ang estasyon kaya obligado silang bigyan ng show ang mga artista sa ilalim ng ganitong kontrata).

The new policy of this TV station is such that a maximum of two shows na lang sa isang taon ang ibinibigay nila sa mga "lesser stars."

At alam naman natin ang kalakaran ngayon sa TV, isang season o katumbas ng tatlong buwan lang ang karaniwang itinatagal sa ere ng isang show.

Kung ganito ang practice as it is now, ang isang artista na sakop ng guaranteed contract ay makagagawa lang ng dalawang shows sa isang taon, or equivalent to six months. So, nganga siya sa susunod na anim na buwan!

This explains kung bakit nagluluksuhan ang mga artista from one station to another. Kailangan nga naman nilang punan ang malaking vacuum sa 'di nila pagkakaroon ng trabahong pinagkakakitaan.

Ito rin ang dahilan kung bakit marami sa ating mga artista ay pumapasok na rin sa negosyo dahil hindi naman araw-araw ay Pasko, 'ika nga, kung showbiz income ang pinag-uusapan.

## These T-Shirts Are a Friendly Reminder That Women Deserve to Get Off Too

Despite what Hollywood (and porn) teaches us, sex doesn't end when a guy ejaculates. That pushes female pleasure to the wayside, which is probably why just over half of women say they orgasm almost every time they have sex, while 95 percent of men do. Talk about gender inequality.

To bring awareness to this gender orgasm gap, Greek designer Sofia Metsoviti created the clothing line It's Not Done If I Don't Come. Don't think your partner is getting the message that you're not satisfied in bed? Rock one of these shirts (or just buy one for them).



## No more 'endo' by 2017 – Bello



MANILA - Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III wants the anti-labor sector "endo" scheme to be a thing of the past by 2017.

"Endo" or end of contract is a scheme wherein casual workers are not regularized and only hired for about five months without security of tenure and lack of, or inadequate monetary, non-monetary, and social protection benefits.

"Our commitment to President (Rodrigo) Duterte is to reduce 'endo' or '555' by 50 percent in six months. And by 2017, it should be a thing of the past. That is our objective," Bello said.

During a recent consultation workshop, Bello directed DOLE regional directors to ensure that the Department's Labor Law Compliance Officers (LLCOs) are doing their tasks of inspecting all establishments, including contractors and subcontractors, in their regions.

"Do not wait for workers to file a complaint. You should take the initiative and make use of your inspectors. Make sure that your inspectors are really inspecting," said Bello.

The labor chief also instructed DOLE regional directors to be proactive in their approach to reduce "endo."

During the said consultation workshop, the DOLE's regional directors drafted a Regional Action Plan which will ensure the effective implementation and enforcement of workers' right to security of tenure.

The DOLE Regional Action Plan in Ending "Endo" is aimed at improving implementation rate of compliance orders; increasing the number of workers regularized and raising the number of workers under legitimate contractual arrangements.

Included in the strategies under Regional Action Plan are joint assessment/compliance visits, cancellation/denial of application and certificates of registration, engagement with stakeholders, enhancement of the labor law compliance system database, assistance to affected workers, development of a communication plan and capacity-building of concerned DOLE personnel.

"It is very clear there are establishments which are violating the law. If the law will be implemented and there will be strict compliance, I don't see any reason the objective of ending 'endo' practice by 2017 will not be achieved," Bello said.

## Kapamilya Go entertains and delivers the kilig to the fans



Kyla is happy with Kapamilya. RIGHT, Joey Abrenilla poses with kapamilya star Matteo Guidicelli.



ence of the diva-like behaviour of a very popular couple that are managed by a small outfit and having experienced being close to two network stars from GMA7 and now, byt ABS with the Kapamilya Go concert, I came to that conclusion. While the popular smiles and looks amiable in person, they actually exude an aloof aura. It's like they emit a vibe that says, "don't approach me except in official meet

I have gotten the impression that network-managed Philippine stars are easier to deal with than those that are managed by small independent outfits.

After having had the up-close experi-

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# Wat Da F<sup>ACT</sup>?

BY JOSE BAKING

## CPP-NPA declares Unilateral Ceasefire

### *Pwede ba iyon?*

Can a rebel group declare a unilateral ceasefire? How is that even possible? You are the outlaws, you are the lawbreakers, and the government is after you. Is the government expected to agree to it? Are they playing cops and robbers here? Wait, we're tired, let's rest. Just like that? What if the Abu Sayaf declare a ceasefire? Will the government say, "ok sure, we'll stop chasing you for one week. You rest?" This is ridiculous. A government can declare unilateral ceasefire because they are the elected body. It is up to the rebels whether to accept or not. Apparently, they did not because they ambushed government soldiers when the government declared a unilateral ceasefire. Does the CPP-NPA thinks they have the right to declare a unilateral ceasefire whenever it is convenient for them? This sounds preposterous to me. When the government declared a unilateral ceasefire, they ambushed government police and soldiers. What if we did the same? They are lucky President Duterte reciprocated their ceasefire.

### No Defense for De Lima

President Duterte accused Senator Leila De Lima of having an affair with her driver and that the driver is an agent of illegal drugs. He also accused her of receiving payoffs from a drug lord to fund her campaign for the Senate in the May elections. Unlike President Clinton's "I did not have sex with that woman" and President Nixon's "I am not a crook," De Lima did not deny the allegations by saying "I did not have sex with my driver" and she did not say "I did not receive money from a drug lord." Instead she played the sympathy card and mentioned that she does not have the power to go against the President. She also made a claim of abuse and misuse of executive power by President Duterte. She tried to get public sympathy by gender saying she is a woman whose honor has been trampled on and she also claimed that the President's attacks were brought on by her decision to lead the Senate inquiry next week into the administration's war on drugs, and the extrajudicial killings.

She said she will resign if Duterte's evidence is authentic, but she did not deny the allegations, which makes people think they are true. In a way, she is hoping there is no evidence, or that they are flimsy.

### Naming people is wrong - unless you are in power

When De Lima was in power, she found nothing wrong with President Benigno Aquino III publicly

berating officials of three government agencies during his State of the Nation Address (SONA).

De Lima said "corrupt officials in these agencies have 'makapal na mukha.' Tama lang iyong isapubliko ni Presidente iyong kanyang frustration at galit sa mga ahensiya na iyon na nasa negative list."

"Tama lang iyong 'naming and shaming' kasi mukhang hindi nga sila natatablan kahit nagfa-file tayo ng mga kaso, mayroong mga administratively charged, mayroon din mga criminally charged," she added.

So, how come it is wrong now that she is not in power anymore?

### Losing weight while Asleep

I have been trying to lose weight. So far, from 180 lbs, I managed to get my weight down to 160. From there it fluctuates daily from 160 to 163 during the evening. When I wake up, I noticed that my weight is down to 160 or 161. It means that even when we sleep, we burn calories. I have come to the conclusion that if I sleep a lot, I will be able to lose more weight without having to go through the rigors of exercising. No more treadmill, no more rowing machine, no cycling, no weights.

### More traffic than Toronto

Did you know that you will encounter more traffic going to Ajax than downtown Toronto? I delivered my newspaper at Haceinda last month and there was more traffic exiting Westney Rd. than when I exit at Richmond St. to downtown Toronto. After Hacienda, I go to Ating Bahay and there's also traffic. Who are those experts in downtown Toronto who say that the suburbs were made for cars? If that was true, there would not be any traffic.

## Matteo brings positive vibes to Sarah

MATTEO Guidicelli was asked "Didn't he have second thoughts doing a villain role in 'Dolce Amore'?"

"When they presented it to me, originally, I'm not meant to be a contravida. But as the story went on, my character became bad. Okay na rin kasi it's a different twist that showed a different side of me. Ibang experience naman. I did that show as a tribute to my Italian grandfather who wants to see me playing an Italian role, pero pinatay na naman nila ako, eh. Bida naman ako sa 'Single/Single' in Cinema One which had two seasons and I also host a sports show, 'Wheels'."

He's celebrating his 10th year in showbiz with a concert at Waterfront Cebu titled "Matteo, Made in Cebu". "I came from Cebu so that's where I want to hold my 10th anniversary concert, with Louie Ocampo as musical director and Rowell Santiago as overall director. This year has been good to me because I also opened my first restaurant in Cebu, Trattoria di Gianni, which is managed by my sister and it's doing really well. I also opened my own production company, Big Bang. We do videos and events."

Looks like he's ready to settle down? "Yes, but there are more dreams to fulfill. Maybe in a few more years. Siyempre, I think I've found the one."

The press people swooned when he said that as they know he's referring to Sarah. "Pero siyempre, pag-iipunan ko muna. We have to prepare for the future."

But is it true his performance in the recent Ironman triathlon was not that good because Sarah wasn't there and is traveling in Europe with her parents? "No, it's because I only had two weeks of training. Pero sisihin din natin si Sarah ng konti. Joke lang!"

He seems to be a positive influence to Sarah who went into mountain climbing, pole dancing and the culinary arts because of him. "Yes, we climbed mountain and we're gonna climb more mountains, literally and figuratively. I did encourage her to open her eyes, to enjoy her life and not just work. At 28, she deserves it. All of us do. We have to enjoy life, live it to the fullest. It's important to have a life outside of showbiz."

### Katrina learns to cook

Katrina Halili is busy taping

for 'Sa Piling Ni Nanay' but she still has time to enrol in a culinary



school. "Noon ko pa kasi gusto talaga matutong magluto," she says. "Who knows? Baka balang araw, mapakinabangan ko ito sa resort ng family namin na itinayo ko sa El Nido in Palawan."

She posts the photos of her so-called culinary school adventures on her social media account and you can see that she is really enjoying every cooking task that she gets to accomplish in school. Her latest post shows her learning how to make bread with her teacher called Chef Vicky. "Thank you, Lord! Wish granted!" she says in her post.

Is she learning how to cook for her next BF, since it's said that the best way to a man's heart is through his stomach? "Naku, hindi, a. Hindi ko priority ang magkaroon ng love life. I'm learning how to cook for my own satisfaction."

As the evil-hearted Scarlet in "Sa Piling ni Nanay", Katrina continues to maltreat the child Maya. She cooks up a plan on how to get Yasmien Kurdi as Isabel to agree in her plan to make Maya her own child. They will rescind the TRO they issued against Yasmien not to visit Maya ever again but, on one condition, she would have to convince the child that Katrina is her real mom and not Yasmien. But naturally, Yasmien does not agree.

Katrina then discovers that Nova Villa as Matilda has made her last will and only 5% of her riches will go to Scarlet and 5% to Mark Herras as Jonas. The remaining 90% will go to Maya. Things get complicated when some kidnapers took Maya by force. Katrina tries to rescue her and is shot by the kidnapers. Maya stays with Katrina in the hospital and tells Katrina that she has now learned to love her now for protecting her from the bad guys. Yasmien hears this and feels hurt. To make matters worse, Katrina makes it appear that Yasmien is one of the kidnapers so she is arrested by the police.

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## Gabby Concepcion is now a Kapuso

From Kapamilya to Kapuso... that's what Gabby Concepcion did when he inked an exclusive contract on Aug. 17 with GMA Network, Inc.

During the contract signing, Gabby said he is very honored and excited about this new milestone in his career as a Kapuso. "I am very, very grateful. I think it's going to be a good year. Malapit na ang birthday ko so this is really a good birthday gift. Definitely, we are doing other shows in GMA."

The Kapuso actor headlined the hit primetime series Because of



You with Carla Abellana and Rafael Rosell. He became a household name because of his role in the show where he was tagged for his onscreen moniker "Boss Yummy."

Gabby happily announced that the network has already lined up projects for him, "Meron kaming gagawing comedy show. Pahinga muna tayo sa drama. Magpapatawa at magpapasaya muna tayo ngayon. Kaya tuloy-tuloy nila akong mapapanood after ng role ko as Boss Yummy."

## Monster Radio's statement after Bordador 's arrest

After the drug arrest of FM radio DJ Karen Bordador last August 14 in her boyfriend's condominium, the station where she works for has released an official statement regarding this matter through their Facebook page.

"RX 93.1 is shocked by the recent events concerning our DJ, Karen Bordador, who was implicated in a drug-related arrest. Karen showed no indication in the workplace of any involvement with prohibited substances. Police authorities have filed charges against Ms. Bordador, and we trust that the ongoing investigation will bring out the truth.

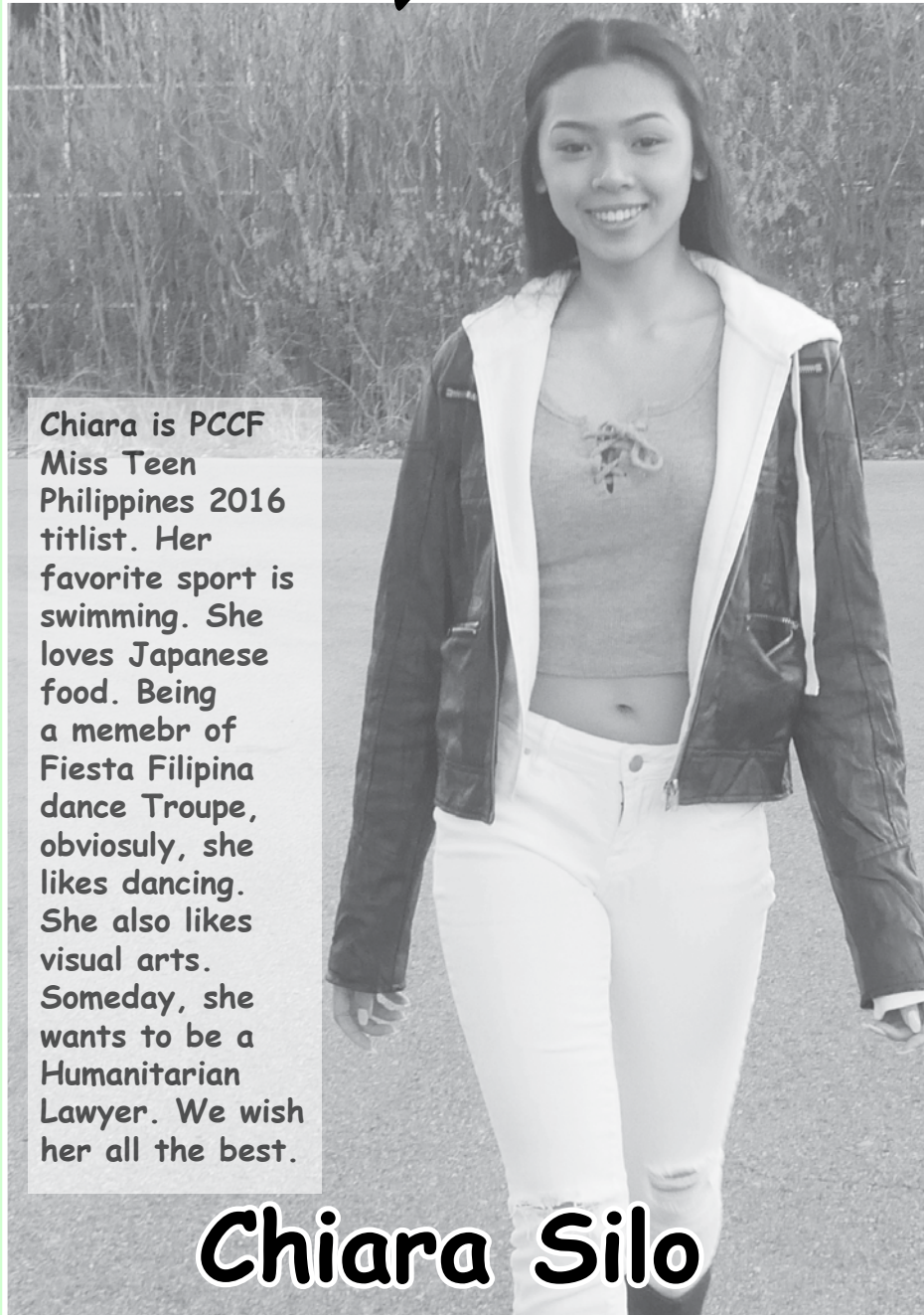
"The station strongly condemns the use of illegal substances, and does not condone the use of drugs by any of our staff. Over several decades, RX 93.1 has built a reputation as a responsible, multi-awarded broadcast institution... We thank our listeners for their loyalty, and we assure the public that we will continue to be worthy of its trust and support."

Founded in 1973, RX93.1 is recognized by the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas and other award-giving bodies.

Karen and her boyfriend Emilio Lim were caught in a buy bust operation and the authorities nabbed P2.5 million worth of ecstasy pills, flavored marijuana dried leaves and marijuana resin or oil.

The couple is currently detained at the Southern Police District (SPD) headquarters in Taguig City.

# Honey Shot



Chiara is PCCF Miss Teen Philippines 2016 titlist. Her favorite sport is swimming. She loves Japanese food. Being a member of Fiesta Filipina dance Troupe, obviously, she likes dancing. She also likes visual arts. Someday, she wants to be a Humanitarian Lawyer. We wish her all the best.

## Chiara Silo



## Donita Rose says endorsement offer 'came in [when she was at her] lowest'

Jolly Heart Mate Canola Oil named actress-model Donita Rose as their 'Heart Mate Ambassador' and the latter couldn't be more grateful.

In an Instagram post she published on the way to a shoot for the cooking oil brand, Donita revealed her strong affinity with them and thanked them for tapping her at the opportune time.

"When I was at my lowest, they came in and... just when I was about to give up again, they wouldn't let me... Thank you to my Jolly Heart Mate Canola Oil family for everything," she wrote on her Instagram.

Donita is set to start her nationwide tour for Philippine festivities with them. She also thanked the Lord for his provision in her life.

"Not only is Lord Jehovah Jireh/provider, He's also Jehovah Rapha, the one who heals every pain. What could be a more fit title?" she added.

Donita recently admitted that she and husband Eric Villarama have separated and she's in the process of recovery.

"I'm in a position where I'm just starting to heal and move on," she said in an interview on Good Times With Moe.

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PNP chief warns 911 prank callers:

## See you in jail

MANILA - The country's top cop warned the public not to make prank calls to hotline 911 after the emergency hotline received hundreds of such calls during its launch on Monday.

Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief, Director General Ronald "Bato" dela Rosa said of the 2,475 calls recorded from 12:00-7:00 a.m., at least 1,356 were prank calls, 304 of which have already been validated.

"The Chief PNP is warning the 304 prank callers and the would-be callers. The 911 system is currently tracking the prank callers and we will make sure that you will be unmasked and arrested," dela Rosa said in a press conference Monday.

The police chief also warned would-be



pranksters.

"Refrain prank calls and test calls. You clog up the lines and prevent people with real emergencies to reach us," said dela Rosa.

Presidential Decree No. 1727, s. 1980 prohibits the malicious spread of information made by "any person who, by word of mouth or through the use of the mail, telephone, telegraph, printed materials and other instrument or means of communication."

If convicted, the prankster will be "punished with imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or a fine of not more than forty thousand pesos (₱40,000.00) or both at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction over the offense herein defined and penalized."

## Various Emergencies

Dela Rosa said he has ordered police officials to swiftly act on calls to 911.

"All Chiefs of Police to be alert and respond to the calls routed to you by the 911 call centers and immediately provide police assistance to our people when needed," said dela Rosa.

Officials said at least 75 were "legitimate handled calls" while around 1,119 were dropped calls.

Various calls were responded to by forces from PNP, Bureau of Fire Protection, and the Department of Health.

Some of the calls sought assistance for health emergencies, accidents, harassment, arrest of trouble makers, and riots.



## Coleen Garcia clarifies 'suggestive' title of upcoming movie 'Extra Service'

Garcia has explained that her upcoming movie with Arci Muñoz and Jessy Mendiola does not really focus on the sexual aspect.

The former It's Showtime host added that all three of them would be working in a spa.

"Yung spa na 'yun parang ang extra service, pag may pumupunta diyan na may mission, yan ang parang nagiging password tapos sasabihin magkano at ilang minuto," she explained in an interview during the after party of the film *That Thing Called Tanga Na* starring her boyfriend Billy Crawford along with Eric Quizon, Kean Cipriano, Martin Escudero and Angeline Quinto.

"Tapos kailangan tama yung sabihin nya para mabigyan na kami ng mission," she added.

Coleen said they would function as "spies" of sorts on the film. But since "extra service" has a different connotation these days, the film would also showcase the "repercussion" once the "password" was used incorrectly.

"So usually may pumupunta na iba ibang guys and whenever they say that tapos mali yung sagot, pinupunish namin sila," she said.

According to Coleen, the cameras have already started rolling for the Chris Martinez film.

"May mga character na magaling sa lahat ng gadgets and weapons, may isa naman na palaban, iba-iba," she said.

Since they have just started filming it, Coleen explained that her favorite scenes are those "yung magkakasama kami kasi, iba 'yung ugali ng bawat character."

After her explanation, is it safe to assume that the film won't be sexy?

"Sexy in the sense na parang isa females, yung the way we dress, pero in terms of daring scenes, hindi naman," she immediately explained.

"Pero it's still sexy na tatlo kaming mga babae at our age and everything, may factors na 'yung costumes namin," Coleen added.

Coleen mentioned that the film would be the first time that she would be working with Jessy Mendiola.

"So far naka isang scene pa lang kami together and so far everything is going well," she said.

As for Arci, with whom she has worked with on *Pasion de Amor* together with Ellen Adarna, Coleen has nothing but good words for the actress.

"If there's someone that I really love working with si Arci talaga 'yung isa sa mga tao talaga na I really enjoy working with kasi bukod sa mahusay siya, masya siya kasama behind the camera," Coleen remarked.

## Customs collections short under Lina

MANILA - Former commissioner Alberto Lina has left the Bureau of Customs in bad shape, failing to hit any of its revenue targets for the six months of the year, records show.

All ports under the bureau's supervision were also unable to hit their respective goals in April and May this year.

For the first half of the year, the bureau collected only P190.27 billion out of its P238.32-billion target, for a P48.05-billion shortfall.

Weeks before Lina stepped out of office, then incoming President Rodrigo Duterte identified the bureau as among the three most corrupt agencies in the government, along with the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Land Transportation Office.

Last month, President Duterte ordered new Customs Commissioner Nicanor Faeldon to rid the agency of corrupt officials and personnel.

"I already have the raw information but I still have to validate it... I hope Faeldon



would do his thing and stop corruption in Customs," the President said, adding that unscrupulous Customs officials and employees have "long lived in luxury."

The same collection downtrend was registered in May after the BOC's top ports again suffered huge collection deficits, contributing to the agency's P8.83-billion shortfall for the month.

The Port of Zamboanga was the lone port to exceed its target of P84.6 million, with collections reaching P109.4 million for the first six months of the year.

With the agency's whopping shortfall, Duterte said Faeldon has a lot of work to do to reverse the downtrend in the revenue collection for the rest of the year, in particular in undertaking a no-nonsense campaign against smuggling of commodities, including

agricultural products.

Citing discrepancies between United Nations data of countries reporting shipments bound for the Philippines and local agency's monitoring of inbound cargo, agriculture stakeholders said smuggled onions alone may have ballooned sixfold.

Data from the United Nations Commodity Trade Statistics Database showed that China, India, The Netherlands, the United States and Hong Kong shipped a total of 49.3 million kilos of onions but the Philippine government counted only about 31 million kilos.

The difference of 18.3 million kilos could only mean the rest was brought in illegally, said the Samahang Industriya ng Agrikultura (Sinag), an umbrella organization of agricultural stakeholders.

The UN data also showed China sent 138 million kilos of garlic in 2015, but the Philippines monitored only 23.6 million kilos—a difference of 114.4 million kilos.

## Sotto files Senate bill requiring private sector employers to give workers 14th month pay

Is he just trying to win over the public?

Would this bill be enough to make everyone forget all his iffy shenanigans?

MANILA - Senate Majority Leader Tito Sotto has filed a bill that would require employers in the private sector to give their

employees 14th month pay.

"Senate Bill No. 2 provides that all non-government rank and file employees should be entitled to 14 month pay aside from the regular 13th month pay they receive every year," reports Maila Ager on Inquirer.net.

The bill's explanatory note indicated: "The 13th month pay shall be paid not later than June 14th and the 14th month pay shall be paid not later than December 24th of every year provided however that the frequency

of payment of this monetary benefit may be the subject of agreement between employer and employee or any recognized/collective bargaining agent of employees."

The noted added that "the minimum amount of the 14th month pay shall not be less than 1/12 of the total basic salary earned by the employee within the calendar year."

Sotto pointed out that the recent PHP10 increase in the minimum wage was "too small."

## NAGCARLAN PICNIC

PCCF Miss Teen Philippines Chiara Silo and Miss Philippines Krista Bella and pose with the some members of the Nagcarlan Association of GTA and Suburbs (NAGTAAS) at their picnic.



# Kapamilya stars ink new contracts



**SOLID KAPAMILYA.** (From left) **Vhong Navarro**, ABS-CBN top guns **Carlo Katigbak** and **Cory Vidanes**, **John Prats**, **Billy Crawford** and **Luis Manzano**

Vhong Navarro, John Prats, and Billy Crawford renewed their respective two-year contracts with the Kapamilya network recently. Luis Manzano renewed his ties with the network for another three years.

Navarro is set to do *Dance Kids* and will continue hosting *It's Showtime*. Meanwhile, Prats is expected to appear in FPJ's *Ang Probinsyano* apart from his current show *Banana Sundae*. Crawford, on the other hand, revealed the two new shows that he will be part of – *Pinoy Boyband Superstar* and *Dancing With the Stars*. Apart from doing *ASAP* and *It's Showtime*, Crawford's projects also include the top-rating show *Your Face Sounds Familiar* that will soon be making a comeback.

Followers and fans of Manzano can expect to see him in new projects that are yet to be unveiled apart from his on-going projects *Minute To Win It*, *Family Feud*, *The Voice Kids Season 3*, and *ASAP*.

Present in the signing were ABS-CBN's President and CEO Carlo Katigbak, COO for Broadcast Cory Vidanes, Head of Finance for Broadcast and Integrated News and Current Affairs Cat Lopez, Vhong Navarro's manager Chito Roño, John Prats and Billy Crawford's manager Arnold Vegafria, and Luis Manzano's manager June Rufino.

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and greet functions." Now let's get to the presscon with the



**Kakai wants some serious roles in the future.**

Kapamilya GO stars Kakai, Kyla, Morissette Amon, Daryl Ong, Matteo Guidicelli, Enrique Gil and Liza Soberano.

Here is an excerpt on that presscon interview.

Matteo, what do you want to focus on

right now in your career?

"I want to focus on acting than singing muna."

Kyla, describe your feelings of being with ABS.

"Masarap dahil kapamilya ako. I am happy with them dahil they sent me to London, it's been great. I have soul session segment doon sa ASAP. I get to be judge sa *Tawag Ng Tanghalan* and I get to hear great new singers there.

For Kakai, what would you like to do that is different or what side of Kakai do you want people to see?

"Bold star," jokes Kakai.

"Not everybody know that I started in the theatre in 2000, I've worked with Ryan Cayabyab and Celeste Legazpi. They ran a play for 3 years, *Rock of Aegis*, and it is still running. I'd like to do theatre again. I released a single, a Roselle Nava song. Given the chance, I would like to do serious acting."

To all of you, what would you want to

To all of you, what would you want to

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## PRESIDENT DUTERTE WARNS COMPANIES 'Stop contractualization or face closure'

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte has warned companies to stop contractualization or face closure.

Duterte threatened to cancel the permits of companies that insist on hiring contractual employees.

"My message to them is very simple: Do not wait for us to inspect. I will be unforgiving. You will not only lose your money, you will lose your pants," the President warned.

"This was my promise to the people and I will do it. Stop that practice, pay your employees right, stop contractualization. It will not do good to our country," he added.

The President specifically called on employers of security guards, who he said sometimes work



for 24 hours straight.

Duterte said companies should give their employees all the benefits mandated by law.

"If you do not take care of the workers, then I cannot take care of you," he said.

"I'm sorry, whether SM or all companies, I will close the entire Republic of the Philippines and we can all go into hunger strike," Duterte said.

SM Investments Corp. in April maintained that it does not practice contractualization but hires seasonal workers.

The President urged contractual workers to air their complaints by calling 8888, the 24-hour government hotline.

## Police claim no knowledge of vigilantes 'Vigilantes' claim more lives

MANILA - So-called vigilante killings claimed at least nine more drug suspects in separate incidents in Olongapo City, Cagayan and the Bicol Region.

All victims were found with notes written in Filipino: "I'm a collector and pusher of shabu," "I am a pusher" and "Don't emulate pushers-Bicol vigilantes."

Arthur Mangohig, 43, of Barangay Manggahan, Subic, Zambales, was found near a lighthouse in Barangay Kalaklan in Olongapo City with three gunshot wounds. His feet and head were wrapped in plastic and tied with wire.

A woman who claimed to be his daughter arrived at the crime scene and identified him. She said four bonnet-wearing men came to their house on Sunday night and abducted her father who was selling food packs at the Hanjin transport terminal in Barangay Manggahan, Subic.

Authorities believed he was killed in another place and his body was dumped in the area.

Another suspected drug pusher, Rommel Rodaste Palma, was shot dead by policemen during a buy-bust in Barangay Banicaín.

Report said Palma got suspicious that he was dealing with police authorities and engaged the poseur buyer that resulted in a shootout.

Recovered from him were sachets of shabu and drug paraphernalia, a knife, a gun and other items.

The third victim, Rodolfo Santillan, was reportedly a known drug pusher in Barangay New Cabalan.

Santillan was being served a warrant of arrest for illegal drugs in his house in Sitio Botolan, Iram, when he engaged policemen from Police Station 4 in a gunfight on Saturday.

Sachets of shabu and illegal drug paraphernalia, a caliber .38 revolver and three 9mm live ammunition were recovered from him.

The Olongapo City acting chief of police, Senior Supt. Jerry Tait Sumbad, downplayed fear of vigilantism in the city and told The Manila Times that the Philippine National Police does not know of the existence of a vigilante group or its involvement in drug-related killings or summary execution in the city.

"It's negative as far as I know," Sumbad said.

When asked if he was aware of such group existing in nearby towns, he replied that he does not know if there are vigilantes in other areas.

A number of deaths have taken place in Olongapo and nearby towns of Zambales, particularly in Subic and Castillejos, where bodies were dumped in different places with markings that appear to be the work of vigilantes.

Similarly, vigilante killings of alleged drug violators in Metro Manila and neighboring prov-

inces have reached Bicol Region.

The Naga City (Camarines Sur) police spokesman, Senior Police Office 2 Tobias Bongon, confirmed the extrajudicial deaths after three bodies were found with placards written in Filipino: "Don't emulate pushers-Bicol vigilantes."

Bongon identified the first victim as Alan Castro, 38, who was shot dead by unidentified assailants riding a motorcycle in Barangay San Felipe.

The second happened in Barangay Pacol where the body of Michael Reyes, 39, was found with gunshot wounds and his face wrapped with a masking tape. The placard, apparently left by the killer said he was a hold-up man.

The third victim was Ariel Bucacao, 29, whose body bore stab wounds and dumped at the entrance of Saint James Subdivision in Barangay Concepcion Grande.

Since July 1 when "Oplan Tokhang" was implemented, the police regional director, Chief Supt. Melvin Buenafe, said the number of drug suspect killed, pushers arrested and surrenders multiplied fast.

The Bicol Region has been in the news for having a serious problem in drugs since the early 2000.

Police records showed Camarines Sur and Albay topped the lists of drug violators arrested and surrenders, followed by the provinces of Masbate, Sorsogon, Camarines Norte and Catanduanes. The two cities that topped the lists of having drug violators are Naga City and Legazpi (Albay).

Buenafe said they are eyeing at least 100,000 drug suspects to surrender within three months.

Naga City Mayor John Bongat said he does not condone vigilante killings but admitted it is a big deterrent against criminality.

Meanwhile, in the province of Cagayan, three bodies were recovered by the police in a cemetery in Barangay Tapel in Gonzaga town.

The victims were suspected to be involved in illegal drugs.

Police Senior Insp. Edgar Manuel, Gonzaga chief of police, identified the victims as Jovit Baclig, Bonito Sebastian Jr., and Obet Valderama, all residents of the town.

Manuel said Valderama is No.8 on the drugs watchlist of Gonzaga police as pusher, while Baclig and Sebastian were listed as drug users.

Police also recovered a caliber .45 pistol from the crime scene and two sachets of shabu from Valderama.

Intelligence gathered by police revealed that the three duped the supplier of the drugs who allegedly retaliated by killing them.

## Putting 'half rice' on the menu

### Why 'half rice' should be offered for rice-loving Philip-pines

MANILA, Philippines— "Why should we offer half rice? We barely mind rice wastage. What matters more is we get more sales with full rice."

In a rice-loving country, these words are what some food establishments would argue why they refuse to offer half-cup of rice in their menus.

But in General Santos, the local government is turning the tables to promote responsible rice consumption.

"If I haven't attended the meeting, I wouldn't have known the magnitude of rice wastage in the country," said Aizabelle Iris Mangao, a manager of a restaurant franchise that offers grilled Filipino and Asian food.

In early 2015, Mangao attended a consultative meeting organized by the legislators of the city government of General Santos about the then proposed GSC Riceponsible Ordinance.

The policy took effect on December 2015 and mandated that the city "shall adopt measures, which shall ensure responsible rice consumption and rice conservation." It also aims to educate consumers to not waste rice to help attain rice self-sufficiency in the country.

Over 80 representatives of small to large scale food stores learned that Filipinos waste about P23 million worth of rice a day, enough to feed nearly 2.6 million poor Filipinos. This reality awakened Mangao and her colleagues to make a conscious effort. They already started walking the talk long before the ordinance took effect.

Immediately, Mangao informed her restaurant's owner, who also owns at least 8 food franchises in the city about the ordinance. They then talked to the head office of the franchised restaurant that promptly approved its implementation. The half-cup of rice, roughly 80 grams, were incorporated at the point of sale (POS) which is also half the price of a full cup of rice (P30) as mandated by the ordinance.

"Before we started advocating for the half rice in our store, we started with ourselves. We asked our staff to responsibly consume rice," Mangao said.

### Downscaling the policy

The year 2013 was declared as the National Year of Rice (NYR) through Presidential Proclamation No. 494.

The Department of Agriculture - Philippine Rice Research Institute (DA-PhilRice) enjoined rice producers, consumers, and policymakers to achieve rice self-sufficiency, specifically to promote less rice wastage.

Pursuant to the proclamation, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) encouraged cities and municipalities to pass ordinances that will require the food service industry "to make a half cup



## Barbie Forteza Superstar Student

Barbie Forteza suddenly found herself enrolled in a master class in acting, with the Superstar herself, Nora Aunor, as her mentor.

In Derick Cabrido's "Tuos," an entry in this year's Cinemalaya, La Aunor plays a binukot, epic chanter and keeper of the tribe's traditions, who must grapple with the decision of her rebellious granddaughter, portrayed by Barbie, not to follow in her footsteps.

In their scenes together, Barbie said the internationally acclaimed actress was a consistently generous coworker.

"Although the theme was heavy, work was made easier because Ms. Nora was very supportive," Barbie recalled. "She helped me out. In one scene, she whispered to me: 'Deliver your dialogue slowly, so you can feel it.'"

The Superstar wasn't the type who would dish out acting tips indiscriminately, so Barbie had to listen closely and observe just as assiduously. "She made me realize that less is more. The simpler, the better—the more effective your performance would be. In the movies, big movements are not necessary... which is different from television."

On TV, she admitted, she often had to resort to loud and unrestrained acting. That was why indie films offer a refreshing change of pace for her, she explained.

Her latest indie film gave her the chance to learn from seasoned veterans like La Aunor, who likewise shared practical advice on longevity and surviving the business of show.

"She told me that I shouldn't let success change who I am. That I should always be professional. That I shouldn't be the cause of delay at work," Barbie related. "That I should do my homework."

To prepare for "Tuos," she watched the 2004 "I-Witness" documentary, "Ang Huling Prinsesa." The docu was a big help because it gave us a peek into the life of a binukot," she clarified.

She also had to learn the Kinaraya language. "There were Tagalog translations on the margins of the script, and a dialogue coach was on the set to make sure our pronunciation was correct. Since we shot in live sound, we couldn't afford to make a mistake." Her director was a perfectionist, as well, she noted. "Even though he wanted everything to be flawless, the shoot went smoothly."

Cabrido's "enthusiasm" for his craft was "contagious," she remarked. "He won't settle for 'OK lang.' He pushed us to give our best."

She is grateful that her home studio, GMA 7, permits her to act in independently produced films.

"GMA Artist Center isn't really that strict," she pointed out. "I am happy that my handlers allow me to do what I want—especially since we all know that



## SELLING LOCAL TALENT:

# The concert of Maria Panaligan was Sold Out

Maria Panaligan has been singing since 9 years old. She has been performing at local community events, festivals, organization parties and being a front act of big-name stars from the Philippines like Aegis, Gerald Anderson, Jericho Rosales and Asin among them.

A plan was hatched for her to hold her own concert. The concert is her effort to showcase her singing talent which is



undeniable. More importantly, it is to show how she can handle herself before a live audience in a concert and connect with the people. Well, the concert showed that she already has the confidence to engage the a crowd, talk to them and make them feel at ease.

Anybody can sing. But making it in showbusiness takes more than talent. You need to be able to talk to them in between songs, to engage them in what you are doing, so that they will enjoy the experience more.

With that concert last August 13, she

showed that she can be handle herself at ease in front of a live audience. She was joined by some of the local artists like Charms, Britney Waito, Isabella Santiago,

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be your next project?

Daryl Ong wants to do a theme song for a teleserye because it is a big help to his career.

For Kyla, a theme song also. "coz it is different because you hear it everynight."

Enrique Gil has a harder goal.

"I would like to do horror like Walking Dead, or Survival in the Philippines. That will be really cool."

Liza wants to be in a horror film or action film and play the part of a soldier.

For Matteo, he wants to do a drama



Toronto Singer Keesha Cerezo gets a selfie with Kapamilya singer Daryl Ong. RIGHT, Shy Garrido poses with Kapamilya star Matteo Guidicelli. thriller.

Morissette wants more theme songs.

"More projects by TFC," she coyly says tot he TFC brass in the room.

"No more horror dahil araw araw when I look at the mirror, I see it already," jokes kakai.

"But seriously, I



want more opportunities to sing para mas makilala, dream to sing theme song, and more TFC shows," she adds.

Daryl, with more singers being discovered, how can you offer to viewers and listeners to make you stand out?

"Well, bawa't singer has their style, artist-ry they can share, to the audience. What I can offer is my own style so when people hear me sing they will say 'iyong version na iyan parang si Daryl ang gumawa.' So I think I need to focus on that na kahit

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## 'Annihilate Abus to the last man'

MANILA, Philippines - President Duterte vowed there would be no let up in the fight against the Abu Sayyaf, calling on government forces to kill the bandits down "to the last man."

"There will never be any peace negotiation. You have to destroy them. That is the order: Destroy them," Duterte told the troops last Friday night at the Armed Forces of the Philippines' Central Command in Camp Lapu-Lapu in Cebu City.

"Just wait. When I was mayor, I said: 'There will be a reckoning for all of these cruel and brutal things that you are doing. We will collect someday.' Just wait because we are just assembling our troops," he told the troops over the weekend.

He said he has no tolerance for the Abu Sayyaf, notorious for kidnap-for-ransom activities and beheading its hostages.

"Finish the problem, finish them to the last man," he said.

Duterte noted how terrorism would remain the biggest threat to the country in the next decade.

"I am warning you, five to ten years from now, the biggest problem would be terrorism," he said.

Duterte promised the troops and the police he would take care of them as long as they do their duty to the country well.

He stressed the military should be loyal to the country and the Constitution, and no one else, not even the President.

"I feel strongly for the soldiers. I don't need anything from you. I do not need your personal loyalty for me. Just love your country. Obey the Constitution, period," he said.

Duterte said the military and the police are his partners in combating the apparatus of the illegal drug trade in the country.

He admitted giving the military and the police the go signal to hunt down all illegal drug syndicates in the country.

"And I feel for my soldiers and Davao City really improved to what

it is now because of the police and the military. To tell you the truth, who killed the criminals there? It's the military and the police," Duterte said.

In exchange for the soldiers and cops' support for his leadership, Duterte vowed to be loyal to them.

Duterte said he would back all his men against criticisms and legal challenges that may arise from his strong anti-drug campaign.

"I had the full cooperation. And in return I was also loyal to my men... The soldiers and the policemen are confident because I was there to protect them," he said.

Duterte said Defense Secretary Deflin Lorenzana has requested a budget for the recruitment and training of 20,000 new soldiers.

"And I told him, 'it would be difficult, perhaps I could only provide a budget for 10,000 new soldiers and 5,000 more policemen.' I will have to prepare the Philippines' defense... next year, we will be... The Philippines' (defense) is actually okay. But under my term, we will be better," Duterte declared.

The President has been visiting military camps over the weekend in his effort to lift the morale of the troops and explain the administration's programs to talk peace with the rebel groups, including the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army, the Moro National Liberation Front and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Duterte, however, stressed he would never negotiate with the Abu Sayyaf, saying "the time of reckoning will come."

The United States and the Philippines have both listed the Abu Sayyaf as a terrorist organization for kidnappings, beheadings and bombings.

The bandit group emerged in the early 1990s as an extremist offshoot of the decades-long Muslim separatist rebellion in the south.

Sam Milby on falling in love with Mari Jasmine: 'It just felt right'



After six years of not being in a relationship, Sam Milby has finally found someone new in the person of TV host Mari Jasmine.

"I think when you're in a relationship for such a long time, it's hard kapag nag-break kayo kasi sobrang sanay kayo sa isa't isa. I'm glad that I stayed single for so long para makilala ko ulit ang sarili ko, to appreciate myself as a person," he told ABS-CBN News.

His last relationship was with Anne Curtis which was very public since both of them are from showbiz. This time, Sam opted to keep his relationship private.

"It's obvious naman na lumalabas kami. We are seen in public places all the time. It's an open thing. Bakit kailangang i-deny? I've actually wanted to share it before. I wanted to tell you guys about it but mas private person siya and I really respect that about her," he shared.

Sam also shared that he was the one who first approached Mari by following her on Twitter. Mari isn't much aware with "showbiz life" in the Philippines. In fact, when Sam followed her, she didn't know that he was a celebrity.

However, he is still thankful because Mari understands his job.

"There will always be yung mga away. There's no perfect relationship. It's just knowing how to fight for the relationship and for the love, just being mature."

In the end, he said when he fell in love with her, "It just felt right. We have a lot in common also. It's pretty much as simple as that. It just felt right."

### Glaiza's loving it

Glaiza de Castro, who plays the Sang'gre Pirena in GMA's iconic telefantasya "Encantadia," is loving her role more and more as the show continues to unfold.

She explained, "Mas minamahal ko si Pirena everytime na may nangyayaring tagumpay sa story line niya. Pinupuri ko talaga si Pirena since matagal niyang pinagpa-planuhan lahat ng mga 'yun. So ako, nagugulat and at the same time,

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## Delivering over a million houses to families is Robredo's first mission as HUDCC chief

MANILA - Vice President Leni Robredo is aware of the daunting task ahead of her shortly after accepting the role as housing czar under President Rodrigo Duterte but she is willing to take on the challenge.

Robredo has made it her first mission to address the current backlog of 1.4 million houses in the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) based on a



briefing that was given her Friday (July 8).

"As of now, 'yung backlog nasa 1.4 million houses 'yung kailangan, that's 1.4 million families. Halo ito, meron 'yung mga either victims ng calamities, merong homeless, merong nakatira sa mga dilapidated na houses na not fit for (residence)," Robredo told reporters.

"So kailangan kong aralin ano ba 'yung status nito, may naumpisahan na ba, may ongoing ba? Pero tingin ko 'yung pinaka-target at the end of six years—kung nandoon pa ako at the end of six years—at least sana ma-satisfy 'yung backlog," she

added.

The responsibility got even more challenging when Robredo found out that HUDCC projected an additional 5.5 million housing requirement, which it would have to deliver on a limited budget.

"Puwera sa backlog, kasi hindi sa akin klaro kung 'yung 1.4 (million) as of when, pero nakita ko 'yung projected nila magkakaroon ng additional 5.5 million yata na pangangailangan.

So ang laking challenge considering na konti lang naman 'yung budget ng opisina," she said.

Asked if she would request for an increase in fund allocation for her department, Robredo said maybe not at the moment, as HUDCC is just a coordinating council and there are so many agencies under it.

"Baka 'yung mga ahensyang under it ang mangangailangan ng budget," Robredo said, adding that her meeting with HUDCC officials on Friday afternoon was simply to discuss where the agency stands on so many things at this point.

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# Fluvial Parade

## Invitation To All Devotees Of The Virgin Of Penafrancia

By : Paeng Nebres (BCCA and Devotees of Virgin of Penafrancia)

TORONTO - On September 17, 2016 ( Saturday ) is the Feast Day of our Lady of Penafrancia, the Patroness of the Bicol Region in the Philippines.

The Devotees of the Virgin of Penafrancia of the Bicol Canada Community Association ( BCCA ) together with the Organizers of the 9 Day House to House Novena are hosting the celebration beginning with the traditional Fluvial Parade at the Bluffers Park Lake at Brimley Rd. in Scarborough, Ontario ( by the Lake ) and an evening Mass Celebration at the Our Lady of Assumption Church at 2565 Bathurst St., Toronto.

DETAILS OF THE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION : SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 ( SATURDAY )

MORNING CELEBRATION AT THE BLUFFERS PARK & MARINA at Brimley Rd. South ( by the Lake )

8:30 AM - Assembly for the procession of the Virgin to the Dock at the Bluffers Park Marina, where the Fluvial Parade will start. (Eastside of the Bluffers Park Marina)

9:30 AM - PROCESSION TO THE DOCK STARTS

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## Maxine Medina's confidence soars with PH hosting Miss U

Bb. Pilipinas-Universe Maxine Medina is more excited to represent the country now that it's been selected to host the 2016 Miss Universe pageant.

According to Tourism Secretary Wanda Teo, the pageant will be held here on January 30, 2017.

"It's an advantage for us," Maxine said. "With that happening, everyone will be cheering for the Philippines. Yung feelings ko, nabu-boost. I know Filipinos will be praying for me."

Organizers are reportedly eyeing Manila, Davao, Cagayan de Oro, Boracay, Cebu, Palawan, and Vigan as "possible venues" for segments of the international contest.

The other times the Miss Universe was held in the Philippines were in 1974 and 1994.

In succeeding 2015 Bb. Pilipinas-Universe Pia Wurtzbach, who bagged the 2015 Miss Universe title, Maxine is taking the whole journey positively. She knows she carries a big responsibility and people expect a lot from her.

"I'm using it as motivation and that's the best thing I can do for now. This is my very first pageant so, I'm actually just trying to enjoy everything," she said.

Maxine admits there's pressure before "pero ngayon nai-excite na ako."

Comparisons are inevitable but Maxine takes it all in stride.

"Right now, nababawasan na 'yung mga bashers, I mean, naniniwala na sila about what I can do, so I'm really excited," she said.

Some people criticize her communication skills but she is working on it. Asked if she hopes to disprove her critics, she said, "Well, you can see it naman eh.

Bahala na sila whatever they will call me. At the end of the day, I would still be the representative of the Philippines."

For those who say she's not as articulate as Pia, she said, "You should love me for who I am."

"Pia is different, Maxine is different. I think we have different paths na pwedeng maipakita. I can't wait na mailabas ko lahat ng surprising things about myself. Character naman ang pinaka-importante sa pageant, how you engage with the people, how you speak with them, with a heart, of course," she added.

Maxine hopes the Philippines will be able to bag the Miss Universe crown again. Other Filipino candidates who won the prestigious title are Gloria Diaz and Margie Moran.

"I'm so excited to be the next and I'm

praying for that," she said.

Maxine has also been doing a lot of training and research. She updates herself on current events and reads news articles every day.

"I make sure na I write something in my diary. May journal ako, andoon lahat ng opinions ko about these issues. Siguro ayun na din ang practice ko to answer right away especially in the Q & A."

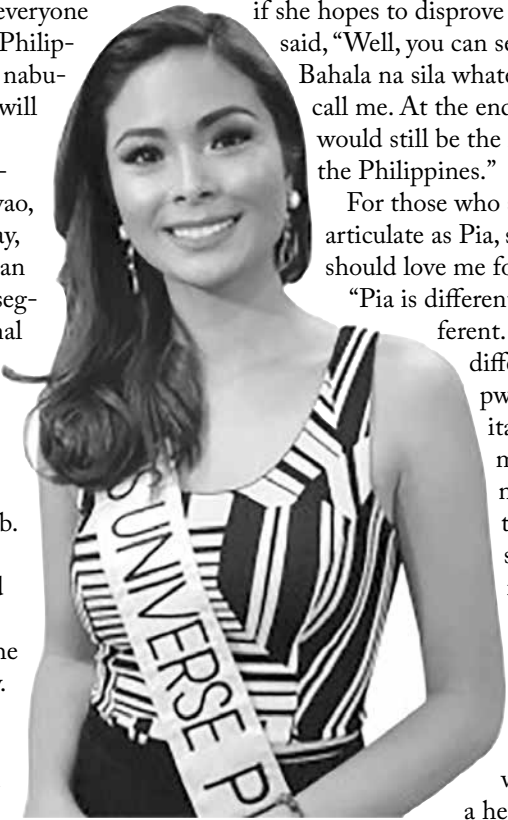
The interior designer-beauty queen exchanges opinions on certain issues with her fellow candidates and family.

"I keep on asking them about their opinion, especially my family, and what I

can say in front of the camera. I don't want to hurt anybody with whatever I say. I've been doing a lot of training. I'm still in the process," she said.

Maxine keeps in touch with Pia.

"Sabi niya, 'Be strong and be yourself. That's the most important thing.' And sabi niya sa akin it's a very big responsibility. Of course, it is. Right now napi-feel ko na 'yung responsibility kasi the crown is very heavy. Iyon 'yung pinaka-mabigat na responsibility. For me, I will just do my best," she said.



### KAPAMILYA GO continued from page 9

anong song ang mapunta sa akin I can inject my own style para kumagat sa tao."

How does ABS maintain its strength?

"It's all about our artists, we feed off the energy of the audience, we know what they want, but more importantly, we try to inject a different element of experience



Kakai, Morissette Amon and Matteo Guidicelli face the press. BELOW, LM Confidential photographer Noli Gumapac gets a selfie with Lisa Soberano and Enrique Gil

## 4 things to know about Jadine's new ka-love triangle JC Santos

Fans are eagerly waiting now for the upcoming television series of JaDine in ABS-CBN titled Till I Met You. And with the new series, comes a new ka-love triangle in the person of JC Santos.

This is JC's biggest showbiz break to date and here are some fun facts that you might want to know about this new dude in JaDine's world.

1. He used to perform in famous theme parks in Hong Kong and Singapore

"I went to Universal Studios Singapore for two years and then I went to Hong Kong Disneyland for two years," he shared.

2. He studied in U.P. and then in New York.

"I was a Theater Arts Major in U.P. Dilliman so I studied there for two years," he said. Then after working in Hong Kong and Singapore he headed to the Big Apple. "I studied in New York Musical Theater Acting for six months."

3. Acting is his passion

"Kababalik ko lang 2014 and then I decided I wanna be an actor here. Ang dream ko talaga [noon] New York eh kasi I wanna perform in Broadway, gusto ko makita sarili ko pero nong nandon ako sabi ko gusto ko pala talaga mag-perform para sa mga kapwa ko Pilipino and being on stage or acting sa film and TV 'yun pala talaga ang gusto ko, I just really wanna be an actor, that's it."

4. It's his first time in Europe because of Till I Met You

"[It's my] first time to shoot in Greece, it's my dream European country. Lagi lang ako nasa America, nasa Asian countries so excited ako. Actually nag-research ako ng mga pwedeng puntahan, daanan, lakaran and 'yun nga I'm all excited."



Enrique Gil, if you can pick a leading lady besides Liza, who would it be?

"Mahirap iyan. Maybe si Arci Munoz dahil crush ni Liza," jokes Enrique.

na bago sa kanila na pagkatapos ng Kapamilya Go na ito, they have something positive to take with them," says Robert Resurreccion, director of Advertising Sales and Marketing.

"And we notice every year, there is a new concept of the show from last year. every time we have a show, like a new games for the fans," adds Gil.

"It's about customer engagement, specially overseas Filipinos dahil

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# Philippines

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## Do A-List users shrug off Duterte's drug war?

MANILA - As President Duterte's war on drugs intensifies, hordes of substance abusers around the country have voluntarily surrendered to the police, showing remorse and willingness to undergo rehabilitation.

However, many affluent, if not A-List, users seem oblivious to threats of arrest and news of summary executions.

A source from Kaya Rehab Asia, a treatment center in Baguio, observed: "People from the lower-income groups were motivated by fear. That's why they turned themselves in. For the affluent, what's the fuss? They can't relate to the police knocking at their doors, looking for suspects."

The source, who requested anonymity, said Kaya hasn't experienced any increase in inquiries or enrollment since Duterte launched his campaign. "It hasn't affected us that much."

Kaya, which means "can do" or "will" in Tagalog, was patterned after Dara, a luxury rehab in Thailand. Kaya works like a hotel, where clients either have a twin-sharing room or a solo suite. The rates for a 28-day program range from P140,000 to P200,000 depending on the room.

Affluent addicts will turn to rehab upon realizing they've hit rock bottom in their health and relationships.

"Even if the police go after high-profile or high-income personalities or celebrities who do drugs, it's not Duterte's campaign but the extreme difficulties in life that will drive them to make the change," said the source.

They tend to be "high-performing individuals with substance-use disorders"—a top corporate executive; a bored, neglected housewife; or an athlete who can't handle sudden fame and fortune.

Recreational drug  
Contrary to popular belief that cocaine is the drug of choice of the rich, the source pointed out that, as early as 2000, methamphetamine (the rich call it "meth," not shabu) was already prevalent in that crowd, fetching P5,000 to P7,000 per gram while cocaine was cheaper at P3,000 to P5,000.

Explained the source: "Coke just gives you a buzz. You're energetic and not edgy, unlike taking meth. Because coke is milder, it has become a recreational drug. That's why it's associated with the rich. You need a fix every hour. Meth, however, brings weight loss, extreme mood swings and paranoia."

Still, the source quoted a woman telling a client, "Why take shabu? Your maid uses that. Do you want to be baduy?"

On dealing with substance abuse, Kaya counselor Vicente Macasaet observed that the rich will opt for geographical change. The parents will send their children to Baguio, Thailand or America.

"The family will not worry about being exposed because of the confidential nature of the program," he said.

Macasaet knows of affluent users who have been attending fellowships such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous.

He noted: "If these people get arrested, they

can always say they are attending AA or NA. They play cat-and-mouse. That's the mentality of the user—try to beat the system."

Classic pattern

Macasaet added that Duterte's drug-busting campaign platform hit the spot with many families: "Parents felt helpless. They hoped Duterte's campaign would solve the problem."

Asked why people get into drugs if they've got everything in life, Macasaet explained the classic pattern of hardworking parents who are not always available for their children who, in turn, succumb to peer pressure. This is aggravated by a society and culture that seek immediate gratification.

Added the confidential source: "It's complicated. The executive and the taxi driver may be taking the same drug, but their histories and challenges are different."

Although Kaya's rates may seem steep for the average Juan, the rehab center volunteered its 12-step program to the Baguio city government to aid drug personalities who have surrendered.

The program is an action plan in which the individual acknowledges that his situation has become unwieldy, hence the need to surrender to a higher spiritual power and promise to adopt a new set of attitudes and behavior to help himself and, consequently, other people in his life.

## Pepito Manaloto is Philippines' #1 comedy show



GMA Network's Pepito Manaloto Ang Tunay na Kuwento remains to be the number one and favorite comedy show in the country.

Based on people data from Nielsen TV Audience Measurement recorded from January to August 6, 2016 (excluding March 24-26 (Maundy Thursday-Black Saturday) in National Urban Philippines (NUTAM), Pepito Manaloto is still the country's

leading comedy show as it scored a rating of 9.5 nationwide.

Aside from being the unbeatable number one comedy show, Pepito Manaloto has consistently reaped numerous recognitions from various award-giving bodies. Its recent achievements include 2016's US International Film and Video Festival Certificate for Creative Excellence Comedy Category; 4th Kagitingan Awards for Television Pinakamagiting na Programang Pang-Komedyang; and 2016 Platinum Stallion Awards Best Values-Oriented Program. Meanwhile, Michael V. bagged the Pinakamagiting na Personalidad sa Programang Pang-Komedyang in the 4th Kagitingan Awards for Television.

The show also won in the 6th Enpress Golden Screen TV Awards as the Outstanding Comedy Program; 37th Catholic Mass Media Awards Best Comedy Program; 3rd Kagitingan Awards For Television - Bataan Peninsula University Pinakamagaling na Programang Pantelebisyon; 11th USTV Awards Students' Choice of Comedy Program; 2nd Paragala: Central Luzon Media Awards Best Sitcom; Anak TV Seal awardee in 2015 Anak TV Awards and in the 13th Gawad Tanglaw Best Comedy/Gag Show. Michael V. won the Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Gag/Comedy Program for Pepito Manaloto in the 6th Enpress Golden Screen TV Awards.

Get the latest updates of Pepito Manaloto from their official website of GMA Network [www.gmanetwork.com](http://www.gmanetwork.com) and official Facebook page [www.facebook.com/GMANetwork](http://www.facebook.com/GMANetwork).

Pepito Manaloto airs worldwide on GMA's flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV

## Star-Struck with TFC Kapamilya's Gerald Anderson



LEFT, Ligaya poses with Gerald Anderson. CENTRE, Kate Ybanez and Clarisse Gonzales pose with Gerald Anderson. RIGHT, Fe Tabago poses with Gerald Anderson

## FM burial on September 18

MANILA, Philippines - All is set for the burial of the late president Ferdinand Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Taguig City on Sept. 18, his son and namesake, former senator Ferdinand Marcos Jr., said.

Their family has, in fact, started preparations for the interment rites that include military honors, according to Marcos.

He said President Duterte has given the go-signal for his family to finally bury his father at Libingan during a meeting with him.

"My sister Imee is taking care of the rites in Ilocos because Ilocanos would get angry at us if they would not be able to pay their last respects to him. We'll bring him first to Sarrat, then to Paoay, before taking him by plane for the burial here at Libingan," he said.

Meanwhile, he has been coordinating with the AFP protocol and learned that aside from military honors - a 21-gun salute - and horse-ridden funeral cortege, they must conform with the tradition of burying the remains at exactly noon. Asked why Sept. 18 and not Sept. 11 or the birth anniversary of the elder Marcos, the former senator replied: "Because we want

another day to celebrate, and not only on his birth or death anniversary."

During the campaign, then Davao City mayor Duterte and former vice president Jejomar Binay replied "yes" to a question on whether they would allow the burial of former president Marcos at the Libingan.

Duterte praised Marcos as "the most brilliant president" that the Philippines ever had.

He lauded the Masagana 99 rice production program of the late president as trailblazing, among other long-range plans and programs that propelled the country to where it is now.

"Ang ganda ng patakbo nya, nasira lang ng asawa," the President said.

Though he did not name her, Duterte was obviously referring to Marcos' widow, former first lady Imelda Romualdez-Marcos, who has been reelected for a third and last term as representative of the second district of Ilocos Norte.

"I will allow the burial of President Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani not because he is a hero. He was a Filipino soldier, period. That can be arranged immediately," Duterte said.

## Daiana Menezes divorces husband, seeks protection order

Daiana Menezes didn't hesitate when she confirmed with PEP.ph that she and her husband former Cagayan de Oro Rep. Jose Benjamin "Benjo" Benaldo already separated since March 2015.

"Halos two years na. Kasi hindi naman ako nagsalita tungkol dun, kasi for me bad publicity kapag parating love life ang pinag-uusapan. So nung nag-start ako sa Deal Or No Deal last year March 2015, dun kami naghiwalay na," she said.

She shared that the reason why she decided to leave him is that she feels he was 'emotionally unstable.' Daiana already filed for a divorce in the US.

"I filed it na, and then I also filed a temporary protection order and a restraining order dahil kailangan ko 'yan."

Benjo and Daiana got married in Las Vegas last 2012. Daiana admitted that the separation was difficult at first.

"It was [difficult] at first, and then kasi di ba, everybody knows naman from what...



kung ano'ng nangyari sa amin in the past controversies. But I wish him well and I hope mag-move on na rin siya, and then magiging peaceful, and then so far okay naman."

In their 3 years of marriage, she revealed the worst thing she heard from Benjo was she remained beside him because of his money.

"Hindi naman kasi iyan ang rason dahil nag-stay naman ako sa kanya kahit bankrupt na bankrupt na siya," she explained.

"Talagang I fell out of love. Decision ko talaga iyon. Hindi ko na kayang mag-take ng not emotional stable na tao, na harapin ko siya araw-araw and then iisipin ko na iyan ang makikita ko for the rest of my life," she added.

When asked if there was any physical violence between them, she said, "Ayoko na lang magsalita, pero di ba... iyon na iyon, parang nangyari din yun."

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ABOVE, Ed Tubale (FAR RIGHT) watches the Maria Panaligan concert with friends. RIGHT, Elle Romano poses with Maria Panaligan. BELOW LEFT, Nena and Noli pose with Maria Panaligan. BELOW RIGHT, Shirley Leblanc poses with Maria Panaligan.



ABOVE RIGHT, Sharon Miso and Tonnie Furto and friend pose with Maria Panaligan. ABOVE, Shanaia RG and Joshua Panaligan pose backstage. LEFT, Cousins and friends pose with Maria Panaligan after her concert.

### MARIA PANALIGAN In Concert



RIGHT, Angel Dawinan poses with Maria.



BELOW, The whole family poses with Maria Panaligan after her concert.



### NAGCARLAN ASSOCIATION OF GTA AND SUBURBS

Senator Enverga was pleased to join the Nagcarlan Association of GTA and Suburbs for their annual summer gathering at the Thompson Memorial Park in Toronto, Ontario.

The group's members trace their roots from the town of Nagcarlan in Laguna province in the Philippines. During the activity, Senator Enverga marvelled at how well their families have kept the values and traditions of Nagcarlan alive and well, and encouraged them to continue contributing to the rich and diverse cultural mosaic of Canadian society.



ABOVE, PCCF Miss Philippines Krista Bella pose with her sister.

LEFT, Miss Teen Philippines Chiara Silo poses with her mom Cely.



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# MARIA PANALIGAN In Concert

*Britney*

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Shy Garrido, Roy Tugbang, April Joyce Bulangcao, Jeanette Ricasio, Leslie Anne Ponce, Elle Romano, Aaron Hernandez, Melanie Lazaro and Ryan Orlanda among others.

Prior to the concert, it was doubtful whether a local artist can fill a venue. The CNTV Studio at 1936 McCowan Road was filled to capacity. Normally, it can accommodate 500 people. With Maria's dinner-concert, it was able to

accommodate 300 guests.

Surprisingly, it was packed. And unlike other local concerts that say that it was packed, the picture proves it. Since it was her 18th birthday, and since she had this concert in lieu of a her debut, they had an 18-Roses dance to end the concert.

A fitting closing to a very wonderful and eventful evening.

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various photos from facebook.**

*Angel Dawinaan*

*Elle Romano*

*Jeanette Ricasio,  
April Joyce Bulangcao,  
Leslie Ann*

*Joseph  
Mendoza*

*Joshua  
Panganiban*

*Aaron Hernandez*

*Ryan Orlanda  
Isabella (Bea) Santiago*

*Mina Genie (Dad from top) and her sisters  
Genie, Glenda, Gina, Geraldine and Gloria*

*Star Circle Academy*

*Aaron Hernandez and  
mom Aimee*

*Cassandra Adajar & Shanaia RG*

*Roy Tugbang*

*Sharon Miso and Edward de Juan*

*Samantha  
Gavin*



# Dead Judge on the list

Duterte names 158 government officials as allegedly involved in the illegal drug trade. How accurate is this list?

TACLOBAN CITY — One of the alleged drug protectors named by President Rodrigo Duterte has long been dead.

Judge Roberto Navidad of Regional Trial Court 32 in Calbayog City, Samar was killed by a lone assailant on Jan. 15, 2008 inside his vehicle after he bought his medicines in Calbayog.

His family has not attained any justice for his death since the killer remains unidentified and at large.

Eight years later, his relatives were shocked last month, August 7, Sunday when Duterte named Navidad as a drug protector.

"That is a big lie. The reason why he was shot to death was because he fought with the drug lords in Calbayog City," said his nephew, Elias Navidad Acosta, who works as court sheriff at the Regional Trial Court-Branch 7 based in the city.

"He was my uncle. He was not a drug protector. He was a drug eliminator or a drug buster. That is why he was shot dead by these syndicates," Acosta said.

Acosta is sheriff of RTC Branch 7 in Tacloban where Navidad was presiding judge for 10 years before his transfer to RTC Branch 32 in

Calbayog.

He served as judge of the RTC-32 in Calbayog for more than five years before he was killed in 2008. He was also mayor of MacArthur town in Eastern Samar from 1972 to 1979. He then began his law practice. In the 2007 elections, Navidad announced his plan to run for vice governor of Eastern Samar but later abandoned the plan.

His family now lives in the United States.

**'Narco-congressman' named by Duterte never**

## a legislator

ILOILO CITY, Philippines — Jeffrey Celiz, who was erroneously identified by President Rodrigo Duterte as a "congressman, partylist, Panay chapter," has never been a legislator. He was former chairman and spokesperson of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan in Panay before he left the militant group several years ago and served Iloilo City Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog as his political consultant, spokesperson and executive assistant. Celiz said he ceased to hold any position at city hall starting February this year.

"It is very obvious that the information being fed to the President is unverified and short of being a rumor-mongering style," Celiz said in a statement.

He was earlier dragged into a controversy after an alleged log book of a gun club firing range in Iloilo City showed his name along with other suspected drug personalities. He has denied the allegations.

"Because of this raw and unverified information which the President made as a public pronouncement, my life and that of my family are now in grave and serious danger," he said.

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of rice available and visible in their menus."

At the time of its celebration, then Senator Ferdinand Marcos Jr. authored the Anti-Rice Wastage Act of 2013. It seeks to penalize those in the food industry that refuse to serve half rice orders to the customers. At the House of Representatives, Congressman Agapito Guanlao filed a counterpart bill to address food security. He proposed the Food and Food Staples Consumption and Zero Food-Wastage Management Act of 2013.

Taking off from the NYR celebration and supporting the bills filed in the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Be Riceponsible Campaign was launched to continue advocating for responsible and healthier rice consumption.

In 2014, the campaign urged LGUs to support rice consumption responsibility. General Santos City vice mayor Shirlyn Nograles zealously responded to the call of the national government.

"With the issues on rice shortage, importation, and the health of the consumers, we felt that initiatives to address these issues were direly needed," Nograles explained.

Nograles, together with councilor Brix Tan, chairperson of the Committee of Agriculture, co-authored an ordinance that instituted policies for responsible rice consumption in their city.

The legislators made sure that the ordinance was relevant. It compelled food stores to annually record their rice wastage for a week to continuously monitor the rice conservation status in the city.

## Progress

According to the vice mayor, the food business sector responded positively. In fact, some food establishments, including that of Mangao's, immediately posted promotional materials given by the LGU.

However, Mangao said that the ordinance has had little impact in their restaurant. Based on their data, only one out of 10 customers

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## Ariel Ureta would rather be faithful and true

If only his ex-girlfriends can see him now. After four kids and 25 years of marriage, Ariel Ureta is still happily attached to wife Boot (nee Roa, Boots Anson-Roa's niece) and their children, aged 32, 30, 20 and 15.



He still gives women a second look, but not up to the point of asking them out just to prove that he's still got what it takes to win one girl after the other the way he did at the height of his popularity in the '70s. On weekends when he's free from his work as host of DZMM's *Todo Todo Walang Preno* with Winnie Cordero, Ariel is home, whipping up meals with Boot or driving his family around time.

Yes, the former man-about-town has mellowed. Instead of party after party, which he went to as the most popular TV show host during the Martial Law years, he bonds with his children at home. Instead of escorting a stunning girl in places where he's sure to be seen, Ariel is waiting outside a house where his daughter is having a meeting with classmates for a school project.

So in love he is with his wife Ariel even makes side references to her in his radio show. He talks about her food preferences, the way she wants the house to be run, etc.

Why the 180-degree change?

"Love," Ariel says without batting an eyelash. Boot has tamed him, and he's not ashamed to shout it to the whole world. The object of his affection is seated a few chairs across Ariel at the presscon of his new movie, Star Cinema's *Sakal, Sakali, Saklolo*. And she returns the compliment.

"He's a nice guy. We have yet to fight in all those 25 years we've been married," the pretty Boot reveals.

This revelation may raise eyebrows, even from couples celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. But Ariel himself confirms it.

"To this day, I look at my wife as my own child. When you have a child, you accept him or her, warts and all. She can do no wrong," explains Ariel.

To her innocent questions, Ariel has ready answers. He delights in molding her, introducing her to the world of he knows. It may consist of things foreign to her, like the music of Mozart and the masters of classical music. But Boot is all ears. And she's a fast learner. She easily catches up.

Neither is she averse to talking to Ariel's former girlfriends when they re-connect with her husband after years of not seeing him. And these are not ordinary-looking women, mind you. These are lookers, whom Ariel the former ladies' man loved to hang around with.

"Back then, my idea of a girlfriend was someone who was *Vogue* cover girl material, someone who was a dead-ringer for Angelina Jolie," recalls Ariel. Then, all of a sudden, she stopped. Ariel realized he's not happy showing off a trophy girlfriend.

So when he saw this Maryknoller in the audience of a show he was hosting in her school, Ariel wasted no time. He asked someone to introduce her to him. Then, Ariel told her he wanted to take her picture. So can she give him her address? Boot did, and off our Lothario went to her house. Was he surprised when the house turned out to be that of Boots, his friend. She's the girl's aunt, after all.

Sensing the purpose of his visit, Boots quickly warned Ariel: Don't mess around with my niece. He gave his word. Boot (the "s" was purposely dropped so as not to confuse her with her aunt), after all, is 18 years

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## More Maine Magic + other stories



Notching a blockbuster hit, landing more than a handful of endorsements, and enjoying the support of thousands, Maine Mendoza is, no doubt, a bonafide star.

Ask her on the secret of her success, however, and she will just shrug her shoulders as if to say, "Beats me." "Kami ni Alden (Richards) hindi po namin alam kung ano meron sa amin kung bakit kami nandito ngayon, kung bakit kami minahal at sinusupportahan ng mga tao," the 21-year-old admitted. "Siguro it will take me a whole lifetime para ma-figure out kung ano meron." Some call it magic, others say it's x-factor, but perhaps it just might be because Maine is truly a breath of fresh air, a unique personality in a world of cliches. "Siguro kasi ngayon lang sila nakakita ng taong pinapangit 'yung sarili sa telebisyon, maiba lang," Maine said.

The TV and social media celebrity may be baffled with her success and all, but she is certainly more than thankful for the experience. She is grateful to the 37-year-old "Eat Bulaga!" for giving her the life-changing chance to be where she is now.

"Hindi naman po lahat nabibigyan ng oportunidad na mapabilang po (sa 'Eat Bulaga!'). Institusyon na po ito eh, so I'm very happy and I'm very thankful (to be part of it)."

She is happy to spread her brand of fun on the show. "Kasi kahit hindi ko po mismo nakikita kung pa'no ko po nagagawa 'yung 'yung fact na napapasaya ko po sila (the audience), 'yun po 'yung purpose ko rito," Maine said. The "Imagine You And Me" star even recalled the time she was able to cheer up a fan who has stage four cancer. "Kung hindi raw po dahil sa'kin parang lull na lang po 'yung buhay niya," she related. "Masarap po sa feeling kapag nakakarinig ng ganu'n." She may look confident on-screen but Maine shared it took a lot of adjustment on her part, admitting, "Medyo mahiyain po ako, medyo introvert po ako, may stage fright po ako. Hanggang ngayon po, nahihiya pa rin ako kapag humarap sa camera. Lalo na kapag may performance, parang bumabalik po ako (dun) sa (aking) simula."

Maine didn't even realize she could do the things she has been doing for the cameras. "Nagugulat na nga lang din ako," she said. "Sa show ko na lang din nadi-discover na kaya ko palang gawin 'yung mga ganitong bagay."

She is not worried if it all ends tomorrow, realizing "lahat ng bagay may katapusan."

"Kung ano na lang po 'yung meron ngayon, du'n na lang po ako magpo-focus," the budding actress added.

Asked about the real score between her and Alden, Maine revealed they are now in the "mutual understanding (MU)" stage. "Literal meaning po kasi ng mutual understanding 'yung meron kami ni Alden, na nagkakaintindihan kami sa mga bagay-bagay, sa mga sentiments namin sa life," she explained.

If and when the relationship progresses to something romantic, Maine would rather keep things private. "Iba pa rin po kasi kapag naki-keep na private 'yung ibang mga bagay," she shared, adding, "Not everything is meant to be shared with everyone lalo na 'yung mga serious conversations namin ni Alden."

On her ideal guy, Maine said, "Hindi ako sa physical attributes ng tao tumitingin, ugali talaga. Kailangan gentleman, magalang, mabait, at understanding."

Wait, isn't that Alden?

"Pasok sa banga! Nakikita naman po ng tao 'yung ginagawa po ni Alden sa akin, pati po sila agree diyan."

## New characters in Encantadia

Miguel Tanfelix has joined the cast of "Encantadia" as Pagaspas, the character from a past GMA hit, "Mulawin". But he will not be a mainstay in the show. He'll just be a guest, like when a Marvel superhero crosses over and becomes a guest in the regular show of another Marvel superhero. Miguel Pagaspas, which he has played before as a child actor in the original "Mulawin".

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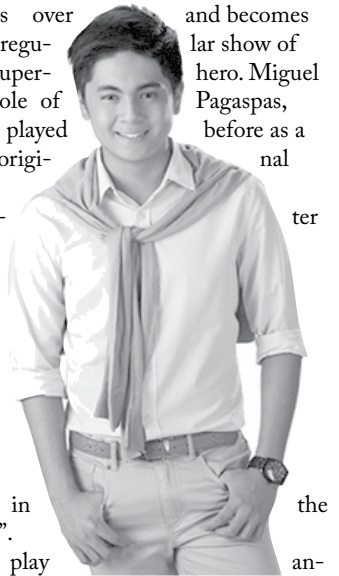
Miguel, another new guest will be introduced.

And this is Alden Richards no less. But he won't be playing Aguiluz, the role of Richard Gutierrez before in the original "Mulawin".

Instead, he'll play another character that will be a defender of the Diwatas in Encantadia's kingdom called Lireo. If Miguel and Alden in their wings would click, there's a big chance that "Mulawin" itself as a series would be revived.

Then after Alden, there's Vish'Ka, a giant from the tribe called Askano who'll also be part of "Encantadia". He will be played by "Games of Thrones" actor Conan Stevens, the mountain man who can finish eating two crispy patas in one sitting. Vish'Ka, the character he plays, is a blacksmith who makes special weapons and armors. He's also the key to a big secret that will be revealed soon.

Obviously, GMA is really doing its best to boost the pulling power of "Encantadia" so it'll have a better fighting chance against ABS's flagship show, "Probinsyano". We just hope the inclusion of Miguel, Alden and Conan Stevens in "Encantadia" will really help attract more viewers.



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mas sabik sila," says Rosary Escano, Country Manager for TFC Canada.

To Enrique Gil, what other roles would you want to do?

"I want a diverse role. Gusto ko iyong

anything anything not done yet, vampire, zombie, kahit ako iyong zombie," says Gil.

To Morissette, how do you feel that you



Talented local artists entertained the crowd during the day of Kapamilya Go at the Hershey Centre

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## Julie Anne San Jose reaches new heights in 'Chasing The Light'

MANILA - Asia's Pop Sweetheart Julie Anne San Jose has released a new album under GMA Records entitled, Chasing The Light. Even before the release of the album, her carrier single and one of several she penned in the album, "Naririnig Mo Ba", has



connect the Filipino culture here in the U.S. with my kababayan back home through the universal language of music," C-Tru claims.

Julie Anne San Jose drops her new album as a follow up to her multiplatinum and diamond records released in 2014 and

2012, respectively already topped the iTunes charts after its digital release in June. The song is about faith in love and the hope of feeling in love again, which anyone can relate to.

According to the Kapuso singer-actress, her album is closely similar to her recently released EP, Forever.

"Chasing The Light is more mature in the way na nag-evolve 'yung genre. It's different, kasi yung nauna kong albums with GMA Records, parang medyo balad. I think my fans and I are on the same page when it comes to the kind of music I would make. I think they will like the album just how they liked my EPs," Julie Anne relates.

Her latest album consists of several original songs and a revival, with Julie Anne's writing the lyrics for two songs. She also collaborated with international rapper C-Tru, who has high regard for the Kapuso star's talent.

"As a Filipino-American with deep roots in the Philippines, it is an honor to collaborate with talented local artists such as Julie Anne. It's amazing to be able to

2012, respectively

As an advocate of OPM, Julie Anne is also proud to have collaborated with one of the contemporary songwriters in the local music industry. Edmund Perlas, who has worked with Julie Anne in her previous albums, feels thrilled to be working again with the GMA Artist Center star.

Edmund believes that Julie Anne has the power to inspire dreamers like him. "This is all surreal to me. Never did I imagine that I would be writing songs for big-name stars who I just used to watch on TV and now, I am actually meeting and working with them. I still can't believe that I am actually contributing to OPM. And I am very grateful that Julie Anne has inspired me to do what I'm most passionate about."

Julie Anne San Jose's newest album under GMA Records Chasing The Light is now available at selected Astroplus and Astro Vision outlets nationwide, with its digital format available for download on iTunes, Amazon, Spotify, Google Play and other digital stores worldwide.

## Kathniel explains teaser

Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla finally got the chance to talk about their upcoming Olivia Lamasan film Barcelona: A Love Untold. The movie's teaser was first released during the premiere night of the movie How To Be Yours, which featured Kathryn and Daniel as their characters Mia and Ely, respectively, with Barcelona as their background.

The teaser immediately piqued the public's interest and Daniel and Kathryn gladly obliged to explain what it was about.

"Yun sa first eksena namin 'yung kasi 'yung unang kita ni Ely at Mia. So ako hindi ko naman siya kilala and nagulat ako kasi may biglang lumapit sa 'kin sina-sabi na ako si Celine," Kathryn shared.

So who is Celine?

"Si Celine ay... isang sikreto. 'Yun ang dapat nilang abangan," teased Daniel.

According to the two, their movie under the veteran director is the "most challenging" project that they've done to date. More over, it is the project that's farthest from their "comfort zone" and one that entailed them to do more work as actors.

Daniel and Kathryn emphasized that Inang, as the veteran director is called in the business, brought out certain skills from them, which they never though existed. "And ang dami mong lessons na maiuwi kapag siya ang naging director mo, sa pagtatrabaho, kung gaano siya ka-professional at kung gaano mo mahal ang trabaho mo at kung papano mapaganda ang isang pelikula, hard work talaga," she said.

But, as with other things, not everything went smooth for them while in Barcelona as there was even a time when Inang snapped at them.

"After nung nangyari na-shock ako lalo kasi nagulat ako na nagalit si Inang and



after nun sobrang namroblema ako nung gabi hanggang pagkagising ko," shared Kathryn. Daniel for his part pointed out that the incident brought about something good for all of them afterwards.

"After nung incident na 'yun mas naging tight kami ni Inang. Mas naging super close kami," he said.

Kathryn added that "Tapos kinausap niya kami kung bakit siya nagalit tapos natuto talaga kami after nun. Alam na namin kung papano para hindi maulit 'yun. So ginawa na namin 'yung part namin."

Inang, in a separate interview, shared that Daniel was particularly hands-on in the creation of their masterpiece.

To this, Daniel laughingly said, "Ah 'yung pagiging director ko ganon? Pinarandam ko lang kay Inang kapag naging director na 'ko. Hindi joke lang."

The tandem happily shared that Inang welcomed inputs from them particularly about the nuances of their characters.

"May mga inputs lang siyempre na kagaya kami ni Kathryn kapag ganon mo na kakilala ang character mo, alam mo na kung meron kang pwedeng idagdag or meron sa script na 'Sa tingin ko hindi sasabihin ito ni Ely o ni Mia.' 'Yung may ganon lang," he ended.

Barcelona: A Love Untold is set to hit the cinemas worldwide this September 14.

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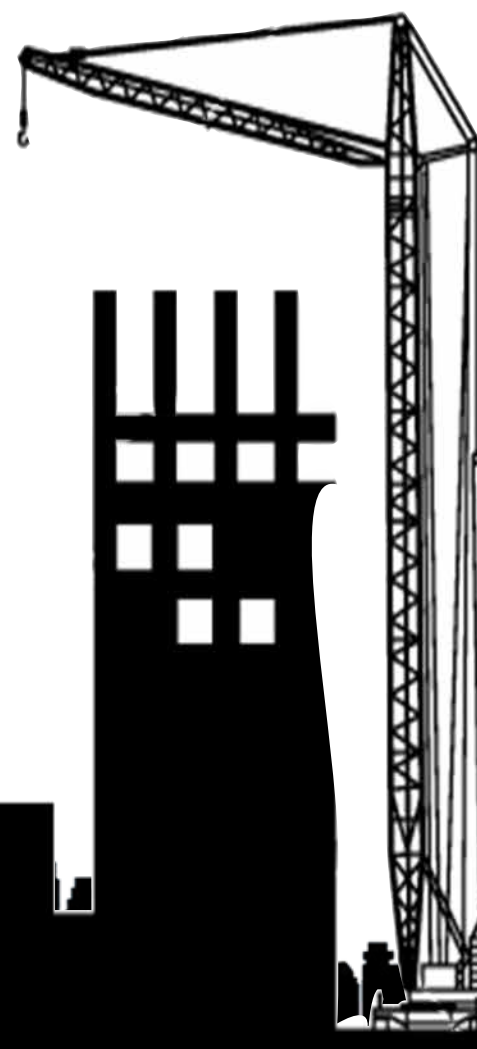
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## Alden to start foundation for the elderly, abandoned kids + other stories



Certainly on the list of stars into charitable activities is Alden Richards, whose next philanthropy could bear his name.

"Meron po talaga akong plano (magtayo ng sarili kong foundation)," said he. "Baka this year po or next year (matuloy na)."

His foundation will benefit the sick, the elderly and abandoned children.

"Naniniwala po kasi ako na kaya ako binigyan ng maraming blessings ni Lord eh, hindi lang po para sa sarili ko pero para mai-share ko ito sa ibang tao at 'yun nga po ang gagawin ko."

Just recently, Alden donated to several charities the proceeds from several block screenings of his latest film "Imagine You And Me."

Flashing his bedimpled smile, the actor said, "Kapag na-i-share ko po kasi sa ibang tao 'yung blessings, du'n ko nararamdaman 'yung worth ng mga bagay. Kapag sa akin lang parang feeling ko kulang."

### On bashers

Despite being an all-around nice guy, Alden, surprisingly, has his own share of bashers.

He doesn't mind them, however, saying, "Nasanay na po ako."

"Hindi naman po kasi talaga maiiwasan eh," the actor explained. "Especialy ngayon na the more po na umaangat ako. Kahit gumagawa kang mabuti, most of the time may masasabi pa rin ang ibang mga tao."

Still, he admits getting hurt at times by the negative comments, particularly on allegations that he asks for money before meeting with fans.

"Aaminin ko po mahirap lunukin," the star noted. "Alam naman po ng mga tao na kahit mahirap o mayaman hindi kailangan ng pera para ma-meet ako."

Nonetheless, he maintained, "Bahala na po sila kung ano man 'yung sabihin nila. At the end of the day naman, mas kilala ko ang sarili ko, mas kilala ako ng mga tao na totoo pong nagmamahal at nakakaintindi sa akin."

On a different note, Alden divulged plan is afoot for a soap opera starring him and love team partner Maine "Yaya Dub" Mendoza.

"Actually pinag-uusapan pa lang po sa ngayon so, ako po naghihintay lang pero I'm praying na matuloy ito," he said.

When kidded that he might be rolling in cash now, what with his numerous projects, the Laguna native just smiled and said, "Honestly ayoko po talagang i-convert ito into numbers. Ang masasabi ko lang talaga

nakakaraos na kami kaya thankful lang po talaga ako."

### Robin warned by doctors not to have sex with Mariel

Robin Padilla and his brother Rommel were launched as the official endorsers of Bravo Food Supplement for Men. They're perfect for the product as they're both known for being macho and real ladies' men whose virility cannot be questioned. As the Bravo blurb says: "Masarap ang buhay. Itodo ang arangkada nang walang palya! Ang bagsik mo!"

But Robin is honest enough to admit that he has not personally tried using Bravo. "Hindi puwede kasi six months ang tiyan ng misis ko ngayon at ipinagbabawal muna ng doktor na may gawin kaming maganda, kasi maselan ang pagbubuntis niya," he says. "Pero naipaliwanag nila sa'king mabuti ang benepisyong makukuha ng mga lalaki sa Bravo kaya heto, ini-endorso ko po ito. Parang agimat ito para mas tumindi ang performance mo."

But his Kuya Rommel says he has personally tried Bravo. "Siyempre, kapag dumarating ang pagkakataon na ang bossing nating si 'junjun,' natatapat na medyo may kalungkutan, tapos kinalabit ka ni misis. Para maibigay mo agad ang hinahanap niya, kailangang uminom ka ng Bravo para pasiglahin si 'junjun.'" After three daughters with ex-wife Liezl and another daughter with Leah Orosa, Robin will have another daughter soon with new wife Mariel Rodriguez. He also has a son with Liezl and with Jobelle Salvador. We joke that he has another "pambayad utang" for being a womanizer in the past. "Ayan naman, e," he laughs. "Tapos na 'yun. Good boy na po ito."

The baby comes just as he and Mariel celebrate their 6th wedding anniversary. Wouldn't he prefer that he has a baby boy for his first born with Mariel? "Sa akin naman po, kung ano 'yung ibibigay ng Panginoon. Maski ang mga anak kong sina Queenie, Kylie at Zhenzhen, excited nang magkaroon uli ng baby sister."

A well-known supporter of Pres. Duterte, didn't he get an offer to hold a government post like other stars who supported the current president, such as Arnel Ignacio, Liza Diño and Aiza Seguerra? "Actually, may mga naging offer nga po, kaya lang hindi ko puwede tanggapin dahil alam nyo naman, nagkaroon tayo ng mga problema noon sa batas na pinagbayaran na natin. Ang request ko lang sa presidente natin ngayon, makipag-dialogue muna with showbiz personalities na nandun sa sinasabi nilang drug list bago isapubliko ang pangalan ng mga ito. Kasi kawawa naman ang mga taong masisira ang reputasyon kung wala naman silang kasalanan."



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Ariel's junior. He won her over as a friend first. Then, for fear that another man will beat him to the draw, Ariel proposed marriage.

Boot was still in school. But since the man she loves was in a hurry, she quit her studies. She has never looked back since. Judging from her worry-free, refreshing face, Boot has no reason to. She doesn't look like the frumpy housewife women some women turn out to be.

"I never give her problems," explains Ariel.

And when he mentions Boot's name in *Todo Todo Walang Preno*, Ariel has a subtle message to husbands like him: Think of your wife, and stick to her, come what may. That's better than going to the pulpit and reminding husbands of their marriage vows.

In a way, Ariel the real-life husband and Ariel, Gloria Diaz's reel-life better half in *Sakal, Sakali, Saklolo*, are similar. Both are happily married and doing their best to be good parents.

But while Ariel and Gloria's characters are focused on their son, Ryan Agoncillo (married to Judy Ann Santos in the movie), Ariel the real-life father has his hand full with more than one child. He has little children to take care of. And contrary to his strict upbringing as a boy, Ariel allows his children to explore, never mind if it means breaking a piece of furniture now and then.

"That's just money. You can always earn it back," he tells them. His only no-no — understandably — involves matters that will endanger their lives. That's when Ariel and Boot put their foot down and say, "No, you don't!"

Yes, if only his former girlfriends can see Ariel Ureta now. They will look at Boot and turn green with envy. But then, who would have ever known?

## Cyberporn goes mobile to evade authorities

CEBU CITY—Cyberporn operators have found a way of avoiding detection from law enforcers: mobile phones

An 18-year-old girl was caught using her mobile phone's webcam as her niece was posing nude for an American client who was online.

"Jamie" (not her real name) was arrested by National Bureau of Investigation members who raided her house in Barangay Cogon, Cordova town, Cebu past 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Also arrested was her mother-in-law "Nena" (not her real name) who was with four other minors in an adjacent house.

The five rescued minors were turned over to the Department of Social Welfare and Services for counseling.

The agents proceeded to the Mactan Economic Processing Zone in Lapu-Lapu City where they took into custody Jamie's 22-year-old live-in partner "Arnold" (not his real name).

### Conspiracy

Arnold reportedly conspired with Jamie in running their cyberporn business at home.

The three will be charged with violations of Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003 and of the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012.

Two cellular phones—one owned by Jamie and the other by Nena—were confiscated by the NBI and would be subjected to forensic examination to secure possible evidence.

Lawyer Czar Eric Nuqui, head of the NBI-Anti Trafficking Division in Manila, said the suspects were using mobile phones in their cyber pornography operations so law enforcers would have a hard time going after them.

"Instead of using laptops or desktop computers which are apparent, they use mobile phones in cyber pornography operations," he said.

"That scheme is actually new and is aimed at avoiding possible detection and for security precaution. Perpetrators know they could easily transfer from one location to another, making it hard for investigators to track their location," he added.

### Online racket

Jamie, a mother of a one-year-old boy, started her cyberporn business last year when a foreigner whom she met in an online dating site, asked if she could pose naked and perform lewd acts.

She agreed and was paid P1,000.

Since then, she dealt with at least four other Americans who exploited her in an online pornography racket.

Upon the request of her foreign clients, Jamie asked her 10-year-old niece to pose naked in front of her cellular phone's webcam.

"They wanted children aged 11 and below. So I tapped my niece. I told her I will give her allowance for school. She agreed," she said.

Lawyer Augusto Isidoro, NBI Central Visayas assistant director, said they learned about Jaime's operation from United States' Department of Homeland Security.

"Some of her (Jamie) clients were already arrested in America. And the Homeland Security were able to trace the source of the pornographic materials recovered from the foreign suspects to Cebu," he told the Inquirer.

Isidoro said the Department of Homeland Security forwarded all pieces of evidence that include the lewd photos and videos of the victims, to the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking and then to the NBI central office in Manila.

A poseur customer transacted with Jamie who accepted the request to have her niece perform lewd acts online in exchange for \$60.

The money was sent to a money transfer company in Cebu and was received by Jamie.



### WATCHING A CONCERT

Joseph, Aubrey, Joshua, Charmaine, John, Angel and Nap watch Maria Panaligan's concert last August 13.

## K of C San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #8809 Recognized with the Columbian Award

The San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #8809 of the Knights of Columbus, headed by Grand Knight Deacon Bob Rosales of the Archdiocese of Toronto, is among those Councils all over the world being recognized with the Columbian Award by the worldwide organization's Supreme Council in New Haven, Connecticut for the Fraternal Year 2015-2016.

The official announcement was made in "Knightline", the official newsletter of the worldwide organization.

The K of C Supreme Council gives out the annual awards as a testimonial of the efficiency, industry and excellent activity program of Councils across the world for their involvement in church, community, family, Pro-Life and Youth Activities.

Deacon Rosales is thanking his fellow officers and active members working with him for their contribution in the various service programs of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #8809 during the Fraternal Year 2015-2016 and encourages a similar

zeal of dedication by the new set of officers and members for the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year.

The Council Officers covered during the period were Deacon Bob Rosales, Grand Knight; Rev. Fr. Simon deGale, Chaplain; Bro. Romy Olit, Deputy Grand Knight; Bro. Domingo Trinidad, Chancellor; Bro. Ed Punzalan, Financial Secretary; Bro. Ace Alvarez, Recorder; Bro. Pol Austria, Warden; Bro. Ramon Letrondo, Treasurer; Bro. Ben Fernandez, Lecturer; Bro. Rene Galvez, Advocate; Bro. Ed Banawa, Inside Guard; Bro. Dan Almacen, Outside Guard; Bro. Joe Hernandez, 3-Year Trustee; Bro. Fred Caracas, 2-Year Trustee; and, Bro. Emil Zarris, 1-Year Trustee.

The San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #8809 is based at the St. John XXIII Parish in Don Mills, Ontario. (Ace Alvarez, PRO) miration.

# Pia Wurtzbach is Esquire Philippines' Sexiest Woman Alive for 2016

Pia Wurtzbach joins the ranks of Heart Evangelista, Solenn Heussaff, and Karen Davila as the magazine's "Sexiest Woman Alive."

Another feather in the cap of the reigning Miss Universe!

Esquire Philippines has named reigning Miss Universe Pia Wurtzbach as its "Sexiest Woman Alive."

The men's magazine just revealed this via its social media accounts on Mon, Aug 1.

The cover of this month's issue, shot by Francisco Guerrero, shows Pia classy-casual in shirt and shorts by Thread 365 and Louis Vuitton.

The "Sexiest Woman Alive" is an annual feature of the magazine, patterned after the



long-running feature of its US counterpart.

Other personalities named as "Sexiest Woman Alive" by Esquire Philippines include Heart Evangelista, Iza Calzado, Solenn Heussaff, and Karen Davila.

The timing for this is a bit ironic, though. Last week, Jessy Mendiola — named FHM Philippines' Sexiest Woman this year — was criticized by naysayers for saying that she beat the Filipina beauty queen.

"Talo ko pa si Pia Wurtzbach, 'di ba? Nakakaloka iyong ganito. Sobrang overwhelming. Kung siya ay confidently beautiful with a heart, tayo ay confidently sexy with a heart," Jessy said during the 100 Sexiest victory party of FHM Philippines on Tue, Jul 26.

Turns out, they both get titles (from men's magazines) for being the sexiest this year!

But in a tweet, Pia said she sees nothing wrong with Jessy's statement. Jessy said she did not mean to be overconfident with the statement.

Congratulations, Pia! And bashers, please give Jessy a rest?

## Jessica Sanchez song is campaign anthem of US pres candidate Hillary Clinton

American Idol alum Jessica Sanchez is making waves in the US presidential campaign. The Filipino-American singer






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officially released "Stronger Together," an anthem for Democratic presidential candidate Jessica Sanchez, on Sun, Jul 31.

The song had its debut last week during the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. It was written by Carole Bayer Sager, Bruce Roberts, and Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds.

The song made such a big splash that it will "hitting the campaign trail with Hillary Clinton," Billboard reports.

And since "Stronger Together" will be used heavily for Clinton's campaign, there's a chance Jessica will perform the song live on the trail!

You can also purchase it via iTunes.

In an interview with Billboard, Jessica said she recorded "Stronger Together" just days before the Democratic National Convention.

It was Sager who reached out to Sanchez to ask her if she can record the song.

"With everything that is going on in the world right now, it's important for all of us to come together and stay strong. The message is great and it's great for the campaign. This is the time for us to play our part and go out and vote and be stronger,"



Jessica said.

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are the next SWarah ge?"I've been told that



Lisa Soberano, Enrique Gil, Kyla and Daryl Ong listen to a question. BELOW, Toronto singer Shy Garrido pose with Kyla.



before I even joined the network. Even when I was with another network before Kapamilya, sinasabi na nila iyan. I am not



offended, si coach Sarah, siya talga musical influence ko, technique, si coach idolize ko siya. To be told as kapatid niya, I am honored dahil siya si Ate Sarah. It's my responsibility to make my own image and

slowly I make my own image and at tanggap ng tao pero sa The Voice under Sarah, ok pa rin

Matteo was asked about his restaurant. Matteo Guidicelli's family has opened a restaurant in Cebu in honor of his late grandfather. The restaurant's name is Trattoria da Gianni, which is located at Banilad, Cebu City.


Food lovers and people who will visit

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## Lovi Poe on coping with breakups + other stories

Lovi wants to enjoy being single

Lovi Poe described her two-year relationship with ex-boyfriend Rocco Nacino as “very good, filled with love and happiness.”

But in the end, she said, they felt that they were too young to turn “their romance into something more.”



“I don’t think we were ready to carry the kind of relationship we had,” the actress told reporters in a recent interview, shortly after she renewed her exclusive contract with GMA 7 for another three years. “We need to grow separately, and I need to become more of a woman; him, more of a man.”

Though she didn’t go into detail on why they broke up—reportedly last year—Lovi assured that she and Rocco parted ways amicably, and that the actor will always be “special” to her.

“Rocco is a good guy, ideal even,” she said. “What I had with him I will always treasure, and I learned a lot from our relationship. I’ll never forget that.”

As for the possibility of getting back together, the 27-year-old talent doesn’t seem to be closing her doors and would rather let time take care of things.

“If it happens, it happens. If not, maybe it isn’t meant to be. We don’t know what the future holds,” Lovi pointed out.

At the moment, she said she wants to enjoy being single. Is it because of the non-show biz guy she has been spotted with recently? “He’s a good friend,” she clarified. “He’s French... He was just visiting.”

Coping with breakups is never easy, she said, and it could be a long, difficult process. Still, she’s grateful that she has her hands full these days, which helps her “move forward.”

Lovi and Derek Ramsay will headline a movie, titled “The Escort.” She is likewise the lead star of the coming series, “Someone to Watch Over Me,” where Lovi will be paired with Tom Rodriguez.

The series, she related, tackles the early onset of Alzheimer’s disease, and the challenges it poses, even to young couples. “We want to raise awareness about this matter,” she said, adding that she did her own research so she could have a better grasp of the show’s concept.

“I always do my best, of course. I want to make my fans happy,” Lovi said.

### Gabbi Garcia: I’m no prima donna

Young actress Gabbi Garcia on being tagged a “prima donna” for allegedly refusing to let a group of dancers ride with her in a van going to Manila, after an out-of-town gig: “It was a misunderstanding... I won’t deny that I cried over this issue—I was crying for two nights. I’m not ashamed to admit this because I’m just human, I have feelings. I know that I didn’t have anything to do with it.”

She added that her screen partner Ruru Madrid and veteran comedienne Ai-Ai delas Alas gave her comforting messages: “They told me not to mind it, because they know who I really am,” Gabbi related. Allan Policarpio

### Rhian Ramos at 25 ready to go sexy

The moment Rhian Ramos turned 18, offers to pose for men’s magazines and essay “more daring” roles promptly poured in. She turned them down.

Rhian didn’t want her career to take that route just yet, the GMA 7 actress said, and more so, because she still wasn’t comfortable in her own skin.

“Confidence is hard to come by when you’re young, since you tend to zero in on your flaws,” said Rhian, who admitted that it was her weight

she was most insecure about growing up.

“Like my friend Solenn (Heussaff), I was on the chunky side when I was young,” she told the Inquirer at a recent press conference for her ongoing afternoon television series, “Sinungaling Mong Puso.” “I was one of those people who wears a shirt when swimming. The first time I swam in public without one on, I was already in my 20s.”

But as she got more mature, Rhian began to embrace her perceived imperfections. “Once you understand yourself, you start to care less about the things that you feel insecure about,” Rhian pointed out, adding that it’s easier for her these days “to feel sexy.”

Now at 25, Rhian, who’s now “more open” to doing projects that require her to show some skin, has finally agreed to be on the cover of FHM Philippines, for its July issue.

The soap she currently topbills—a small-screen adaptation of Maryo J. delos Reyes’ 1992 film of the same title—likewise contains sensual themes.

Some actresses look at “going sexy” as a way to further their careers. But not Rhian, who insisted that her recent choice of projects isn’t a career move. “I don’t look at it that way,” said the Kapuso talent, who’s of British and Filipino descent. “Things just fell into place in such manner.”

“I’ve been hearing the word ‘daring’ my entire career, and now I can finally say that this is it!” Rhian quipped, laughing. “So now, I’m working out a lot, running... minding my diet.”

“Those scenes are part of the plot, and not merely gimmicks,” she stressed. “The teleserye’s ‘sexy’ parts are meant to highlight the intimacy and dynamics among the main characters.”

### Heart Evangelista is now ready for the next step

More than a year after marrying Sen. Chiz Escudero, Heart Evangelista is thinking of having a baby soon.

In an interview, she revealed having set month and year to get pregnant: January 2017.

Heart, who prefers to be called Love Marie for projects outside showbiz, has been creating waves as visual artist. She opened her first art exhibit “I Am Love Marie: The Art And Works Of Love Marie Ongpaucio” in 2014. She followed it up with “Ocean’s Apart” early this year.

“Being an actress, the older you get, sadly, the more they’re no longer interested in you,” she shared. “That’s why I decided to go back to creating paintings, which is actually my first love. Being an artist, the older you get, the more interested they are in you and your work.”

From painting on canvasses, Heart now also paints on luxury bags. It’s interesting to know that it all started accidentally.

“I stained my Birkin while eating,” Heart related. “It was so big, like an oil map. I felt bad so, I researched on how to remove the stain or at least cover it up.”

Inspiration hit when she saw a picture of Kim Kardashian carrying a painted bag. She went on to work on her stained Birkin and was surprised to receive lots of positive comments about it. Soon friends were asking her to work on their bags.

Brimming with ideas, Heart looks forward to establishing her own brand.

“My dad’s Chinese so he’s very entrepreneurial. Siguro na-influence niya ako.”

She is ready to launch a perfume line by end of the month.

“It will be packaged like a wine bottle and it will come with a limited edition sticker of one of my paintings,” she said. “So, it’s going to be parang, like a collectible also.”

Heart is thinking of launching a fashion line featuring mostly neutral colors. She also plans to paint on clutch bags. She will come out with a coffee table book soon.

“Somewhere along the way, I evolved naturally and people appreciated that. Now, I’m quite comfortable with who I am, simply as myself, as Love Marie.”



Another shot of the “Pieta” image criticized by President Rodrigo Duterte as being “melodramatic.” Pasay City resident Jennilyn Olayres mourns the loss of her husband, next to a placard which reads “I’m a pusher”, who was shot dead by an unidentified gunman on Jul 23.

## Widow of murdered drug user in ‘Pieta’ photo speaks up

The widow of an alleged drug user who was a victim of an extrajudicial killing in Manila on Jul 24 has finally spoken up about the viral photograph that showed her cradling her dead husband in her arms.

President Rodrigo Duterte had been dismissive of the photograph, which landed on the front page of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, and made available to international publications through wire agency Agence France Presse, during his State of the Nation Address.

He called it “melodramatic” and accused Inquirer of deliberately making it appear like the image of Virgin Mary carrying the body of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion.

Speaking to Inquirer, the widow, Jennilyn Olayres, acknowledged that her late husband, Michael Siaron, was a drug user, but not a dealer. She also said that her husband voted for Duterte.

The couple lived in a shack in the rundown part of Pasay City, the report said.

When a friend told Olayres that her husband, a pedicab driver, had been shot, she ran barefoot to Taft Avenue.

“Recalling the moment she found her husband’s body, she said she thought he was just hit by a stray bullet and could still be alive. But he was dead. When I was cradling him, I was thinking, ‘How long have you been lying here?’ Nobody bothered to help him. I was furious,” said the report.

Meanwhile, Senator Ping Lacson disagreed with the way Duterte handled the situation. He said the president should have ordered a thorough investigation instead.

### NAGCARLAN PICNIC

LEFT, a kid competes in the apple-eating contest.

FAR LEFT, PCCF VP Rosemer Enverga poses with PCCF Miss Teen Philippines Chiara Silo and Miss Philippines Krista Bella at the Nagcarlan Association of GTA and Suburbs (NAGTAAS) at their picnic.



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order half rice, in addition to their full cup of rice. “Right now we’re taking baby steps [to make a] gradual impact. It’s an advocacy worth pushing. We believe this remains relevant and we need to think of its long-term benefits,” said vice mayor Nograles. Nograles added that intensifying the campaign is their top priority. “The value of rice conservation should enter the consciousness of the consumers. Only then can we see changes in their eating lifestyles,” she said. Local legislators are looking at tapping schools to raise awareness and involve students. One activity planned is a poster making contest. “These posters may be used by the food establishments in their respective stores. We can also put other collaterals such as stickers so they can paste it on their menu boards,” said Ronan Villagonzalo, who works as a legislative assistant of councilor Tan. The legislators also want to mandate the posting of information materials as a prerequisite for securing business permits and licenses in the local food service industry.

**Creating synergy**

Today, there are over 40 LGUs who have already passed ordinances mandating the offering of the half rice option. The Be Riceponsible campaign is taking huge strides for healthier and food secure Filipino communities, including advocating for the consumption of healthier rice, specifically brown rice. “We are now tapping major fast food chains to support our advocacies. In this way, downscaling a directive to their branches across the country can expedite its implementation,” said Hazel Antonio, campaign director. Antonio added that they are partnering with other policymakers, meeting with hotel and restaurant owners, and promoting the campaign at various food festivals. The elusive goal of achieving rice self-sufficiency is every Filipino’s riceponsibility. With strong political will, multi-stakeholder collaboration, and responsible rice production, consumption, and conservation, we’ll surely get far and reach the finish line. Only then can we achieve a rice secure Philippines.

# Spotlight

## SEEBURG JUKEBOX

Little Quiapo in the 1950’s and was located just across the University of Santo Tomas. Students will often hang out and enjoy picking songs on the Seeburg jukebox and snacking on their famous halo-halo.



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finished and submitted by October, it means I should have started filming already,” she says.

Because of her recent renewal as a Kapuso, many are curious to know if GMA prohibited her from doing another possible project with Star Cinema which produced her latest film *Just The 3 Of Us* opposite John Lloyd

Cruz.

“Oh no! There’s nothing like that. It’s basically my schedule. I have a cooking show on GMA News TV called *Everyday Sarap* with CDO, then, I’m slated to do a movie for GMA Films. My next prime time soap opera is also in the works. It’s not just feasible to do an MMFF movie on my part.”

Speaking of her new soap, her fans are excited if this will be the remake of the hit Koreanovela *My Love from Another*

Star. Especially that she recently trained with the renowned Jonas Gaffud on walking and posture, many of her supporters think it’s for the said re-boot since the character of the female lead there is that of a popular movie star.

“I can’t say or divulge anything as of now. All I know is that I’m happy with the latest developments in my career. Let’s just wait and see, okay?” states Jen.

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## GMA Network brings back online concert series 'Playlist'



Gabbi Garcia tapes a 'Playlist' session

The Playlist, an online concert series housed under GMA Network's portal, GMANetwork.com, has undergone a complete revamp as netizens can now watch high-resolution song numbers from various celebrities.

New content will be uploaded every Wednesday.

Since it was launched in 2014, Playlist has featured performances from Julie Anne San Jose, Kylie Padilla, James Wright, Rita Daniela, and Top One Project, among others.

Kylie, who plays Amihan in the 2016 remake of Encantadia, recalled her Playlist experience and described it as one-of-a-kind.

"I love it! Sana nga mas marami [pang ganitong opportunities for artists to serenade their fans]. I'm also a fan of [different] artists so seeing them go on [events] like that, parang mas nakakapag-connect ka [with them]," she said.

First on the all-new Playlist is her fellow Sang'gre Gabbi Garcia, whose performances were uploaded on July 27 and may now be viewed on the website by her fans, along with past videos of other Kapuso stars. One of the two songs she covered was Spongecola's "Pag-ibig," which she felt was apt for her telefantasy character and her own personality.

"Yung song is good vibes lang. [It's nice to listen to] pagka-in love ka, good vibes ka, masaya ka... Kung ire-relate ko siya sa 'kin... ako kasi, I'm a happy person. Lahat ng makikita ko is ginagawa ko siyang positive. I see the brighter side," she declared.

Don't miss these musical treats from your favorite Kapuso stars as Aicelle Santos, Maricris Garcia and GMA's homegrown band T.O.P. will soon be seen on the all-new Playlist. Keep logging on to GMANetwork.com/playlist every Wednesday for new and exclusive performances.

GMANetwork.com is one of the pioneers of online events in the country. With impactful and heartfelt renditions from celebrities, backed with state-of-the-art audio and video capture, the new and improved Playlist is set to tug at the heartstrings of viewers and give them an entertainment experience like no other.

### Dennis is Bela's choice

Dennis Trillo is Bela Padilla's personal choice as leading man in Viva Films' latest potboiler titled Camp Sawi in which the latter's boyfriend Neil Arce is co-producer.

"Yes! All of the female leads in the movie were asked whom they want as love interest and for me, I picked Dennis without second thoughts," she reveals.

According to the pretty lass, she's already comfortable with the handsome Kapuso actor.

"We've starred in a number of projects in the past and we're okay. Our working relationship is smoothsailing. It's also a requirement that my partner in the story ought to be Chinese-looking. Dennis fits the role to a T. That will be one of the main conflicts

of our relationship in the story."

Bela has only good words for Dennis.

"In our previous projects, we gained positive feedbacks. Viewers said we have good chemistry on screen. It's a must that in your first scene together, the audience would instantly relate to the love you feel for each other and will get affected when the two of you would break-up in the story.

"Given this scenario, I opted for someone whom I have instant chemistry with and it happens to be Dennis. If for example I will go for a new leading man, definitely, there will be difficulty establishing the rapport on screen right away, right? It's hard if you're starting from scratch. You can't just experiment especially if you have a timetable to follow. So, with Dennis, I feel confident and relaxed already."

Dennis' professionalism as an actor is what the statuesque beauty admires the most.

"He always comes on the set prepared: lines, wardrobe, etc. He arrives before the agreed time. Actually, both of us do. That way, shooting delays are avoided and that's good. Dennis knows how to respect the time of his co-stars."

Even her steady Neil approves of Dennis as her partner in the movie.

"He says Dennis is the perfect choice because of our built-in chemistry," ends Bela.

### Jennylyn Mercado is happy with her career



In the last two years, Jennylyn Mercado has scored huge wins at the annual Metro Manila Film Festival via English Only, Please and Walang Forever, which were not only certified hits but won for her Best Actress trophies. This time though, the Ultimate Star is far from replicating said feats for a third time as she has no potboiler intended for the film fest this year.

"If I can only squeeze in time for that, I will. Who wouldn't want, anyway? But seeing my present work schedule, I just deem it impossible. Specially that according to MMFF rulings, all entries should be

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## Kim is not a two-timer

KIM Domingo's career is really on a roll. After being tapped to play a big role in the hit soap, 'Juan Happy Love Story', she's now making her very first movie, 'Mang Kepweng Returns', as the leading lady of Vhong Navarro.

"I really feel so lucky and blessed," she says. "Biro mo, first movie ko, isasali



pa sa Metro Manila filmfest."

After Kim broke up with her non-showbiz boyfriend of six years, she quickly found a new romance in model-basketball player Michael Acuna. She wants to make it clear that she's not a two-timer, as some folks want to make it appear.

"May nagsabi kasing pinagsabay ko sila, which is not true. Nakilala ko si Mike after mag-break na kami nung una. Bago pa kami nag-break nung ex ko, hindi na talaga kami okay. Ilang beses, we tried to give it a chance, pero walang nangyari."

So is Mike the one? "We can't say. Masyado pang maaga. Mga two months pa lang kami, e."

In 'Juan Happy Love Story', the adopted child Katkat accidentally sees Kim as Agatha making love with Dennis Trillo as Juan. Katkat tells what she saw to Gloria Romero as Mameng and Heart Evangelista as Happy hears it. She confronts Dennis and Kim about it and Kim says it's the child's fault "kasi hindi naman lang muna siya kumatok sa pinto."

## FOUR DASHING NEWCOMERS

HERE are four more dashing newcomers from the new GMA boyband One UP.

Joemarie Nielsen - Turning 22 on October 3, this 6-footer was a Mr. Pogi semi-finalist in "Eat Bulaga" and a finalist in the last StarStruck. He was quickly given acting jobs in "Magpakailanman" and "That's My Amboy". His mom is Pinay but his dad is Thai. "I never met my father," he says. "And my mom won't talk about him. She got married with an American na Nielsen ang family name and he formally adopted me kaya naging Nielsen ang apelyido ko. They have one son, then my stepdad died. My mom remarried and I now have two smaller siblings, aged 4 and 5." He's been singing since he was a child and also plays the guitar. He is one of the band's four soloists, along

with Ralf King, Yasser Mata and Brent Valdez.

Ralf King - He was 11 years old when he won in Pop Star Kids in 2007. As a teenager he was a finalist in "Bet ng Bayan" and "Asia's Got Talent". He also did small roles in soaps like "Nita Negrita" and "Kung Aagawin Mo ang Lahat". The youngest of three kids, he is from Sultan Kudarat and his parents still live there while he's now staying with his elder sister here in Manila. He's taking up tourism management at Colegio de San Lorenzo and is graduating this October. "Ayaw po kasi ng parents ko na mag-stop ako sa pag-aaral," he says. His showbiz crush is Kylie Padilla.

Kevin Sagra - He's from Davao, turned 21 last June 16 and used to be a member of a band called Not Taken Today. He was in third year, taking up financial management at San Pedro College Davao, when he joined StarStruck last year. The second of three kids, he stands 5'9"

and made it to the top ten. He now stays in a condo unit that GMA7 got for him and other GMA newcomers.

He was quickly cast playing supporting roles in soaps like "Hanggang Makita Kang Muli" and "That's My Amboy". He also did an episode in "Magpakailanman" with Jay Arcilla. While here in Manila, he also wants to take up culinary arts so he'll have a fallback in case his career in showbiz won't prosper.

Brent Valdez - He's one of the youngest in the group as he just turned 19 on March 3. He hails from Imus, Cavite and is a business management sophomore at La Salle Dasmariñas, Cavite. He likes to sing ballads, like the songs of Michael Buble, but he's now learning more contemporary pop songs to be in with his co-singers in One UP. He has also tried acting in a soap when he did "Once Again."

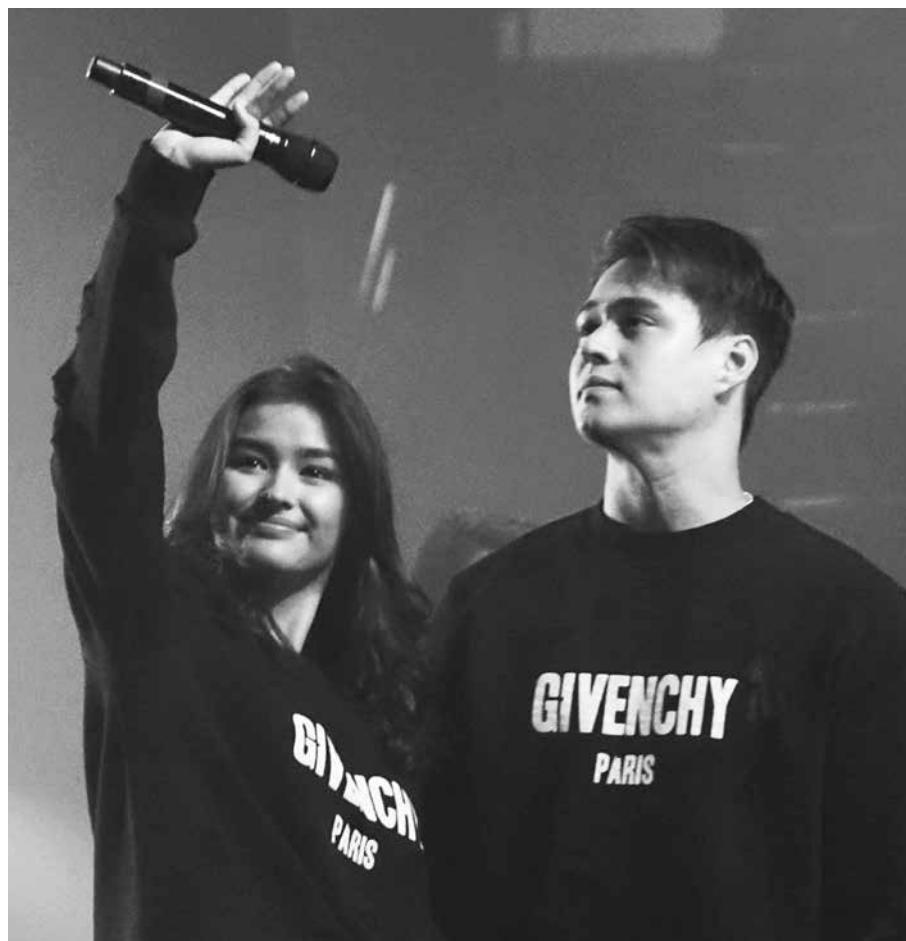


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the restaurant will expect homemade Italian food, made with guaranteed

another movie and a show after Folce Amore.

Kyla will be with ASAP in New York. She will have a soul session with Daryl, a concert in November called Divas with Angeline Quinto, Yeng Constanti-



**ABOVE,** Lisa Soberano and Enrique Gil waves to the crowd. **BELOW,** Matteo Guidicelli opened a restaurant. **BOTTOM,** TDC executives Rosary Escano, Ricky resurreccion and Chinky de Jesus answer some of the questions.

authentic ingredients shipped fresh from Italy.

His father, Gian Luca Guidicelli and sister Giorgia Guidicelli will manage their newly opened business.

Aside from the family, they will also have their long-time cooks as their busi-

ness partners.

no, Rachel Ann Go and KZ Tandingan at the Araneta.

Kakai might do a 2nd single, Marami teleserye na "baka pagbalik nandoon na rin ako."

Chinky de Jesus, Managing Director for TFC North America says that



they will bring ASAP to New York.

"It will be the biggest outside the Philippines, sa September 3, maraming kapamilya na dadalo over 30 kapamilya artists, including the Kapamilya Philharmonic at Barclays, home of Brooklyn Nets

Liza was asked about joining a beauty pageant.

"No. Hindi ko lang siya feel, mas gusto ko high fashion model dahil too much pressure ang beauty queen, di ko kaya baka ma stress lang po ako."

How do they like Toronto so far?

Daryl Ong was surprised. "Hindi ako nagresearch ng weather dito, so I brought sweatshirt, pullover, only to find out mainit pala, so i just turned on aircon sa room joke only."

Matteo has no time to enjoy the sights as he is leaving after the show.

"Birthday ni jowa," he says, referring to the birthday celebration of his girlfriend Sarah Geronimo.

Morissette says "enjoy kami, nagulat mainit din pala parang pilipinas."

Kyla says "mainit pala pero masaya."

"I have been to Australia, USA < Dubai pero Canada is special dahil marami akong kakilala dito," saya Kakai.

As for future projects, Lisa says

they gave the fun and entertainment that they have been waiting for. During the daytime, they were entertained by our local artists.

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## Rhian feels the pressure, gets encouragement from Vilma + other stories



Rhian Ramos felt greatly encouraged when she read what Rep. Vilma Santos said about her interpretation of the role they both play in “Sinungaling Mong Pusong.” This is what Rep. Vi said about her: “I’m sure Rhian will be good. I’ve seen her work and I can see mabibigyan niya ng justice ‘yung role ng Clara in ‘Sinungaling Mong Pusong.’”

Rhian said she really felt pressured in doing Clara. “Ayokong ma-compare kami kasi nakakahiya,” she adds. “She’s one of our country’s best actresses at sobrang dami na ng awards that she collected through the years. So no one else can fill her shoes kasi nag-iisa lang siya. Kaya nga what I did is to do the role in my own way kasi I don’t want to be accused na nanggagaya lang ako. And I’m so happy na so far, maganda naman ang feedback sa performance ko. Even our director, Ricky Davao, says happy siya with the way I’m doing the role of Clara.”

As the battered wife of Rafael Rosell in the story, Rhian is subjected to many “bugbugan” scenes in the show. “But in all fairness to Rafael, alalay lang siya sa akin sa mga eksenang sinasaktan niya ako. I told him puede niyang tohanin ‘yung mga sampal, I wouldn’t mind. But he remains to be very gentle and very careful.”

### jesse Ejercito reacts to Andi

THE promo of Viva’s new movie, “Camp Sawi” which opens on August 24, just got a very big boost when Jake Ejercito reacted to why his name is being dragged during the film’s presscon when its stars were asked about their ex-BF’s who broke their heart and how they have moved on. Jake wrote in his social media account:

“I’ve no idea why I’m being mentioned

in interviews to promote something I’m not even part of and when my closest connection to the film is someone I haven’t been in proper contact with for a long time.

“Can’t you promote your film by only entertaining questions about the film or perhaps your career?”

“As much as I’ve tried my best to ignore it, I can’t stay silent when I am conveniently and effortlessly being maligned out of nowhere.

“Stay positive and real, everyone. And for those who aren’t, try it. Life is too awesome. #CampMoveOn.”

Andi answered back: “Mayroon akong apat na maganda, sexy at magagalang na kasama sa ‘Camp Sawi’. Hindi ka namin kailangan para lang panoorin ang pelikula namin. At out of limang sawi, ikaw lang ang ex na nag-feeling na ginagamit ka namin para lang ma-promote ang pelikula. Is it just me or hindi nakakalaking hindi mo matanggap na nakasakit ka rin ng ibang tao? Sorry naman kung kahit hiwalay na tayo, bawal ko pa rin i-share ‘yung personal kong pinagdaanan para makapag-move on. Bago mo isiping ginagamit ka sa promo ng movie, sana isipin mo munang sumasagot lang kami base sa tanong ng press at kung ano ang nararamdaman namin.”

To this, Jake’s short reply: “Stay positive and stay real. And smile through the BS.”

Maybe, the exes of the other stars should also react and complain for being used in the film’s promo: Jason Abalos for Bela Padilla, Kean Cipriano for Arci Munoz and Sef Cadayona for Yassi Pressman. Para naman makatulong din sila to drum up interest for the movie. What do you think?

### AGA RETURNS TO ABS

Aga Muhlach celebrated his 47th birthday on August 12 and he’s all set to make a showbiz comeback soon. It’ll be recalled that Aga left ABS-CBN in 2010 after doing the sitcom “M3, Malay Mo Ma-Develop” with Ai Ai de las Alas, which didn’t rate very well.

He moved to TV5 and hosted major shows such as “Pinoy Explorer”, a magazine show that took him all over the world, and “Let’s Ask Pilipinas”, a game show. His contract expired in 2014 and he’s not been seen in any other channel

since then. But now, he’ll be back on ABS-CBN as one of the judges in a new talent show, “Pinoy Boy Band Superstar”, just like Sharon Cuneta who also moved to TV5 then returned to ABS as judge or mentor in reality shows like “Your Face Sounds Familiar” and “The Voice Kids”.

Aga’s co-judges in the show will be Sandara Park (who’s also making a comeback on ABS), Yeng Constantino and Vice Ganda. Aga is now doing his best to lose his excess weight before the show starts airing next month.

### Louise delos Reyes keeps BF secret

LOUISE De Los Reyes would rather not mention the name of her current BF, Hale band vocalist Champ Lui Pio, even if it’s already common knowledge in showbiz that they’re playing beautiful music together.

“We want to keep it very private,” she says. “Basta okay lang kami.”

Before, I was very open pero hindi naging maganda ang nangyari, so it’s better to keep quiet na lang.”

Her character as Pepay in “Magkaibang Mundo” has become more of a fighter lately. “Yes, kung dati, pumapayag siyang apihin siya at saktan siya, ngayon, hindi na, lumalaban na siya. Before, pala-palanganang luha talaga ang pumatak mula sa mga mata ko sa dami ng eksenang pinapahirapan ako ni Tita Gina Alajar at ng mga anak niya.

Unli talaga ang sampal at ngudngod na inabot ko mula sa kanila. Pero tapos na ‘yun kasi rumeresbak na ako sa sinumang aapi sa’kin.”

As Pepay, Louise discovers that Juancho Trivino as Inoy is the same guy she used to know as the dwarf Elfino. She now accepts that Inoy and Elfino are one and the same. But Inoy is still under the spell of the love potion or gayuma that Ana Capri as Barang and Joanna Marie Tan as Dahlia gave to him. Assunta de Rossi as Amanda has also discovered that Inoy used to be a dwarf and she’s against him for her daughter Pepay. But she has a bigger problem as she’s now wanted by the police and a big cash reward of P200,000 awaits anyone who will help in arresting her. Also, Ana as Barang makes boils or pigma grow on her body.



## Celebs stand up against Bullying

Several celebs from GMA have banded together to take a stand against cyberbullying via an online campaign dubbed Heart Over Hate.

Among those that lent time and effort for the campaign were Marian Rivera, Alden Richards, Kylie Padilla, Ruru Madrid, Kris Bernal, Bea Binene, Ken Chan, Julie Anne San Jose, Glaiza de Castro, Andrea Torres, Louise delos Reyes, Miguel Tanfelix, Bianca Umali, Mikee Quintos, Phytos Ramirez, Andre Paras (PHOTO), Derrick Monasterio, Martin del Rosario and Ashley Ortega.

In the one-minute video that has made its way to various social media outlets, Bernal is seen explaining how online bullying can lead to depression. “Mahirap ‘yung pakiramdam na wala kang magawa kahit sobrang sakit na,” she said.

Madrid, Delos Reyes, Ramirez and Quintos encourage everyone to simply “stop the pain now.”

“Nasa iyo ang kapangyarihan na itigil ito. Before it happens to you, before it happens to someone you love,” they said.

Andre, Derrick, Martin and Ashley encouraged viewers to be a person who “choose heart over hate.”

“‘Yung magpapalakas ng loob ng iba, (and) someone who celebrates everyone’s uniqueness,” they said.

“Let your words be someone’s inspiration, because you are choosing heart over hate,” Glaiza and Alden added.

In a post on GMA News, the NBI Cybercrime Division revealed a monthly average of 54 reported cases of cyberbullying in the first quarter of 2016 alone.

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natutuwa dahil naging effective ‘yung pagpapa-awa effect ko sa mga kapatid ko sa show. Ang challenge nu’n kay Pirena is kung hanggang saan ang kaya niyang gawin...”

Meanwhile, Kapuso star Ken Alfonso was pleasantly shocked at his and Glaiza’s recent scene together for the show that trended on social media.

“Masaya ako at na-shock actually kasi very short lang ‘yung clip na ‘yun and yet maganda ang naging feedback ng mga manunuod,” Ken said.



indie films offer edgy roles.”

Her foray into the indie world has yielded twin honors—making her the first internationally awarded actress among her peers.

For Louie Ignacio’s indie drama, “Laut,” she won best actress in the Directors’ Week section of the Fantasporto or the 36th Oporto International Film Festival, held in Portugal last March. (She earlier won best supporting actress at the Cinemalaya for the 2014 entry, Milo Sogueco’s “Mariquina.”)

At first, she was incredulous when she heard about the Fantasporto win. “I knew

that ‘Laut’ was shown in Portugal, but I didn’t know we were competing for awards,” she recounted. “I only learned about it on Twitter.”

Now, the Fantasporto trophy stands beside her Cinemalaya Balanghai at home. “It’s a great feeling,” she said of her two awards. “It motivates me to keep doing indie films.”

The Cinemalaya fest is currently ongoing at the Cultural Center of the Philippines and Ayala Cinemas.



Alma Garrido poses with Canada’s Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

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Raymond Cho, Senator Tobias Enverga, ANCOP's Ricky Cuenca and MPP Laurie Scott join the ANCOP Walk.

### SENATOR ENVERGA SPEAKS AT ANCOP WALK

Senator Enverga was proud to join the ANCOP Walk 2016 in Toronto, Ontario on August 20, 2016. The ANCOP Walk is a global fundraising initiative to provide shelter, community development and child education programs to the poor in third world countries, including the Philippines. Speaking at the event, Senator Enverga encouraged everyone to continue supporting organizations such as ANCOP, whose selfless endeavours benefit many deserving families all over the world. A proud supporter of the organization, Senator Enverga has participated in the Walk for the past 13 years.

### Pia Wurtzbach drops jaws in bikini photo; urges public to know their HIV status

Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach is smokin' hot in her black two-piece swimsuit! The "Sexiest Woman Alive" easily got the attention of her followers to encourage the public to get tested for HIV. She quipped, "Do know your status yet? [Because] I know mine. Not your relationship status, silly! I meant HIV status!" Fighting the disease is the Filipina beauty queen's primary advocacy as the Aid for AIDS' HIV Prevention Ambassador.



RIGHT, BCCA President and Action Honda Manager Rafael Nebres poses with guests at the Induction. BELOW, Officers pose for a picture. BOTTOM, Officers are inducted and recite their oath.



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