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Derek excited to meet Angel's father

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Couple Derek Ramsay and Angelica Panganiban

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[Angelica](#) Panganiban bonded with her father American serviceman Mark Charlson during the Star Magic series of shows in the USA. She also had dinner with him where she brought fellow Star Magic talents Pokwang and Maja Salvador. She also introduced Bea Alonzo, Zanjoe Marudo, John Lloyd Cruz, Diether Ocampo and Enchong [Dee](#) to her dad. "Ipinakilala ko sa kanila ang daddy ko," she said.

Sources also say that Mark Charlson is planning to visit the country sometime this year. Hopefully, he gets to meet Angel's boyfriend Derek Ramsay. Derek, according to friends, is excited with the meeting. Derek plans to drive Mark around the place. And if the supposed visit does not push through, Derek has other things in mind — he will visit Angel's dad when he goes to the USA.

A new teleserye, movie for Sam Milby

Sam Milby is looking forward to busy days ahead of him. Soon, he will return to TV via a new *teleserye* titled *Alta* where he is cast together with Gretchen Barretto, Angelica Panganiban, KC Concepcion and Zanjoe Marudo. He will also be working on a movie with KC.

Sam who plays the guitar well, a talent he showcased while inside *Pinoy Big Brother's* house also said that he intends to focus on his music, which was relegated to the sidelines when movie and TV jobs came in. He is working on an album, which will contain one or two of his own compositions.

On occasions that he is not so busy, Sam plays the guitar and focuses on composing music. It has been a long time since he has had the chance to be with his guitar again. He said he has focused on his acting that when he arrives home, tired from taping or [shooting](#), he goes directly to sleep.

Lea Salonga 'willing' to endorse RH Bill

Lea Salonga would make a good spokesperson for the Reproductive Health Bill. She has been very vocal about her stand on the RH Bill. But she also said that it is government's duty to provide the service and to educate the people well about the methods and information on birth control, sexual health and maternal care to better understand the whole issue. And *push.com*, an ABS-CBN entertainment news site, even reported that she is willing to act as ambassador to promote the RH Bill.

Next To Normal slated for a rerun

Atlantis Productions' staging of the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning [musical](#) *Next To Normal* will return to Manila for a very limited two-week run from Oct. 7 to 16 at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza, Makati.

Next To Normal tells the story of how a family is impacted by a mother with bipolar disorder. [Grounded](#) in contemporary subjects, the musical considers how a suburban family copes with immense crisis and how far two parents will go to protect their children, and keep their lives unbroken by mental illness. With book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music by Tom Kitt, *Next To Normal* is the winner of three Tony Awards and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for [Drama](#).

The limited repeat run of *Next To Normal* will once again feature the six original Manila cast members led by Menchu Lauchengco-Yulo, who gave the performance of a lifetime as [Diana](#). Rock star/theater actor Jett Pangan will once again play Dan, a role he received critical acclaim for. Felix Rivera, Bea Garcia, [Jake](#) Macapagal and *Pilipinas Got Talent* finalist Markki Stroem also return to their original roles.

Bobby Garcia said, "We are all thrilled that *Next To Normal* is coming back for a very limited repeat run. It has been a challenge to get everyone's schedules to match, but we have been able to do it for two weeks only. I can speak for everyone involved with this

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everyone's schedules to match, but we have been able to do it for two weeks only. I can speak for everyone involved with this production when I say that *Next To Normal* has been the most rewarding experience of our careers and we can't wait to welcome you all back to the show."

A limited number of shows are also available for show buying and fund-raising opportunities with excellent returns on your investment. For details, call Atlantis Productions at 892-7078 or 840-1187 or follow *Next To Normal* on Twitter @n2nmanila.



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This Fil-Am group is bound by love of music



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When Justin Bieber mounts the stage of SM Mall Of Asia (MOA) Concert Grounds tomorrow night, May 10, starting at 8 o'clock, he will introduce the Fil-Am group Legaci as a guest performer, along with Poreotics (reigning champion of America's Best Dance Crew), three of whose six members are also Filipino.

Aida in Manila June 24-July 10



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Fresh from presenting the hit musical *Next To Normal*, Atlantis Productions now brings the Tony Award winning Broadway musical *Aida* to Manila! Featuring an exciting pop-rock score by Elton John and Tim Rice, *Aida* is a timeless story of forbidden love that blooms and endures despite overwhelming, dangerous odds.

Jaco's turn



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