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Why makes “kabitan” shows very Popular?

“Pinapanuod niyo kasi, tapos magrereklamo kayo!”

MY Husband’s Lover writer Suzette Doctolero recalls her experiences in doing the series: “May ultra conservative religious ek ek chu chu na sulat ng sulat at gustong putulin kami sa ere. So halos araw-araw din, nag-pupunta kami sa MTRCB para magpa-approve ng episode.”

“Sa totoo lang, kung bakit maraming kabitan-serye kasi nagre-rate siya, pinapanuod niyo kasi! Tapos magrereklamo kayo!”

GMA creative writer Suzette Doctolero said this with a laugh when she discussed the origin of her hit infidelity-themed series, My Husband’s Lover. This project was touted as the first gay-themed drama series in the Philippines.

Aired in 2013, My Husband’s Lover featured Carla Abellana as Lally, Tom Rodriguez as Vincent, and Dennis Trillo as Eric.

The show got the attention of the TV audience because of its provocative story about a wife who discovered that her husband has a male lover.

In GMA-7 creative manager RJ Nuevas’ scriptwriting lesson vlog on YouTube, Suzette discussed how she came up with the story of My Husband’s Lover.

She said the idea came to her while they were in a drama pitching summit with other GMA writers.

Suzette wished to give a new flavor to infidelity-themed shows, especially since these types of shows are known to be winners in the ratings game.

These shows were usually aired in the afternoon slot, which is why she pitched it to Roy Iglesias

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BOOBAY & ATE GAY TO ENTERTAIN TORONTO

at the Korean Cultural Centre (located at 1133 Leslie St., Toronto) on October 12, 2019, Saturday.



Boobay is a mainstay in numerous TV shows, teleseryes, drama anthologies and films. He has taken not only comedy roles, but also dramatic roles. His month-ols television show with fellow comedian Tekla, The Boobay and Tekla Show, has been getting excellent rating. Boobay has been recognized by prestigious award giv-

ing entities, like Philippine Movie & Press Club (PMPC) and Aliw Awards Foundation, for his live shows hosting prowess. The latest distinction he received was being chosen as the Aliw Awards’ 2018 Best Stand-Up Comedian and Host for Comedy Bars. His life story has been featured on the TV drama show Magpakailanman.

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Attending concerts helps you live longer

Are you the type of person who loves going out to gigs or see their favorite artists live when they visit your area? This new research might benefit you.

According to a new research, attending to gigs and concerts for live music for at least 20 minutes can increase your feeling of well-being by 21 percent. This was conducted by London's Goldsmith University Associate Lecturer Patrick Fagan with a joint partnership with music and entertainment venue O2.

In addition, another scholarly research saw a direct link in high levels of well-being, meaning a lifespan increase of nine years, with gig-going and longevity.

Concert-goers who attend gigs once every two weeks or more were the most likely to score happiness, contentment, self-esteem and productivity at the highest rate (a score of perfect 10), accompanying research showed.

The test subjects who participated went through bespoke psychometric and heart-rate tests while doing various activities – yoga, dog walking and gig-going. Attending concerts showed the highest in well-being, compared with yoga with only 10 percent and dog walking with 7 percent.

Aside from an increase in well-being, those who went to gigs showed feelings of self-worth by 25 percent, being close to others by another 25 percent. Mental stimulation showed the highest number with 75 percent.

"Our research showcases the profound impact gigs have on feelings of health, happiness and well-being—with fortnightly or regular attendance being the key," Fagan said. "Combining all of our findings with O2's research, we arrive at a prescription of a gig a fortnight which could pave the way for almost a decade more years of life."



1. FV Foods owner Mel Galeon poses with Kapamilya actor Piolo Pascual. 2. FV Foods owner Mel Galeon with staff pose with Kapamilya actor Piolo Pascual. 3. Singer Celine Grey poses with Kapamilya actor Piolo Pascual. 4. Channelling Beauty and the Best, Singer and model Samantha Gavin and yours truly, Joey Baking pose at the Star Circle Entertainment Valentine's party. 5. Sheena Yap Chan and Star Circle Entertainment owner Ellen Galorport do a tall and not-tall pose. 6. Phoebe Yap Chan and Ellen Galorport pose with journalists Jojo and Fe Taduran.

Jameson Blake denies courting Elisse Joson: "There's nothing special... wala."

Jameson Blake on reports that she's courting Elisse Joson: "That's what people thought, pero hindi naman talaga. I'm not courting her or anything. I don't want things to happen just like that."

Nilinaw ni Jameson Blake na walang espesyal na namamagitan sa kanila ni Elisse Joson.

Nabigyan lang daw ng maling interpretasyon ang interview niya sa Tonight With Boy Abunda.

Sa naturang interview, sinabi ng Hashtags member na si Elisse ang huling babaeg nagpakilig sa kanya.

On the spot ay nakagawa rin si Jameson ng haiku para sa Kapamilya actress.

Sinabi nitong magkaibigan lang sila ng dating co-star sa ABS-CBN prime-time series na Ngayon at Kailanman.

Aniya, "Wala, we're just friends. "We're getting closer after we've met sa Ngayon at Kailanman.

"Nothing more than that, we're still good friends."

Hindi raw niya nililigawan ang dalaga.

Saad ni Jameson, "That's what people thought, pero hindi naman talaga.

"I'm not courting her or anything. I don't want

things to happen just like that.

"Siyempre we're just friends, at first you get to know the person more.

"There's nothing special... wala."

POEM FOR ELISSE

Binigyang linaw rin ni Jameson ang on the spot na tula o haiku na ginawa niya para kay Elisse.

Aniya, "Nagsusulat talaga ako ng poem so it's really easy for me."

Patuloy ng binata, "She's a friend of mine, she's a nice girl.

"She's being herself, I like how she's being her.

"She's really nice and she likes to make jokes

din.

"She's fun to talk to, she's fun to be with. I enjoy her presence."

Pero sa ngayon daw ay hindi sila nagkikita.

"As of now, hindi, kasi busy talaga. With Showtime and everything... and she's being busy too."

MCCOY DE LEON

Sinabi rin ni Jameson na hindi niya kailangang magpaalam kay McCoy de Leon na ligawan si Elisse dahil wala sa plano niya ngayon ang magka-girl-

friend.

Dating magka-love team at magkarelasyon sina Elisse at McCoy.

Saad ni Jameson, "Never ko siyang tinanong, like, puwede ko ba siyang ligawan 'coz I have no plan.

"Siyempre, everyone knows what happened between the two of them...

"Wala, as usual, we're still friends hanggang ngayon.

"Siyempre trabaho muna tayo. I always say that even before pa.

"Trabaho talaga ang main priority ko, family, my friends.

"I feel good, like, I'm getting these projects left and right.

"I don't want to ruin my momentum."

Wala rin daw nabago sa samahan nila ng kapwa Hashtag member na si McCoy.

"Kami naman ni McCoy, we just talk pag Hashtag lang, pag Showtime, pero di kami masyadong lumalabas.

"Before lang we played games together. Yun lang naman, we're cool."



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Ogie Diaz: ‘Si Liza ang bu-muhay sa bunso kong anak’

Kiss a guy, get Goosebumps

MANILA -- “Biyaya” ang turing ng talent manager na si Ogie Diaz sa kanyang alagang si Liza Soberano.

Sa “Magandang Buhay” nitong Lunes, sinabi ni Ogie na si Liza ang “bumuhay” sa kanyang bunsong anak na ipinaganak na premature.

“Isang biyayang malaki si Liza sa akin. Pagkatapos namin na maghiwalay ni Vice Ganda, dumating si Liza Soberano. Sabi nga nila kapag may nagsasara ng pinto, may nagbubukas na bubong. Noong 2011 naghiwalay kami ni Vice Ganda; 2012 siya (si Liza) dumating. So alam mo ‘yung marunong ang Diyos at the same time ay magka-kaibigan pa rin kami ni Vice Ganda,” pauna ani Ogie.

“Bukod doon, alam mo feeling ko sa sarili ko, si Liza ang bumuhay sa bunso kong anak. So, parang hindi ko nano-notice na nabobokya ako dahil may pumapasok na trabaho kay Liza, at the same time nahahawaan kami ni Dudu. So malaki talagang blessing si Liza kaya siguro nagpa-pay forward kami para mas tuloy-tuloy ang blessings,” dagdag ni Ogie.

Matatandaang naging talent ni Ogie si Liza sa tulong nang nakadiskubre kay Liza na si Ernesto “Dudu” Unay.

Para naman kay Liza, hanggang ngayon ay isa pa rin si Ogie sa kanyang mga nilalapitan tuwing siya ay may problema.

“Tinulungan niya po kami nung wala pa ako. Hanggang ngayon kapag may mga problema ako, sa kanya po ako lumalapit at siya po ‘yung nagpi-figure out kung ano ang dapat kong gawin,” ani Liza na maituturing na isa sa mga pinakasikat na aktres ngayon sa bansa.

Catriona Gray is single

MANILA, Philippines — Miss Universe 2018 Catriona Gray confessed on Friday that she is single, saying that she will focus her journey as a beauty queen.

“Well, it’s all about balance. Whatever works with your personal life, but for me wala akong love life ngayon (I have no love life now) so I am really focused on my Miss Universe journey annd on being the best global representative that I can be and being a representative in the Philippines through and through,” Gray said in an episode of ABS-CBN’s Kapamilya Confessions.

Gray was responding to a question on how she balances her love life now that she is Miss Universe.

“I had goosebumps!” said Shido Roxas who has a kissing scene with co-star Ross Pesigan in the Metro Manila Filmfest entry Rainbow Sunset.

Roxas who is playing the young man of the elderly gay character played by iconic actor Eddie Garcia in the filmfest entry, intimated to members of the press that though he knew there would be a scene that required him and his co-player Ross (who plays the younger version of the character being played by Tony Mabesa), he didn’t have an inkling on how two males kiss, albeit passionately.

“Ross and I just had to do it because warned several right. I to have with it my all.”

The 27-year-old economics major (DLSU) and who has a masters degree in international management at a Japanese university (after junking the idea of going to law school in Manila) has dodged acting and modeling offers when he was in his teens.

“I was a very shy guy then,” he admitted. Which he has since overcome.

According to Joel Lamangan, Shido was cast to play the young Tony Mabesa. But after carefully looking at his looks, he decided to give him the young Eddie Garcia role.

How did he psyche himself up to stand up to the test of Lamangan in the kissing scene?

He watched old films of Eddie Garcia, also the gay-themed films, like Lihis with Jake Cuenca and Joem Bascon.

Joel said he had to shoot it in one take so their egos wouldn’t be deflated.

So, what did you feel when Lamangan shouted “Cut!”?

“I was catatonic for a little while and had goose-bumps all over. If the script calls for it and if the scene is justified, I guess as an actor you just have to do it. But if only to get the audience titillated, I’d say no, perhaps,” the LVD talent ended.



Honey Shot

Kate Mohan

Kate is a singer and a dancer. She was a finalist at the Long and McQuade’s The Singing Contest in 2018. She is a student at the Star Circle Entertainment where she sings solo, duet and with the group Charms at various functions. Look out for this girl. We wish her all the luck in her future.

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Andrea Torres heats up 2019 as sultry calendar girl



As another year rolls in, action-drama actress Andrea Torres treats her loyal fans to a sexy 2019 calendar she personally produced in collaboration with photographer Jay Tablante.

Featuring a series of her sultry candid photos, the desk calendar is one of Andrea’s ways of showing her gratefulness to everyone who supported her.

“This is my way of saying thank you to my fans to show them how grateful I am for their love and unparalleled support. It’s a desk calendar with 12 selected pictures for each month of the year. The previous one that we released was just a big poster. So this year is something different,” she shared.

The shoot itself was a breeze for Andrea and she had a lot of fun with it. “It was easy for me because I worked with people that I have been collaborating with for years now—Jay Tablante and Nikki Duque. They’re my favorites for

a reason. We are very open in terms of sharing our ideas. Para lang kaming nag-play shoot to be honest. It was a breeze.”

CALENDAR GIRL. Andrea Torres is making a name for herself in the drama and action genre after starring in a few movies and television programs that showcase her versatility.

Andrea also made sure that each photo was a reflection of her personality. She also added that she worked hard to achieve her desired figure, which she proudly flaunted in the calendar.

“We wanted candid shots that would showcase my personality. I also requested not to edit the photos because I want each picture to remind me of my hard work and preparation for the calendar shoot.”

Andrea started her career in GMA via the now-defunct youth-oriented magazine show, Ka-Blog!. She was also part of some drama and hit movies such as You To Me Are Everything, a Dingdong Dantes and Marian Rivera starrer, and Shake, Rattle & Roll X.

This year, fans of Andrea can expect new and more exciting projects from the Kapuso actress. She is regularly seen on the country’s longest-running and multi-awarded gag show, Bubble Gang, which she’s a part of since 2012.

“We always aim to surprise people with the roles that I do. As much as possible, gusto ko iba lagi yung roles na ginagawa ko. Dapat hindi matigil ‘yung process ng pag-discover mo sa sarili mo at mga talents mo,” she said.



Nefflix star, special someone ni Lovi?

Dahil sa pinost na picture ni Lovi Poe na kasama ang American actor na si Gavin Leatherwood, inakalang ang aktor na may recurring role sa TV show na Sabrina (napapanood sa Nefflix) ang bagong special someone ng aktres.

May mga kinilig agad sa mga nakakita sa litrato.

Pero kung titingnan mabuti, may kasamang dalawa pang guys sina Lovi at Gavin at ang isa sa guy, ang katabi ni Lovi ay magkadikit sila.

Parang magka-holding hands din ang dalawa, hindi nga lang masyadong kita dahil putol ang picture.

May kaibigan si Lovi na nagpangalan sa guy, siya ay si Monty Blencowe, executive producer, British at based in Los Angeles, California.

Ang sabi, si Blencowe ang totoong nanligaw kay Lovi o ang hinala nga, boyfriend na niya ang guy.

May mga nagsabi namang baka kaibigan lang ni Lovi si Mr. Blencowe at baka tutulungan lang ang aktres na magkapasok sa Hollywood.

Ang ilan sa projects ni Mr. Blencowe ay ang pelikulang Escape Plan 2 tampok sina Sylvester Stallone at Dave Bautista.

Hanggang ngayon, puhulaan pa kung sino sa mga kasama ng aktres ang special someone niya.

Super Tekla itinanggi ang mga bintang

KAHIT hindi na bahagi ng daily afternoon game show na “Wowowin” ni Willie Revillame on GMA ang 37-year-old singer-comedian na si Super Tekla (Romeo Librada sa tunay na buhay), hindi maikakaila na ang nasabing programa ang nagbigay ng daan sa komediyante na siya’y makilala at mapansin ng publiko gayundin ng pamunuan ng Kapuso Network who signed him up to an exclusive management contract.

Taong 2016 nang maging contestant ng “Wowowin” si Super Tekla at agad siyang kinakitaan ng husay sa si Willie Revillame kaya siya’y ginawang co-host ng programa kasama ang isa pang singer-comedian na si Donita Nose. Pero dahil umano sa naging bisyo (dati) ni Super Tekla sa pag-inom

at sugal, siya’y tinanggal sa programa. Pero ang nasabing bisyo ay itinanggi ng singer-comedian.

Marami na ring pagsubok ang pinagdaanan ni Super Tekla maging sa kanyang personal at pribadong buhay at kasama na rito ang paghihiwalay nila ng kanyang misis na si Irene Gonzales kung kanino siya may isang anak na babae.

Bakla man ang kanyang image sa publiko, sinasabi ni Super Tekla na isa umano siyang straight guy in real life.

Sobra ang pasasalamat ni Super Tekla sa pamunuan ng GMA dahil ito ang sumalo sa kanya nang siya’y matanggal sa “Wowowin”. Naka-pag-guest siya sa iba’t ibang programa ng Kapuso Network tulad ng “Trops,” “Sunday Pinasaya,” “Daig Kayo ng Lola Ko,” “All Star Videoke,” “Studio 7”. Pero ang pinamalaki niyang exposure ay nang mapasama siya sa TV series na “Inday Will Always Love You” na



What The F^{ACT}?
BY JOSE BAKING

CANADIAN CORRUPTION & SCANDAL

When you are in the business of Filipino newspaper publishing, you read a lot about corruption in the Philippines. There are so many that you just feel like giving up. So, let’s change the country. Let’s talk about corruption and scandals, Canadian-style.

However, we don’t always hear the word corruption in Canada. The term used is conflict of interest. And I agree because, when you think about it, you might wonder if it’s corruption. To me, my idea of corruption is a politician accepting money from someone, a group or a company and keeping the money to himself. I must have missed it pero I have not heard of a Canadian politician pocketing money, or going to his bank account. Usually, the news is, “a politician awards contract to a company based in his riding. The company donated so much amount in his election campaign.” You see, here in Canada, that donation has to be accounted for. You don’t hear or read the news that a “politician accepted a donation from that company and he built a big house after the election.” Obviously, the company donated the amount to get the contract in the riding. Obviously also, the company is going to hire people and also pay taxes which goes back to the government.

This is what passes for corruption in Canada.

Permanent Residence upon arrival

It’s only a “pilot” program that runs from March 4 to June 4 of this year. Pilot, meaning it’s just a test run or temporary, not permanent. My guess is, they may run it past June, say, until, September or even October 30, which is the election month.

Once re-elected, they will not do it again. It gets them maximum “feel-good” coverage up to the federal election on October 21 without the baggage of continuing it because they did say it was a pilot program. But the details behind the scenes will not be publicized and the Liberal-friendly media (Is there any other kind?) will not be covering that either.

It’s a calculated move because, as a pilot program, and runs only 3 months because it achieves a lot of purpose. It makes Filipinos giddy because only a handful will bother reading past the headline and bother knowing all the details. With a maximum of principal applicants beginning this year at 2750 moving to 5500, that’s 229 or 458 a month. So, for that 3 months the program will run, I bet you they will not even approve half of 687. Remember, in 2015, the liberals swept into power and let in 10,000 refugees from October to December without checking all their backgrounds.

They will discontinue this “pilot program” once re-elected and the reason they will give would be an unbelievable line “it was not received favorably.”

The Liberals know how to grab them with headline-catching programs. It’s tabloid-style attention-getter.

Dionne Monsanto enjoys freedom to choose projects as freelance artist

Dionne Monasto, who currently stars in YouTube mini-series FindHer, enjoys the variety of projects she gets to do as a freelance artist: “I get to do the projects that I want. I get to choose the projects that I want... I really enjoy it.”

Dionne Monsanto is enjoying the perks of being a freelance artist.

Dionne was interviewed at the preview screening of her latest project FindHer, a mini YouTube series about finding love in the digital era.

“I’m loving being freelance. I get to do the projects that I want, I get to choose the projects that I want,” Dionne said.

Then she added, “Of course, I was with ABS-CBN for the longest time and they gave me the break that anyone could hope for.

“But now, I’m really enjoying it. I love working on projects like this...

“Because there’s different platforms, right? Mainstream films, indie films, and let’s say theater, di ba?

“I’ve done all that, and I’m so glad to be able to do digital series as well.”

Dionne began her acting career in 2002, but got her big break through the Kapamilya reality show Pinoy Big Brother in 2007.

In 2016, the 33-year-old actress made a major breakthrough through the afternoon hit series, Tubig at Langis.

A year later, she was spotted in several GMA-7 shows, which fueled speculations of a network transfer.

Then in March 2018, Dionne revealed to PEP.ph that she is now a freelance artist.

Despite her choice to remain freelance, the actress still has strong ties with Star Magic as she was recently invited to two major events of the ABS-CBN talent management agency. Isa na rito ang Pure Magic party na ginanap nitong January.



ADVANTAGE OF DIGITAL SERIES

With the emergence of locally-produced digital series coming to the front, Dionne felt that this is the perfect platform for all creatives to showcase their talent.

She related, “If I’m to be very honest, it’s work for everyone, you know?

“Because I’ve been acting for about, oh my god, 17 years. I started back in 2002 and I’ve not only been exposed to, you know, the post production side but also—I love kasi taking part in like pre-prods, and whenever I’m in taping, I talk with the crew.

“I’m definitely very happy that there is work for everyone.

“Another thing is, because it’s a very different platform, I would like to think of it as very good competition.

“It’s a healthy competition because a lot of ideas are just, you know, rushing through and everyone’s coming up with something.

“Everyone wants to just better themselves every time, and it’s just a positive environment to be in.”

Referring to her latest project, Dionne pointed out that a digital series can be another avenue for storytellers to reach an audience.

“I just hope na there would be more projects like this. It’s not only entertaining, because FindHer is not just a story of lovers or people finding each other.

“It’s also a story about friendship... It’s a good story to remind us to value our friendships, especially the truest friends that we have.”

Dionne stars with Vance Lanera, Bie Ruaro, and Ross Pesigan in the mini web series, which launches this Saturday, February 9.

pinagbidahan ni Barbie Forteza. Na-feature din ang kanyang buhay sa “Magpakailanman” hosted by Mel Tiangco.

Ang kanyang digital talk show with Boobay ay ginawa nang mainstream at regular na itong napapanood tuwing Linggo ng gabi ang “The Boobay and Tekla Show” at nakikipaglaban in terms of ratings sa long-running late night show ng “Unkabogable Star” na si Vice Ganda, ang “Gandang Gabi Vice”.

As if these continued blessings are not enough, gagawa rin si Super Tekla ng pelikula na siya mismo ang pangunahing bida, ang “Kambal Karnabal” na pamamahalaan ni Adolf Alix, Jr.



under GMA Films.

Si Super Tekla ay tubong Pigcawayan, Cotabato. He was raised by the Manobo tribe and was trained bilang isang magsasaka.

Dahil sa maagang pagkamatay ng ina ni Super Tekla, natuto siyang maghanap-buhay para maitawid niya ang kanyang pag-aaral hanggang matapos niya ang high school. Si Super Tekla ay may pito pang kapatid.

Pagkatapos ng high school ay lumuwas siya ng Maynila para rito makipagsapalaran at napunta siya sa pagiging isang stand-up comedian sa isang comedy bar and the rest ay kasaysayan nang maituturing sa buhay ng singer-comedian.

Mariel, mag-aaral ng clas-
sical voice sa New York

“It’s tiring, ayoko nang mag-diet,” ang sagot ni Bb. Pilipinas International 2017 Mariel de Leon nang tanungin sa pocket interview para sa V-Day concert na Master of Love kung bakit ayaw na niyang sumali pang muli sa mga beauty pageant at ayaw na niyang maging beauty queen.

Matatandaang last November ay nag-post si Mariel sa kanyang Instagram account na ayaw na niyang matawag na beauty queen at isinara na raw niya ang chapter na ito ng kanyang buhay.

“At ayoko na ng Q&A (question and answer portion),” natatawa pa niyang sabi. “I mean, I like interviews, but Q&A (sabay-iling),” sabi ni Mariel.

Pero dagdag niya, “For me, it was the fun part sa Binibini, but I don’t want to get through it again. I mean, I like it but I don’t want to do it again.”

Nakausap din daw nga niya ang ibang beauty queens at iisa ang sinasabi ng lahat – “it’s tiring.”

Ngayon ay may bago nang mundong papasukin si Mariel at ito ay ang musika.

Na-realize raw niyang mas gusto pala niyang maging classical singer at gusto niyang mag-aral ng classical voice sa New York.

In fact, nakaplano na siyang pumunta sa NY thismonth para tumingin ng school na papasukan, pero one month lang daw siya roon at next year pa naman niya balak mag-aral.

Four years siyang mag-aaral sa US at willing daw siyang i-give-up ang kanyang career dito sa Pilipinas.

Late bloomer daw siya kaya recently lang niya na-realize what she wants in life.

“I’m more sure now that I wanna do singing more and maybe, hopefully, more plays, if there are auditions,” she said.

Why Lani Misalucha doesn’t
host singing contests

Season two of GMA’s reality singing competition “The Clash” is expected to air this year, with viewers speculating on who is the new host.

Many have said Lani Misalucha can do it, having sat as judge on the show.

In an interview, Asia’s Nightingale finally addressed the rumors: “Not for me.”

She added that for her, to be a judge is more challenging than hosting.

“We’re always walking on a sharp edge as judges. I guess I find that more interesting,” the singer pointed out.

Should she get an offer to host “The Clash,” Lani said she will politely decline.

“I think I can’t give justice to it. So it’s better if I’m in a place that I’m comfortable in, rather than being trying hard.”

Changing times

Lani said there’s no need to compare her generation of singers to the younger ones.

The singer said so after she was told many people think singers who’ve been around much longer are definitely better, hence, they are able to produce “canons” of hits.

“To be honest, there are a lot of good singers today. And I wish viewers won’t bash them just because we are still here,” she said. “I completely admire the new singers. They’re good, they’re talented. I think they just need more ingredients to the totality so they can bloom.”

She believes the musical taste of Filipinos have become wider.

“The ears of listeners today are different from those in the past. They are more equipped on finding the kind of music they like,” the singer said.

What does she think of sourcing talents from reality? Is it reaching saturation point?

“The thing is, after a show produces a champion, the management should have a ‘follow up’ in terms of giving them exposure. They should sustain the career, build it.”

‘Semi-retired’

Lani has started recording songs for her new album under Star Music. Her most recent one was put way back 2014, which featured all-Filipino classic songs



as “Bulag, Pipi, Bingi,” “Anak,” and “Saan Darating Ang Umaga.”

The upcoming album will have an all-original, all-English track list. Lani said this one will be “experimental.”

“At my age, I want to do something better naman. We’re trying to be a little younger in this album, the vibe is young,” she hinted.

As for collaborating with other artists, Lani said it’s being worked out. She aims to release her new album mid this year.

Despite her busy schedule, Lani reiterated she is now “semi-retired” in the industry.

“If you’ll notice, I don’t appear regularly on TV anymore. But I still have concerts because, you know, even if you are retired, you can’t help but do your passion.”

Ako ba ang makakasama mo
panghabangbuhay?: Alex Gon-
zaga asks BF in new vlog

MANILA -- Alex Gonzaga shared to her fans and followers her post-Valentine date with her boyfriend, Mikee Morada.

In her newest vlog post, Gonzaga shared her date with Morada in Tagaytay.

Before their lunch date, Gonzaga grilled Morado about their relationship.

“Tingin mo ba ako na ang makakasama mo panghabangbuhay?,” Gonzaga asked Morada, who replied: “Oo naman.”

After their late lunch, the couple decided to visit an amusement park.

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Duterte urges Filipinos to get vaccinated

Duterte urged Filipinos, especially parents of newborns, to not be scared of vaccines, as public trust with immunization eroded in the wake of the fiasco involving the anti-Dengue vaccine Dengvaxia.

MANILA—President Rodrigo Duterte on urged Filipinos, especially parents of newborns, to not be scared of vaccines, as public trust with immunization eroded in the wake of the fiasco involving the anti-Dengue vaccine Dengvaxia.

“Iyung Dengvaxia, simula nu’ng nagkaroon ng gulo dito, maraming mga pamilya dito sa Pilipinas, hindi lang sa Malabon, na natakot ng mga itong vaccination, at ayaw na, ’wag ho kayong . . . do not be complacent about it kasi ang sanggol talaga kailangan. Iyung Dengvaxia lang, kung ayaw niyo OK lang,” Duterte said in a speech at the groundbreaking ceremony of the new site of the San Lorenzo Ruiz General Hospital at Barangay Panghulo in Malabon.

From at least 70 percent in the last few years, immunization coverage in 2018 slid to 40 percent, said Health undersecretary Eric Domingo.

Last December, the government recalled the anti-dengue vaccine Dengvaxia after its manufacturer, France’s Sanofi-Pasteur, said it

could cause severe symptoms if given to those who have not had the mosquito-borne disease.

Health experts have warned against a possible outbreak of measles in the Philippines, as a disease long under control is fueled by patchy immunization programs and declining trust in vaccines.

Measles cases jumped nearly fivefold to 17,300 in the 11 months to November 2018 versus last year’s figure, mostly in conflict areas in the south, said doctors and officials of the World Health Organization (WHO). Last November, an opinion poll by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine showed just 32 percent of 1,500 Filipinos surveyed trusted vaccines, down from 93 percent in 2015.



Empress Schuck admits living with non-showbiz boyfriend

Empress Schuck admits living with Vino Guingona: “Opo. Pero kasi ano, e, based siya sa Zamboanga, so parang LDR [long-distance relationship] kami.”

Apat na taon na ang relasyon ni Empress Schuck, 26, sa non-showbiz boyfriend nitong si Vino Guingona, 27.

Si Vino ay anak ng isang pulitiko mula sa Zamboanga.

Sabi ni Empress, “We’re okay po. We’re still together, we’re happy. Hindi pa kami kasal.”

Aminado ang aktres na nagli-live-in na sila. “Opo. Pero kasi ano, e, based siya sa Zamboanga, so parang LDR [long-distance relationship] kami.

“Every month po siya umuuwi [dito sa Manila].”

Ngayong medyo matagal na ang kanilang relasyon at tatlong taong gulang na ang kanilang anak na si Athalia, may balak na ba silang magpakasal ni Vino?

Sagot ni Empress, “Opo naman. Siyempre kami na, family na kami, pero siyempre hindi pa napag-uusapan.

“Kasi ayaw naming magpadala sa pressure just because madami nagtatanong, ‘Bakit hindi na lang tayo magpakasal para matapos na, di ba?’

“Kasi when we had the baby, it wasn’t planned, biglaan.

“Siyempre magpa-family ka, kung magbi-baby ka kailangang planado, e.

“It’s just that, nagkamali kami noong time na yun.”

Pansamantalang lumisan sa showbiz si Empress noong 2016 nang mabuntis siya ni Vino, na mula sa maimpluwensiyang pamilya sa South.

Nakausap ng PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) si Empress sa grand media conference ng bago nitong show sa GMA-7, ang Hiram na Anak, kagabi, February 18.

Ang Hiram na Anak ay ipalalabas simula sa February 25 bago mag-Eat Bulaga!

Kasama rin sa cast sina Yasmien Kurdi, Lauren Young, Dion Ignacio, at Paolo Contis.

MARRYING VINO

Ayon pa kay Empress, ang pagpapakasal ay isang napakaimportanteng bagay para sa kanya.

Saad niya, “So, kapag may isang gagawin kaming importanteng bagay, which is yung marriage na importante, ‘Sana naman this time kailangan planuhin natin. Bigyan natin ng importance talaga.’

“So, sana we’re going to make it right this time.

“So, kailangan ano kami, buo yung loob namin, planuhin talaga namin.

“Ayaw naming gawin just because napi-presure lang kami.”

Ilang years pa ang hihintayin niya bago ito mangyayari?

Natatawang sagot ni Empress, “Di ko alam depende sa career.”

Loisa Andaliao feels embarrassed after accidentally holding the hand of Dingdong Dantes

Loisa Andaliao couldn’t help but feel embarrassed when she accidentally held the hand of Dingdong Dantes.

During the thanksgiving party of “Fantastica,” Loisa was standing next to the actor while her boyfriend



Ronnie Alonte was right behind her. By mistake, she held the hand of Dingdong who was very surprised about what happened.

“Pinaka-nakakahiyang moment ko na nangyari sa’kin. Gusto ko magtago,” Loisa posted on Twitter, with the short clip showing how it happened.

All is well though, as Dingdong, Ronnie and even Richard Gutierrez, who also saw the incident, just laughed off what happened.

Bela Padilla, napahanga sa husay ni Jodi Sta. Maria sa ‘Mea Culpa’

Pananabik din ang ibinahagi ni Bela Padilla sa kanyang unang beses na makasama si Jodi Sta. Maria sa proyekto.

Puspusan na ang paghahanda ngayon ng Kapamilya star na si Bela Padilla para sa kanyang bagong proyekto na sa ABS-CBN na Mea Culpa.

Kuwento ni Bela sa kanyang naging contract renewal sa ABS-CBN, isa ang kanyang pagbabalik teleserye sa mga nakahandang proyekto na kanyang gagawin.



“Actually, I started already my new show for ABS-CBN, ‘yung Mea Culpa directed by Dan Villegas. First time ko

din makakabtrabaho si Ms. Jodi Sta Maria, so I’m very excited and e-ere na kami very very soon,” ani Bela Ayon pa kay Bela, labis din ang kanyang pananabik sa unang beses na magkakasama sila ni Jodi Sta. Maria sa isang proyekto.

“Wala pa kami eksena together, nahiya nga ako e. Ang na-shoot pa lang namin ang teaser so, ‘yun. And so far ang sarap niya ka-eksena kasi grabe siya magbigay, pero teaser palang ‘yun so gusto ko makita kung ano ang kakalabasan pag mismong taping na,” sabi pa niya.

At sa kanya namang karera sa pagiging scriptwriter, inamin ng Kapamilya star na hands-off muna siya sa pagbigay konsepto sa bagong telerserye.

“For Mea Culpa, wala. In writings, medyo mahirap ang trabaho araw-araw ‘yung script non, and may sinusulat din akong script ngayon for Star Cinema so doon ako ngayon naka-focus,” pahayag pa ni Bela.

Bukod sa telerserye, isang pelikula din kasama si JC Santos ang nililuto para kay Bela na dapat abangan ngayong 2019

Pinoys confuse Addy Raj

Actor-model Addy Raj calls his career in Philippine entertainment “a crazy ride” because he never thought he’d get some high-profile jobs in GMA 7.

Having appeared in the TV series “Meant to Be” and “Kapag Nahati ang Puso,” the Indian performer recently told the Inquirer how grateful he was to his home network for giving him opportunities despite having zero acting experience.

Addy has grown to love Filipinos for being among “the sweetest” people he’s had the pleasure of meeting, he added.

But one thing about some Pinoys continues to baffle him, he told us: “How can [some people] not have enough money to eat, and [still] have iPhones?”

Regardless, Filipinos are still among the warmest and friendliest people he’s known, declared the exchange student-turned-celebrity.

Marco Gallo, inaming naging official sila ni Juliana Gomez

Diretsang sinagot ni Marco Gallo ang mga maiinit na tanong tungkol sa kanya nang mapasalang muli siya sa hot seat ng Tonight with Boy Abunda.

Sa tanong kung bakit siya bumalik sa Pilipinas, sinabi ni Marco na na-miss niya ang karera niya dito sa Pinas. “You will realize how important is one thing kapag na-miss mo na... And I miss this job kasi nag-meet and greet ako sa Rome, and dun ko na-realize na siguro ito yung trabaho na gusto kong gawin na hindi naman panghabambuhay pero pang-matagalan din po,” paliwanag ni Marco.

At ngayong nagbalik na siya, mas determinado si Marco na pagbutihin ang kanyang trabaho. “I’m way stronger, (I’ve) decided to make it big... so feeling ko the qualities that you need is tiyaga, hardworking and makinig.”



Pangalawang tanong na nilinaw niya ay kung meron nga ba siyang naiwang girlfriend sa Italy. Ayon kay Marco wala at si “Alice,” isang dalaga na pinakitang kasama niya sa isang picture, ay kaibigan lang niya. “Wala naman po... Alice is just a real friend. That was on her 18th birthday. We’re friends since nung first year of college,” ani Marco.

Pangatlong tanong na sinagot ni Marco ay kung may balak siyang manligaw muli ngayong nagbabalik na siya sa Pilipinas. Ang makahulugang sagot ni Marco ay, “Wala po... focused on my work now. Kung sakali ma-fall ako uli and then...”

Sinundot naman kaagad ni King of Talk Boy Abunda ang sinabi ni Marco at tinanong niya si Marco kung kani-kanino siya noon na-fall. Ang honest na sagot ni Marco ay, “Madami... maybe Juliana (Gomez.) Parang there was something between us and then I left. Siguro it was not the right time. We both prefer to be friends.”

Dahil naman sa pahayag na ito, tinanong ni Boy kung sinagot ni Juliana si Marco. Ang sagot ni Marco ay, “No... we were just mutual parang ganun...” Pero muli siyang tinanong ni Boy kung, “Naging official ba kayo ni Juliana?” Hindi na nakatanggi si Marco at sinabi nitong, “Yes... parang ganun.”

Naghiwalay daw sila nung umalis si Marco papuntang Italy last year. Inamin ni Marco na nagkaroon din sila ng formal breakup ni Juliana. “Yes it was... we prefer to be mature and to not fight over it kasi there’s bigger stuff going on that time... na we both said siguro it’s not the time. We like each other pero we’ll still be friends and still now we talk,” sabi ng young actor.

Ang huli daw nilang pag-uusap ni Juliana ay noong January ayon kay Marco. Sa tanong kung may balak siyang ligawan muli ang dalaga, ang sagot naman ni Marco ay, “Kapag ginusto ng damdamin ko, bakit hindi...” Pero sa ngayon daw ang sinasabi ng damdamin ni Marco para kay Juliana ay, “Kaibigan ko lang siya...”

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Juancho admits he’s courting Joyce

JUANCHO Trivino has been added to the cast of “Asawa Ko, Karibal Ko” as David, who has secret feelings for Kris Bernal as Rachel. He knows Kris is more partial to Rayver Cruz as Rayver Gavin. He’s aware that even asked the help of mom, Alma Moreno, her prove to Rayver scheming Thea Tolentino as Venus is not good for him. But aside from being an actor, Juancho has another promising career as a host in the hit morning “Unang Hirit”, where he now making waves in segment he hosts with

Joyce Pring, who hosted the recent presscon of ‘TODA One I Love’. They have formed quite a promising love team and some folks say they have high “kilig” factor when they’re together on screen. The fans of their tandem have even formed a tag for their love team, Juanchoyce.

“Ang sweet-sweet nila when they’re together,” writes one supporter of their love team. “Parang araw-araw, Valentine’s Day dahil sa sweetness overload nila.”

When asked about Joyce, Juancho says he can compare her with crayons. “Kasi siya ang nag-bibigay ng kulay sa buhay ko ngayon,” he adds. No wonder more and more people are supporting their love team in “Unang Hirit”.

The rumor is that they’re really playing beautiful music now even off camera. “Hindi pa,” says Juancho. “Naniligaw pa lang ako. At sana nga, ako na ‘yung maging one choice sa puso niya para maging Juanchoyce na kami talaga.”

Later on, he tweeted to Joyce: “Hi @joycepring Im proud of you and will always be your number 1 fan woot woot!!! #SagutinMoNaAko #Juanchoyce”

Is Sex before marriage important?

How important is sex before marriage? Should it always come on wedding night? In this day and age, when teenage, pre-marital sex is as rampant as dengue, measles, inflation, all of the above, is my questioning valid at all? Or am I too outdated, so very 1960s, to even ask?

Actress Alessandra de Rossi, other half of AlEmpoy tandem behind the monster 2018 hit film “Kita Kita,” opens up, then sighs, “Sana, ‘di ba? Nasa couple naman ‘yun. Pero, love is more important, how much you respect each other as individuals and as partners.”

She added: “What should come before the wedding is the realization of who you really are, what you really are. It’s allowing your true character to shine through when it comes to dealing with problems, anger, money.”

The multi-awarded actress rants against those who get married in their desire to legalize sex. “Then, they realize much later that they don’t really know their partners very well.

“Sex is out here. My issue is about character. Okay, maybe it’s just the girl in me!”

DREAM WEDDING BA: Following

is our conversation with the odd yet funny couple.

Describe your dream wedding.

Alex: “A beach wedding where everyone’s relaxed would be nice. Women don’t have to wear heels. I’m not fond of aircon. I want my wedding to be fast, with just a few guests. I want to have full control of photos, like during old times.”

Do you believe in such a dream wedding? “Yes! But it shouldn’t be big deal naman.

“Let’s get closer to reality. I don’t even have a groom yet, but here I am, already talking about a dream wedding!”

Would you go for a non – conventional wedding, say, up in the air or deep into the seas?

“What for? Baka maiwan sa ilalim ng dagat ang mga pangako ko! Hahahaha. Normal lang for me.”

Would you wear colored gown on your wedding? What will make you an unconventional bride?

“I don’t think so. A bride in white still makes a difference. Lighter on the eyes. I don’t go much for white dresses because malikot ako, I sit anywhere.

“So, on my wedding, I shall be prim and proper. I just don’t want to wear shoes that will be hard on my feet. Maybe I can wear slippers instead?”

Empoy, what will make you an unconventional groom?

“I’ll answer for him. He won’t comb his hair.”

Are you ripe for marriage? “At 34, siguro naman, noh?! I’m almost

It depends on how committed you are to make it work, no matter what.”

overripe! There are fewer and fewer boys!”

Do you think couples should take counselling before getting married?

“There’s nothing wrong with that. But what is it for? Usong ngayon ‘yan?”

What if you find out during counselling that you’re not compatible? Will you go through with the wedding?

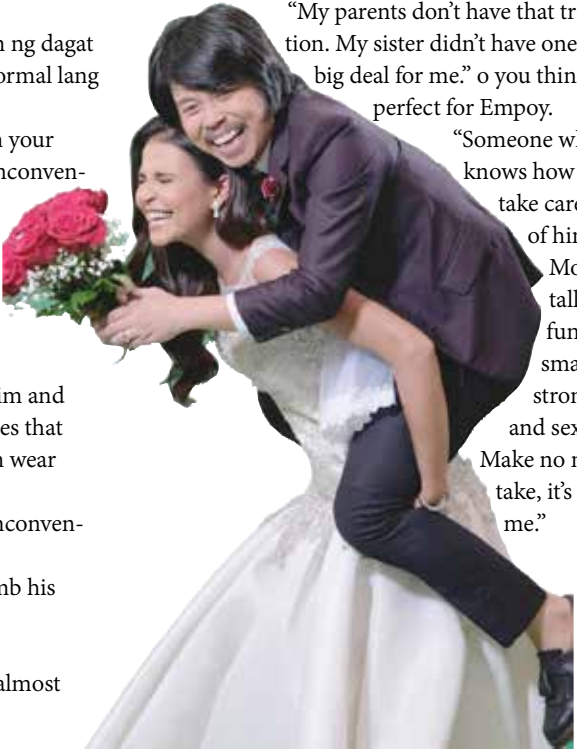
“Bakit kasi nag-counselling?!! Hahahahahaha. It depends on how committed you are to make it work, no matter what.”

Do you believe in pamanhikan?

“My parents don’t have that tradition. My sister didn’t have one. No big deal for me.” o you think is perfect for Empoy.

“Someone who knows how to take care of him.

Morena, tall, funny, smart, strong, and sexy. Make no mistake, it’s not me.”



Ria Atayde explains why she did not complete PBB audition

Ria Atayde explains why she chose to follow her mother Sylvia and brother Arjo’s career path.

Ria Atayde is now making a name for herself in the local showbiz scene as an actress.

The ABS-CBN star is the daughter of veteran actress Sylvia Sanchez and the sister of Arjo.

In an interview with Magandang Buhay last January 23, Ria recalled that she almost started her journey in showbiz by auditioning for Pinoy Big Brother.



sa college, umalis ako.

“Then nung tumawag si Mommy, may audition raw. Sabi niya, ‘Kung gusto mong mag-audition, kailangan mo nang umuwi ng Philippines.’”

“Nanaginip ako na umaarte ako, so sabi ko ‘Okay, this has to be a sign.’”

The actress came back and auditioned for

The Kapamilya star candidly recalled what made her follow her mom and brother’s footsteps.

Ria pointed out, “Hindi ko naman binalak mag-showbiz talaga. Nung nag-graduate ako

some shows, including Pinoy Big Brother.

“Nag-audition ako for PBB, kaso umalis ako bago yung final interview,” she said.

She did not complete the audition process because she felt she did not deserve to be a PBB housemate.

“May part kasi dun na one-on-one may kausap ka. Mag-uusap kayo kung bakit niyo gustong makapasok.

“Sabi ko, ‘Wala lang gusto ko lang ma-try.’ E, alam ko naman na yung dahilan nung isang taong yun is matulungan yung family niya.

“E, sino ba naman ako para tangalin yung opportunity na yun sa kanya?”

Ria got her big break when she was cast in the 2015 TV series Ningning. She is part of the Kapamilya prime-time series Halik.

FV Foods start 2019 with Good News

Youth Masters award winners Arielle Fina Abrazado, Nicole Padilla and Merceyl Cauton pose after the Youth Talk program in Ajax.



Boots Anson Roa
wrties a book

JUST A THOUGHT: ‘Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.’ –Mahatma Gandhi

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WRITE A BOOK: Got this message from Boots Anson Roa-Rodrigo: “They say that for a woman to live a full life, she has to give birth, plant a tree and write a book.”

Thanks to her late husband, Boots has four children. Thanks to her second husband King Rodrigo, she has just planted an atis tree on their little patch garden in Tagaytay.

“Thanks again to King,” Boots wrote, “I can now write a book for publication on my 75th birthday on Jan. 30, 2020.”

Significantly, King is turning 80 on June 14, 2019, coinciding with their 5th wedding anniversary.

In her characteristic wry humor, Boots says she wished she could give us a sensational headline like they’re having a baby, but that, she says, would warrant a miracle.

The ultimate “fake news.”

Nevertheless, Boots is content as head of MOWELFUND, acting in teleseryes when she finds the time, and keeping house for herself and King.

She says her forthcoming book shall speak of her life in general, her two joyful unions, family, work, endeavors, and advocacies, even senior moments.

Boots turned 74 January 31, 2018.

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FIRST IN PH MOVIES: Boots is possibly the first Filipino movie actress to use her



Roa-Rodrigo.

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CHEERS: Yam Concepcion is the acting discovery, next to Sam Milby, on top-rating series “Halik.”

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SPRING FILMS: Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, Spring Films announced its forthcoming productions in 2019.

Eleven new films are currently in the works. They go by such intriguing, independent-minded titles as: “Sunshine Family,” “I’m Ellenya L.,” “Hayop Ka,” “UP Project,” “Istariray Is Born,” “Puppy Love,” “Marawi,” “The Bouncer,” “A Short History Of Parking Lots,” “Ang Araw Ng Itim Na Nazareno,” “Post Angst.”

Two of these films are to be directed by Lav Daz. “Puppy Love,” based on a short story by National Artist F. Sionil José, shall star Piolo Pascual, one of three partners behind Spring Films. The other two are talent manager Erickson Raymundo and filmmaker Joyce Bernal.

married name in showbiz. It all started in her very first movie, “El Perro Ganchito,” opposite Eddie Rodriguez, in the mid-’60s where she was introduced as Boots Anson Roa, her married name.

As everyone knows, the veteran actress remarried five years ago, following the passing of Pete Roa. She is now billed personally and professionally as Boots Anson



Ogie Alcasid and Ina Raymundo

Spring Films opens 2019 with a light romantic drama, “Kuya Wes,” starring Ogie Alcasid and Ina Raymundo, starting on March 13.

DOJ junks tax evasion
charge vs. actor Richard
Gutierrez

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has junked complaints of tax evasion filed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) against actor Richard



Gutierrez and his production company.

Assistant State Prosecutor Christine Perolino dismissed the case for lack of probable cause.

Gutierrez and his company RGUTZ Productions Corp. have been accused of violating the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC). According to BIR, the actor allegedly under-declared sales of P39.6 million and evaded P7.4 million in income tax and P11.1 million in VAT.

Perolino said there is no sufficient evidence to charge Gutierrez in court, with BIR claiming he did not pay taxes in 2012.

In another resolution, DOJ likewise secured the dismissal of BIR’s falsification and perjury complaints, which stated that he allegedly submitted fake Annual Income Tax Return as well as Quarterly Value Added Tax Return (QVATR).

After weighing the parties’ evidence, DOJ decided that the charges “appears lacking” in the case.

“Likewise, the subject returns submitted by respondent showed that RGUTZ filed its returns and accordingly paid its taxes,” one of the resolutions stated.

‘Iba pa rin kung si
Kris ang napapa-
nood sa ABS-CBN’

“GAME ako. But once a week & LIVE sana (not yet healthy enough to tape long hours), 1 hour only & preferably on a weekend... or suggestion lang naman.”

That was Kris Something’s reply sa isang follower niya sa social media who told her, “Miss @krisaquino balik kana ABS po please, miss kana namin.”



When a website made a poll out of it and asked, “Kung babalik na sa TV si Kris Aquino, saan ninyo gusto siyang pumunta – ABS-CBN o GMA Network?” maraming netizens ang nag-participate.

Going through their answers, aliw na aliw talaga kami because it can be whittled down from sensible to crazy to absurd. Laugh kami nang laugh sa answers ng netizens.

“ABS. honestly iba pa din kapag si Kris ang talkshow host. Walang dead air, and the questions are really sensible.”

“Kung may choice ang PILIPINO pede WAG NA LANG PLS!!!”

“The problem is: both ABS & GMA are not keen to take her. She may have followers in social media but very few viewers in free TV.”

“Di ba nagkakasakit cia? Pagalingin muna nia sarili nia kc baka pumunta pa sakit nia sa utak, mahirap na. Lalo ngaun, may hallucination cia na sikat pa cia.”

“Alam na ng ABS-CBN na may bitterness si Kris sa ABS-CBN, bye Kris. Try mo revive ang IBC-13 Baka lkaw bubuhay sa patay na station na yun.”

“Channel 13 ka na lang o di naman kaya RPN 9 kung meron pa. sayang wala na yung programa ni Gerry Heronimo na eumorpo lakas tao sana special segment kana dun. tsk tsk tsk.”

Manila-wide CCTV needed to reduce crime

MANILA—The Department of the Interior and Local Government said a project meant to install 12,000 CCTV cameras in Metro Manila and Davao City will help prevent crime and improve authorities’ response time to crime incidents.

DILG undersecretary Epimaco Densing said that through the Safe Philippines project, the government aims to reduce crime in those cities by 15 percent and improve response time by 25 percent.

“In other countries where they have a CCTV monitoring system they’ve already improved their crime prevention by at least 20 to 30 percent,” Densing told ANC’s “Future Perfect.”

Critics, however, said the project raises national security concerns. Senator Ralph Recto has expressed concern the system could be exploited for spying by China.

Densing, however, defended the project saying there will be safeguards put in place, as the Department of Information and Communi-

cations Technology will take part in designing the system.

“They can put in the necessary security, data, security, firewalls to be able to address this issue of China being able to get data from us,” Densing said.

The company that will implement the project, however, will have to be from China as officials there insisted that, “since they will be financing the project, the contractor should come from them.”

House SALN rules go against transparency

MANILA - While the House of Representatives is demanding transparency in the budget process, it is doing the opposite with regard to its members’ financial statements and net worth, according to Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian.

The House’s new proposed rules for the release of its members’ statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN), an accountability document, have drawn flak for making it more difficult and expensive to obtain these public records.

P300 per document

Among the new rules is the P300 fee for each document in a House composed of 303 members, and the requirement of majority approval of the request in plenary session.

Gatchalian said the Senate had no plans to

revise its own rules, while Senate President Vicente Sotto III said the chamber followed the same rules as the Supreme Court in releasing these documents.

In an interview with reporters, Gatchalian said all public servants should be ready to disclose their finances, and the disclosures are meant to be shared with the people.

He said the process for members of the public and the media to secure copies of public officials’ SALNs must be simple and transparent.

This goes with the territory when running for public office, Gatchalian pointed out.

“Every time you become a candidate, you should be ready to show all your assets and income sources through your SALN. That’s a standard for all officials,” he said.

Palace urges review

Malacañang said that while it would not meddle with the legislative branch, it was urging a review of the House rules on releasing SALNs to avoid any possible challenge to the legality of those rules.

“We hope the House deliberates more on this because it may be running the risk of being questioned later on,” presidential spokesperson Salvador Panelo said.

He pointed out that the House resolution setting out the new rules may be challenged in court by taxpayers if it turns out to be a violation of the 1987 Constitution.

“The taxpayer can do something about it, question it if it’s in violation of the Constitution,” Panelo said.

Filipinos urged to sharpen English proficiency for ‘AI age’

MANILA – While Education Secretary Leonor Briones Briones reminded campus journalists the need to strengthen lessons and efforts in enhancing the grammar and spelling skills of students, saying “You need to sharpen your grammar and spelling because the comma, semi-colon, [or] a question mark can change the entire meaning of a sentence or the message you are

trying to convey,” she said.

But not just journalists.

Filipinos need to sharpen their English proficiency to be able to adapt to the jobs of the future, an education advocate said.

English is the language of most papers on cutting edge technologies such as artificial intelligence, said Government-Academe Industry Network director Rex Wallen Tan.

“People have to prepare for the AI age, we really have to be good at our foundation,” Tan said.

Using the language more often and increasing consumption of various media formats in English such as TV shows and books can help improve proficiency in the language, he said.



Slater Young, Pinoy Big Brother: Unlimited grand winner, marries his girlfriend of four years, vlogger Kryz Uy. The two tied the knot at the Shangri-La Mactan Resort and Spa in Cebu, Slater’s hometown.

Former Pinoy Big Brother winner Slater Young marries vlogger girlfriend Kryz Uy

Former Pinoy Big Brother Big Winner Slater Young tied the knot with his vlogger girlfriend Kryz Uy this Saturday afternoon, February 16.

The garden wedding was held at Shangri-La Mactan Resort and Spa in Cebu, which is Slater’s hometown.



Sam Milby, who is a good friend of Slater, attended the event.

It was in March 2018 when Slater proposed to Kryz in the snowy village of Niseko in Japan.

The two have been a couple since 2015.

Slater shot to fame when he was declared as the Big Winner in Pinoy Big Brother: Unlimited in 2011.

Afterwards, he joined showbiz briefly and then stepped out of the limelight.

Slater is also a model and entrepreneur.

Megan Young renews renews contract with GMA 7

Starstruck II alumna and Miss World 2013 Megan Young remains a loyal Kapuso as she renewed last February 8 her exclusive contract with GMA Network, Inc.

The beauty queen and versatile Kapuso actress and TV Host said that she is very happy to renew her ties with GMA, “Of course, dito ako sa GMA nagsimula so nice to be here with my family. Last year, naging busy talaga ako dahil sa The Stepdaughters. I’m really thankful to GMA for giving us a program that would showcase our talent. This year, I’m looking forward to something different. I don’t mind doing another

Afternoon series kasi nag-enjoy ako. But I’m also looking forward to hosting jobs this year.”

Megan’s last program with GMA was the highly-successful and top-rating Afternoon Prime series The Stepdaughters with Mikael Daez and Katrina Halili. This time around, she wants try light dramas and romantic comedies for her next project.

“Ang gusto ko talaga yung mga romcom. Pero never pa ako nakagawa ng ganito. Hilig ko talaga yung mga Koreanovela. So that’s kind of my dream. I know some people aspire for heavy roles pero ako I love the lightness and endearing moments of Koreanovelas. So maybe a story like that is something I look forward to. I also love anime na gagawing live action. I’ve never done anything like that.”

During the contract signing, Atty. Gozon shared that he is delighted with the new chapter of Megan’s life in GMA, “Si Megan naman, hindi lang siya isa sa pinakamagandang artista natin dito. Kaya tayo ay natutuwa na siya ay nag-renew uli ng kontrata sa atin sapagkat sa tingin ko, malayo pa ang mararating niya sa showbiz.”

Reasonable, on the other hand, revealed that the Network is already gearing up for Megan’s next big projects in the Kapuso Station, “Siyempre iniisipan na natin siya ng susunod niyang soap. Kasi di ba very successful ang The Stepdaughters na almost one year na tumakbo. So happy tayo sa performance niya dun. She showed na magaling siya sa drama. Ang layo na ng inimprove niya from before. So we want to do more of that. And yes, she’s also a good host.”

Too Much Sleep May Bring Heart Disease, Death Risk

Adults who get more than the recommended amount of sleep have an increased risk of heart disease and death, a new study suggests.

Rates of heart disease (such as stroke or heart failure) and death were 7.8 per 1,000 among those who slept the recommended six to eight hours per night, compared with 8.4 per 1,000 among those who slept eight to nine hours, 10.4 per 1,000 among those who slept nine to 10 hours, and 14.8 per 1,000 among those who slept more than 10 hours a night. That translates into a 5 percent, 17 percent and 41 percent increased risk, respectively, CNNreported. The rate among people who slept six or less hours a night was 9.4 per 1,000, or 9 percent higher than those who got the recommended amount of sleep, but this was statistically insignificant, according to Chuangshi Wang, McMaster and Peking Union Medical College, China, and colleagues.

They said the increased risk of heart disease and death in people who sleep more than the recommended amount may be because they have underlying health problems that cause them to sleep longer.

The authors of the study published Dec. 5 in the European Heart Journal also found that daytime napping was associated with an increased risk of heart disease and death among those who slept more than six hours a night, but not among those who got less sleep.

“Even though the findings were very interesting they don’t prove cause and effect,” Julie Ward, a senior cardiac nurse at the British Heart Foundation, who was not involved in the study, told CNN.

“It’s not that long sleep causes death or ill health,” but that poor health causes an increase in sleep, Francesco Cappucco, professor of cardiovascular medicine and epidemiology, Warwick University, U.K., told CNN. He was not involved in the study.

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“Don’t allow cannabis edibles that look like candy”

DR. EILEEN DE VILLA, Toronto medical officer of health



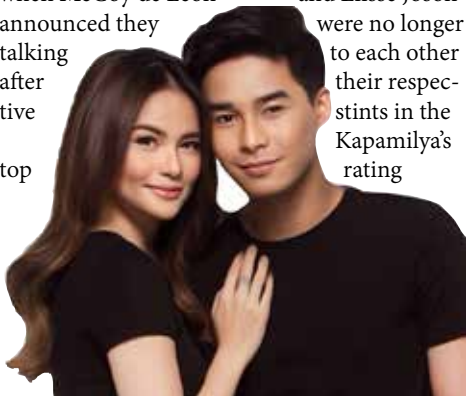
Edible cannabis products on display in Lakewood, Colorado. Toronto’s medical officer of health is urging the federal government to prohibit edibles in forms that appeal to children, such as candy, when they become legal in Canada later this year.

TORONTO - Weed has been legal across Canada for nearly six months but Toronto’s medical officer of health is sounding the alarm over cannabis edibles and kids. The federal government is expected to loop edibles into legalization later this year but

Dr. Eileen de Villa is calling for a ban on the sale of ones that look like candy — such as gummy bears and lollipops. She said other jurisdictions that have candy-shaped edibles on the market, such as Colorado and Washington State, have seen problems, including accidental ingestion. “They noted that accidental ingestion of cannabis products increased post-legalization and that a significant number of those cases were, in fact, due to products that were appealing to youth and young children, mistaken as just regular candies and in fact were cannabis containing candies,” she said. De Villa noted that she is in favour of the legalization of marijuana, as well as the introduction of edibles into the market, she just wants there to be certain restrictions. Toronto’s Board of Health backed de Villa’s concern and voted in favour of asking the federal government to go forward with the ban.

McLisse remains a love team

McLisse remains a love team- In the upcoming rom-com Sakaling Maging Tayo, the love team known among its fans as McLisse resurrects after speculations that it has been disengaged when McCoy de Leon and Elisse Joson announced they were no longer talking to each other after their respective Kapamilya’s rating top



late-night series The Good Son. True, each of them had gone on separate ways, appearing individually in different projects and never thought they’d be together again in a project. Elisse Joson and McCoy de Leon are back together as a love team in a new movie Elisse Joson said, “When this film was offered to me and they told me I would be with McCoy, I was at first quiet, couldn’t say anything. But then I am an actor, so I had to accept the fact that I would be working with, at one point or another, McCoy. And, of course, I must admit, that I felt good because I was offered a lead role in a film. Not everyone in the industry, our age, gets the opportunity to be in a film and play the lead roles.” The former love team both said they felt awkward at first during the shooting of the film as they weren’t really speaking to each other that time. “Yeah, it felt that way,” confirmed McCoy who is now also playing an important role in the top-rating FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano as the activist son of Teddy Arevalo (Joel Torre), JP. “But eventually we warmed up to each other and we were able to play our roles as required in the script and what director JP Habac desired.” The trailer of the film has earned millions of views and McLisse, JP Habac, and Blacksheep (the producer) are crossing their fingers

hoping the enthusiasm in social media could translate to box office figures. Let’s wish the love team and the film the best, as the new year begins, for a boost to the local film industry. And as we write along, McLisse remains the love team that has the biggest fan growth potential for this year. I certainly hope so.

Isabelle Daza drafts contract with helpers, doubles bank savings

Actress-model Isabelle Daza does her part in keeping a harmonious relationship with her helpers at home. In a recent interview on “Tonight With Boy Abunda,” she revealed that she drafted a contract for their housemaids, upon the prodding of her husband, Adrien Semblat. According to her it’s a good way to “protect both parties.” Re-call that it was last month when she shared on her Instagram story actual contract she gave to helpers. It listed down their liverables, number of days off in a month, sick leaves, benefits or the things that she will provide them, among others. Isabelle believes this help her housemaids feel “secure” and “proud” of their jobs. Also on the contract is the helper’s job description as well as their rights as an employee, like working hours of eight hours a day with breaks and weekends as rest days. However, she also pointed out her rules like “not to reply ‘wala’ if they haven’t checked” and “they can’t borrow money or advance unless it’s an emergency.” Despite, her helpers also get benefits like contribution to the Social Security System (SSS), Philhealth, and Pag-ibig. When the host, Boy, asked what the reaction of the helpers were when she brought up the idea of a contract? “They were very touched,” she answered. “Because they didn’t feel they deserve one.” “Also if something happens, you can’t be mad at them when you forget your charger when that’s not their job,” she related. “It also gives them dignity to have a piece of paper. Of course, people are always scared to lose their jobs, right? So I also had to explain to my helpers that ‘Listen, I can’t fire you just because I’m in a bad mood or I’m hungry.’” On the other hand, Isabelle also encourages her housemaids to save up. “I gave them a bank account, I said ‘Okay, ’pag December na titignan ko kung magkano na naipon mo and dodoblehin ko,” she shared. “I think that gets them to have a target also. And that makes them feel that this isn’t finite, this amount, every month.”



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Showbiz memories with Pepito Rodriguez

MANILA, Philippines — In 1966, Sampaguita Pictures launched into stardom 10 young and fresh faces billed as Stars 66. One of them is Pepito Rodriguez. Last Christmas, I got a surprise text message from Pepito. Two days later, he called me up and this was what transpired. The former loveteam of Rosemarie Sonora is still single and lives in a subdivision just across SM Masinag in Antipolo City. He maintains a driver and a few household help, who grew up with his family which he considered Kapamilya. He is into selling equipments to big establishments like offices and hospitals that goes through a bidding. Does he miss acting? “Not really but I treasure the memories. At Sampaguita, we were one happy family. From the very start, I knew that acting is temporary. But I am still aware ng mga nangyayari sa showbiz. We have a group which we address as SAMAHAN na puro mga artista ang miyembro. This includes Manang Susan Roces, Gloria Romero, Pempe Rodrigo, Robert and Barbara Arevalo and others. Maliit lang ang mundo ng showbiz kaya we get to know the latest tsika or intriga. Occasionally, we hold projects even though our resources are not as big like (that



of) Mowelfund. Happy na kami na makatulong sa nangangailangan.” In their batch, the tandem of Rosemarie and Pepito was the most popular. They did a couple of films like Juanita Banana. Later on, Ricky Belmonte came into the scene and he and Rosemarie got married. Among their children is Sheryl Cruz, who still does teleseryes. Rosemarie has married an American and is now based in the US. Pepito is still in touch with Rosemarie on Facebook. He considers her a dear friend. In FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano (where FPJ’s widow appears as lola of Cardo), Coco Martin has invited a handful of inactive veteran stars. One of them is Lito Lapid. Would Pepito be willing to appear on the show? “Some friends kidded me na lumabas ako sa Probinsyano and have a reunion with Manang Inday but then, ano naman ang gagawin ko kung sakali? I am not an action star. I don’t entertain the idea at all. I am done with acting.” Any advice to today’s young stars? “They seem to earn money easily and big money, too. I hope they spend it wisely and always save for the rainy days. It breaks my heart to hear an artista living under a miserable condition. As an artist, be professional and don’t be a problem to producers.” Those are words of wisdom from someone who has been there and seen it all.

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‘Hindi ko kasi napagamot’: Angel Locsin, nagbahagi tungkol sa pagkabulag ng ama

Naging bukas ang aktres na si Angel Locsin sa pagbabahagi ng kanyang damdamin tungkol sa pagkabulag ng kanyang ama na si Angelo Colmenares.

MANILA -- Sa “Magandang Buhay”, nagsimulang magkuwento si Angel tungkol sa kanyang ama nang matanong tungkol sa beach property na binili niya sa Zambales para sa haligi ng kanilang tahanan.

Ani Angel, binili niya ang property dahil alam niyang makapagpapasaya ito sa ama.

“Ako naman ngayon. Kasi ibinigay niya sa akin lahat, kahit hindi namin kaya noon, tinry (sinubukan) niya ‘yung best niya na gawing happy ang childhood ko, in his own way. So bilang anak, kung ano ang kaya kong ibigay, i-provide, eh ‘di ‘yun,” ani Angel sabay pagbabahagi sa bagay na hindi niya nagawa para sa ama.

“Hindi ko kasi napagamot ‘yung mga mata ni daddy. Na-late ako, na-late ako. ‘Yun ‘yung reason ko noon, bakit ako nag-stay sa showbiz. Kasi akala ko makakaipon ako, kaya lang na-late ako ng ipon. Hanggang sa hindi ko napagamot si daddy, hanggang sa too late na,” ani Angel.

Ayon kay Angel, ngayong 92 anyos na ang ama ay delikado na rin kung sasailalim pa ito sa mga pagsusuri o mga pamamaraan para maibalik ang kanyang paningin.

“Magna-93 na rin si Daddy, so medyo risky na rin sa kanya. Hindi na rin adviceable,” ani

Angel.

Sa kabila nang pagtanggap ng ama sa pagkabulag nito, aminado si Angel na hindi pa rin siya “okay” sa kalagayan ng ama.

“Si Daddy kasi napaka-prayerful noon, napakasipag sa church. Siya okay na, ako na lang ‘yung hindi. Siya ‘Angel, I’m happy.’ Naghuhugas pa rin siya ng plato kapag kaya niya, matigas ang ulo, ayaw magpa-assist, kung kaya niyang mag-isa gagawin niya,” ani

“Ako na lang ‘yung hindi (fulfilled). Kasi hindi pa niya ako nakikita. Nung time na may billboards, nakikilala ng buong Pilipinas ang mukha ko pero Daddy ko hindi niya alam. Kahit ‘yung brother ko hindi niya nakikita nung lumalaki siya. Siyempre ‘yung mga ganung bagay ‘yung makita mo man lang,” paliwanag ni Angel.

Pero sa kabila nang pagiging bulag, sinabi ni Angel na ginagawa ng kanyang ama ang lahat para ipakita ang pagiging ama nito sa kanilang magkakapatid.

“Hindi siya nagkulang kahit na nawala ‘yung eyesight, kapag talagang gusto, gumagawa pa rin siya ng way para maging part ng buhay ko,” ani Angel.

Bumisita si Angel sa “Magandang Buhay” para magpasalamat sa lahat ng



mga manonood sa tagumpay ng kanyang pinakabagong serye na “The General’s Daughter.”

“Hindi ko rin po alam kung paano pasasalamatan ang mga tao. Kami po sa buong team ng ‘The Generals’ Daughter’ grabe po ang pasasalamat namin. Sana po ay magtuloy-tuloy ang suporta niyo amin,” ani Angel.

Ayon kay Angel, inaalay niya rin ang tagumpay ng serye sa kanyang mga kasamahan.

“Ang suwerte-suwerte ko na nakatrabaho ko ang lahat ng iniidolo ko sa industriya. ... Hindi naman magwo-work ang show kung ako lang mag-isa. It’s teamwork talaga. I’m just very lucky na ang lakas talaga ng support group namin, ‘yung love namin sa isa’t isa,” ani Angel.

Mapapanood si Angel bilang 2nd Lt. Rhian Bonifacio sa “The General’s Daughter” pagkatapos ng “FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano.”

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

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

Manzano took to the social media site last Jan. 25 where he shared to his 2.5 million-strong fans the day’s gastronomic spread, which included shrimp, squid, grilled pork and fish, and corned beef, among others.

“Pusit – hiponalang bukas gate ha.”

(So what now? Will we see each other in hell? What time are you going ahead? Just



leave the gate open, will you?)

“I didn’t say that brother. God said,” the netizen, in a deleted comment, repeated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kim Chiu admits she and ex-BF Gerald Anderson are not friends

Kim Chiu and Gerald Anderson ended their four-year relationship in 2010.

Taong 2010 nang maghiwalay sina Kim Chiu at Gerald Anderson matapos ang apat na taong relasyon.

Pero hanggang ngayon, hindi pa rin daw naibabalik sa dati ang maayos nilang pagkakakaibigan.

Sa guest appearance ni Kim, sa Gandang Gabi Vice (GGV), sinabi ng aktres na “pinasaya” naman daw siya ni Gerald.

Sa larawan ni Gerald na ipinakita ni Vice Ganda sa LED screen ng kanyang palabas, tinanong si Kim ng comedian-TV host kung ano ang maaari niyang itanong sa dating nobyo.

Maiksing sagot ni Kim, “Kumusta ka?”

Tinanong muli siya ni Vice kung bakit “kumusta ka” ang nais niyang itanong sa ex-boyfriend.

Kasunod nito, kinantahan nina Bela at Vice si Kim ng awiting “Bakit Labis Kitang Mahal” ni Lea Salonga.

Diretsong sagot ni Kim, “Hindi kami nagkuku-mustahan kasi.”

Dagdag pa niya, “Kumusta na siya sa mga panahon ngayon.”

Gusto rin daw ni Kim na nasa maayos na kalagayan ang dating iniilog.

Nagsimula ang magandang relasyon nina Kim at Gerald sa Pinoy Big Brother: Teen Edition noong 2006, kung saan si Kim ang itinanghal na Big Winner, samantalang Third Big Placer naman si Gerald.

Paglabas nila ng Bahay Ni Kuya, binuo ang kanilang love team na kalaunan ay nakilala sa tawag na Kimerald.

Naging hit ang mga teleserye nilang Sana Maulit Muli (2007), My Girl (2008), at Tayong Dalawa (2009); at sa blockbuster movies na Paano Na Kaya (2010) at Till My Heartaches End (2010).

Taong 2010, nauwi sa bitter ending ang kanilang relasyon, na noong mga panahong iyon ay hindi nila inaamin sa publiko.

Matapos ang ilang taong hiwalayan, nagkasama muli sila sa ilang proyekto.

Sa ngayon, masaya na si Gerald sa piling ni Bea Alonzo, samantalang si Kim kamakailan lang ay umamin sa relasyon nila ni Xian Lim. NEWS

Arnell Ignacio resigns from OWWA; returns to showbiz to earn money for sick dad

Arnell Ignacio on resigning as OWWA deputy administrator: “I just want to work again, not

because ayaw ko na sa government. I love my job, I met some very wonderful people in the government. But then, ang hinihingi sa akin, hirap na akong ibigay.”

Mahirap paniwalaan, pero totoo.

Lumapit si Arnell Ignacio sa Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) para humingi ng tulong dahil napakamahal ng presyo ng gamot para sa kanyang ama na natuklasang may Stage 4 prostate cancer.

Lahad niya, “Ang nagbangon sa isip ko na I really need to work, to make a decision, noong bibili na ako ng gamot.

“Yung gamot, P90,000 ang isang bote.

“Sec. alam niyo naman, ang kita ko rito, ganito lang.”

Ang tinutukoy ni Arnell ay si Secretary Silvestre Bello III ng Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), na siyang may sakop sa OWWA.

Patuloy ni Arnell, “Last December, lahat ng mga in-offer sa akin, I just said no.

“Ang Probinsyano, I said no; several hosting jobs, I said no.

Dalawang beses na napaluha si Arnell dahil mabigat sa kanyang puso na iwanan ang public service.

Tinatawanan na lamang niya ang akusasyong nagbitiw siya sa trabaho dahil malaki na raw ang perang nakulimbat niya sa gobyerno.

Kung totoo ang mga bintang kay Arnell, hindi na raw sana siya hihingi ng tulong sa DSWD para sa pagpapagamot sa kanyang ama na may sakit.

Making amends for franchise renewal?

Quite a lot of viewers are wondering if there’s a directive from ABS-CBN top management cascaded to all program managers to be lenient with their guests particularly those who are running for public office under the administration party this coming mid-term elections.

On February 3, (nine days before the campaign period for the national level officially kicks off today) “Goin’ Bulilit” had senatorial aspirant Francis Tolentino (who had also served as MMDA Chairman under the PNoy government) as guest.

To be fair, Tolentino’s apolitical side was played up more than using his guest appearance as a campaign tool.

Later that night, “Gandang Gabi Vice” devoted ample airtime to former Special Assistant to the President Bong Go, also one of the administration party’s senatorial bets.

In the program, Vice Ganda managed to bring out the other side of Go who was made to follow some hip hop dance moves to the delight of the studio audience.

“Wala pong pulitika rito, kasiyahan lang po,” Vice Ganda said at least twice as he later took the opportunity to plug the “Maalaala Mo Kaya” episode (aired on February 9) featuring Go’s story.

Such sightings of Tolentino and Go (and perhaps a lot more) inevitably evoked reactions from the viewers.

Were those separate guestings ABS-CBN’s way of making amends with the President who, as we all know, is “hot” on disenfranchising the network, the case springing from its non-airing of his paid presidential campaign ads in 2016?

“Hindi man kasi bumabawi ang Dos directly to Duterte, the station is making up for its shortcomings via the administration candidates, di ba?” a viewer told Vignettes.

With the President’s softening of heart, does life go on for the Kapamilya Network after its franchise expires in 2020?



Silayan Event



FROM LEFT, Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation’s Rosemer Enverga attends the Silayan event headed by Ben and Christina Ferrer.



Engr. Ricky Manrique, president of International Building Maintenance Academy-IBMA, posed with Talakayan Radyo Filipino broadcast staff after his radio interview about career training for building superintendents in Ontario. Front, L-R: Jess Cabrias, Nelson Galvez, Engr. R. Manrique and Tony A. San Juan. Standing are Bobby Achacon and Joe Damasco. (Photo by Carlos de Villa)

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Nadine Lustre keeps living arrangement with James Reid private

Nadine Lustre does not see herself marrying James Reid in the near future. "Hindi pa po, e. Kasi ano po, e, sobrang love po namin yung state naming dalawa na ganito lang kami, okey lang kami."

"Bakit mo ba tinatanong 'yan?"

Ito ang natatawag balik ni Nadine Lustre, 25, sa tanong kung handa na siyang sagutin kung nagli-live in na ba sila ng boyfriend na si James Reid, 25.

"My God, kayo na pong bahala diyan na sumagot," patuloy niyang pag-iwas.

Para sa marami ay hindi na isyu ang pagli-live in, na siyang basehan ng ibang magkasintahan kung tatagal o puwedeng umabot sa kasal ang kanilang relasyon.

"Ganun po ba yun? Hindi ko po alam, e," nangingiting iwas pa rin ni Nadine.

Nais man niyang sarilinin ang living arrangement nila ng nobyo sa kasalukuyan, diretso namang sinagot ng dalaga ang tungkol sa pagpapakasal.

Bagamat maganda ang takbo ng three-year relationship nila ni James, hindi pa raw nakikita ni Nadine ang sariling magpapakasal at bumuo ng pamilya sa nalalapit na panahon.

Paliwanag niya, "Hindi pa po, e."

"Kasi ano po, e, sobrang love po namin yung state naming dalawa na ganito lang kami, okey lang kami."

Dugtong niya, "I think marriage po kasi is formality, I guess. Yun po."

"Siyempre, gusto ko rin meron, pero parang I think it makes the relationship formal po kasi."

May savings na ba silang magkasama ni James?

Mabilis na tugon ni Nadine, "Wala pa po. Hindi po kasi namin pinag-uusapan ang ganyan, e."

"I mean, I have savings and meron din po siya pero, I mean, hindi naman to the point na mini-merge namin."

NOT RUSHING

Ayon kay Nadine, hindi siya nagmamadali o nape-presure magpapakasal.

Aniya, "Uhm, I'm not rushing. But, siyempre, I would want a wedding, kasi it's different."

"But I have friends na rin na ikinasal. Sabi po nila, iba po talaga yung pag ikinakasal ka, iba yung naka-wedding gown, ikaw yung naglalalakad."



"So I would want to feel that also, but I don't wanna rush things."

Naibahagi naman ng aktres ang ilang detalyeng gusto

niya sakaling ikasal na sila ni James.

Dahil mahilig sa outdoor activities sina James at Nadine, ganito rin ang gusto niyang lugar o set-up para sa kanyang wedding.

"Gusto ko po kasi either garden or beach, kasi yun po kasi mahilig kaming mag-hike parehas and mag-beach."

"Anything that's close to nature."

BEACH LOVERS

Sa ngayon, bukod sa trabaho, mas nakatuon ang atensiyon nina Nadine at James sa mas maraming bakasyon sa taong ito ng 2019.

"Uhm travel, yun talaga ang gusto naming gawin, enjoy lang po," pagbabahagi niya.

"And siguro be successful in everything."

"Now po kasi, music din po ang inaatupag niya, doon po siya nagpu-focus. So, gusto lang po masaya."

Isa rin ba sa pinapangarap nilang dalawa ng kasintahan ang magkaroon ng property sa tabing-dagat?

"Why not? Sino naman po ang ayaw sa bahay sa may dagat?" nangingiting sabi ni Nadine.

Dugtong pa niya, "Actually, yung pagpunta po ng beach days ago lang, work naman po, hindi naman for personal reason. Hindi po siya vacation, trabaho po yun."

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Nadine Lustre (right) says she turns to Hollywood celebrities for style inspiration and does not copy anyone in particular, like Ericka Villongco (left), James Reid's ex-girlfriend.

Nadine Lustre denies copying style of James Reid's ex-girlfriend



Sinagot ni Nadine ang akusasyong ibinabato sa kanya ng ilang netizens na ginagaya umano niya ang style ng ex-girlfriend ni James Reid na si Ericka Villongco.

"No, no, parang wala," nakangiti niyang sabi nang

tanungin kung ano ang pakiramdam pag sinasabihang kinokopya niya ang style ng ibang tao. "I think I have my own style and I look for inspiration, like from other celebrities—Hollywood celebrities.

"And I think I have my own individuality naman so I don't see anything na parang... na parang kokopyahin ko."

Diretsahang sinagot ng aktres ang tanong, matapos mapansin ng ilang netizens na may pagkakahawig ang Instagram posts ni Nadine sa nakaraang posts ni Ericka.

May post din kasi si Ericka na tila may pinaparinggan tungkol sa panggagaya, kaya may mga nag-iisip na si Nadine ang pinatutungkulan nito.

Mensahe ni Ericka sa kanyang Instagram post noong February 8: "bitch i'm gleaming ? these rumors i've been hearing are annoying afffff, hate to bring up this ???? again but its still not okay to completely copy someone else's style.

"its absolutely fine to be inspired by something, but when you obviously replicate everything & try to change yourself you've gone too far. "when you copy an art style you pretend to have, you lose yourself"

Coco tinulungan ang pamilya ng namayapang kasamahan

MULING lumabas ang pagiging 'bayani' ng "FPJ's Ang Probinsyano" lead star at co-director na si Coco Martin sa tunay na buhay nang ito'y dumalaw sa burol ng 36-year-old indie actor na si Kristofer King (Christopher Reyes sa tunay na buhay) kasama ang award-winning indie director na si Brilante Mendoza nung nakaraang Lunes ng gabi, February 25 sa Rizal Funeral Homes sa Cementina, Pasay City.

Si Coco ang tumayong savior sa pamilya ni Kristofer dahil mababayaran na nila ang hospital bills pati na ang gastusin sa burol at libing ng namayapang actor.

Sa post birthday get-together with the entertainment media ng award-winning actor-turned politician na si Yul Servo (John Martin C. Nieto sa tunay na buhay), kinatawan ng ika-3rd district ng Maynila na ginanap sa 77 Limbaga Café Restaurant in Quezon City last Monday evening ay nangulekta rin si Jun Lalin ng donasyon para kay Kristofer at nakalikom din ito halaga.

Sa tulong ni Coco at ng ilang taga-industriya, natuloy na ang libing ni Kristofer.

Maja Salvador-Rambo Nuñez romance in full bloom; showbiz friends cheer

Hindi maitatwang proud si Rambo Nuñez sa espesyal na namamagitan sa kanila ni Maja Salvador.

Patunay rito ang dalawang larawan nila ng Kapamilya actress na ipinost ng businessman sa Instagram.

Bago ito, sunud-sunod din ang Instagram Stories ni Rambo nitong mga nakaraang araw kasama si Maja at mga kaibigan ng aktres mula sa showbiz.

Nag-post na rin si Maja sa kanyang Instagram account ng picture nila ni Rambo.

Noong nakaraang linggo, magkasama sina Rambo at Maja sa launching ng isang furniture brand.

Nitong weekend, nag-post si Rambo sa Instagram ng larawan nila ni Maja mula sa nasabing event.



Simpleng caption ng negosyante: "Best part." "Tila sinasabi ni Rambo na ang highlight ng event na iyon ay nang makasama niya si Maja.

Unang mababasa sa post na iyon ang komento ni Maja na "kiss emoji."

Sinagot naman ito ni Rambo ng "heart emoji."

Inulan din ng tukso si Rambo mula sa mga kaibigang artista, kagaya nina Heart Evangelista, Lovi Poe, at Lucy Torres. Binilinan naman si Rambo ni Nenet Rustia, ang long-time manager ni Maja sa Star Magic, ang ingatan ang aktres.

Ang Star Magic ang talent management arm ng ABS-CBN na kinabibilangan ni Maja.

Tiniyak naman ni Rambo na iingatan niya ang aktres.

"Of course 'nay."



TOP, Marilen Patricia, Dr. Solon Guzman, Danny, Mel Galeon and Ruth Diaz-Ronquillo attend Nate's birthday (INSET) Jennifer Camacho's son. RIGHT, Ruth Diaz-Ronquillo, Marilen Patricia, Dr. Solon Guzman, Jennifer Camacho, Mel Galeon and Kim Mahistrado attend Nate Camacho's birthday



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Janine not against dad falling in love anew



JANINE Gutierrez is very happy that although her mom, Lotlot de Leon, and dad, Ramon Christopher, are now estranged, they have managed to remain friends. “Na-meet na ng dad ko ang bagong husband ng mom ko (Fadi El Soury),” she says. “We all had dinner together at ang saya naming lahat.”

She and her three siblings are happy to see their mom now well-settled after her wedding to Fadi last December. How about her dad? Does he have any similar plans? “As of now, ni wala pa nga siyang ipinakilalang bagong girlfriend sa amin and he said he has no plans na magpakasal uli. But then, siyempre, hindi natin masasabi what happens in the future, di ba?”

She took her dad, two sisters and only brother to the States recently. “Basta as of now, happy si Dad na asikasuhin kami ng mga kapatid ko. Lahat naman kami, we will not object in case he finds someone new. Ang mahalaga, maging happy rin siya. ‘Yung trip namin sa States, bakasyon lang

talaga. ‘Yung two sisters ko, first time to visit the U.S. My brother Diego, nasama ko na last year nang may work ako roon. As for my Dad, last time niyang nakapunta sa States was 30 years ago pa kaya tuwang-tuwa rin siyang makabalik doon.”

Her new movie, “Elise”, is opening in theaters on Wednesday, February 6, and she admits feeling nervous about it. “Siyempre, kabado ako kasi first time ko to play a title role and I’m praying hard na panoorin sana ng tao. I guarantee naman na masisiyahan ang viewers dito kasi magaling ‘yung director namin, si Joel Ferrer, who has fresh ideas on how to develop a love story. Masaya ang set namin kasi he’s a young director na hindi dictatorial.”

How is “Elise” different from other romantic comedies? “Kakaiba talaga siya kasi it’s based on a true story ng director namin. Then may pagka-throwback siya as it’s set in the 90s. Although I play the title role, the story revolves more on Enchong Dee. Magkababata kami rito na nagkahiwalay, then we meet again as grown ups and he realizes that he has still feelings for me pero hindi niya masabi. It’s not your typical love story, lalo na ang ending. Siyempre, hindi ko puwedeng i-reveal. Basta panoorin nyo kasi ibang-iba talaga siya.”

Janine has a new movie and she also has a new TV series on GMA-7, “Dragon Lady”. “This one is also unique because I transform into a dragon dahil isinumpa ako. Kasama ko rito sina Tom Rodriguez, Diana Zubiri, Maricar de Mesa, Edgar Allan Guzman, James Blanco, Joyce Ching, directed by Paul Sta. Ana”.

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“Secure your family with insurance”

Jackie just wants to have a baby, not a husband

JACKIE Rice is the female winner in Starstruck 3 and is definitely leading lady material, so we don’t really know why she’s relegated to supporting roles. She now plays another contravida role in “TODA One I Love” as Tiffany, who’s trying her best to snatch Ruru Madrid away from Kylie Padilla. Doesn’t she dream of playing a lead role again someday?

“Of course, I do,” she says. “Sino ba naman ang hindi mangangarap na magbida uli? But okay na rin ito. At least, lagi akong may trabaho at hindi ka masyadong pressured kasi you’re the villain. Kaysa kung lead ka, nasa balikat mo ang pressure para mag-rate ang show.

Hindi ko na kailangang maging choosy kasi hindi naman ako pinabayaan ng GMA. After I did ‘Hindi Ko Kayang Iwan Ka’ na panghapon, heto, nasa primetime show naman ako ngayon. Rom-com ito kaya lighter ang treatment, may comedy. Unlike ‘Hindi Ko Kaya’ na heavy drama at lagi akong galit. Basta ang importante, steady

lang ang work ko at hindi ako nababakante nang matagal.”

She admits there was a time she neglected her work because of love. “But that was before. After I broke up with my last boyfriend, mga two years na akong loveless. Okay naman. Hindi naman ako naghahanap. Tahimik ang buhay ko. Puro trabaho at bahay lang.

If ever magkarelasyon uli ako, gusto ko, mag-ka-baby, pero ayoko ng kasal kasi ayoko naman ng asawa, baby lang. If ever, gusto ko, kapag kinasal kami, ‘yung matanda na kami at sure na sure na kami sa sarili namin at ‘yung mga anak namin ang siya ng abay sa wedding. ‘Yun, siguradong true love na ‘yun. Ayokong magpakasal ngayon dahil lang ‘yung mga kasabay kong artista puro nagsisipag-asawa na.”

Why does she have this kind of viewpoint? “E, kasi, half American ako and half Filipino. Ang dami kong nakikita nag-aasawa ng bata pa, lalo sa mga Kano, tapos nauuwi lang sa divorce. E dito sa Pilipinas, walang divorce, di ba? So better nang pakasal kayo kapag mature na kayo at hindi na pabagu-bago pa ang isip nyo.”

Martin on the irony in Pops’ ‘World’s Best’ stint + other stories



Pops Fernandez among 50 ‘Wall of the World’ judges for ‘The World’s Best’ (Instagram)

“Finally, here it is. And who do I give it to? The person I lost.”

Martin Nievera claims the dream of taking his talent to the international stage years ago was one of the things that caused his and Pops Fernandez’s marriage to fall apart.

“The funny thing is, when I talk about international, I’ve always wanted that (international) break. And I was so fixated in getting that break

that I actually lost Pops and the kids. And now we’re no longer together because I was so hungry for that fame, that international fame,” Martin said at the press conference of his and Lani Misalucha’s concert titled “Timeless Classics.”

Martin almost got his chance at it when he was chosen to be one of the 50 panels of the global talent competition “The World’s Best,” to be hosted by James Corden. It is produced by big-time producers Mark Burnett and Mike Darnell, who are behind “The Voice” and “American Idol,” respectively.

“I went on a Facetime audition, which I have done for the first time. They asked me these questions and I was just being myself. They said, ‘You’re in and this is exactly what we are looking for,’” he related.

Unfortunately, Martin couldn’t make it because he has prior commitments that conflict with the scheduled tapings for “The World’s Best.”

Giving up his supposed breakthrough, Martin was asked who he recommends to be part of the show. Of course, he suggested Pops, who happened to be also on their list.

I said, ‘Pops Fernandez.’ ‘Oh, she’s also on the list. How do you know her?’ So I said, ‘Well, we have two kids,’” he said.

It was even suggested that they both appear on the show but Martin declined, again, because of his schedule. Martin and Pops have worked together in

several concerts and on TV shows, including “The Penthouse Live!” and “ASAP.”

“They didn’t know the whole story that Martin and Pops were married and we were a team on television doing the same thing looking for talents. They actually said, ‘Do you both want to do it?’ – they want both of us as judges – but I said, ‘I really cannot.’ So, they spoke with Pops and they were able to fix her schedule so she could be there on their taping days,” he said.

While Martin isn’t able to get that break he has always hoped for, he is very happy that the opportunity was given to his former wife. Pops is one of the 50 international experts called Wall of the World in “The World’s Best,” which also features Hollywood celebrities Drew Barrymore, RuPaul, and Faith Hill as judges.

“Finally, here it is. And who do I give it to? The person I lost. I’m so happy I did. She seemed to be wanting the opposite or business side of the camera and I’m just so happy that she has this big break. And I’m just really rooting for her that she

represents the country well. I’m truly, truly proud. They made the right choice – it’s Pops,” he said.

Gary Valenciano says Pops Fernandez is ‘perfect’ as one of the ‘Wall of world’s experts’ for ‘The World’s Best’

Sa ulat ng TV Patrol, bago pa diumano ang world premiere ng global talent competition na The World’s Best kung saan isa sa mga contestants ang TNT Boys, nabunyag na si Gary Valenciano ang isa sa dapat uupong 50 judges mula sa iba’t ibang bansa.

Pero naniniwala diumano si Gary na mas nilaaan ng Diyos para sa kanya na gawin ang World of Dance Philippines. Ani Gary, “The offer also for World’s Best came nung medyo may schedule na kami for World of Dance. I said meron tayong maipapakita sa buong mundo kung gawin natin ang World of Dance Philippines... at kung manalo ka pa dun you win two million pesos and a chance to compete in World of Dance US”

Proud naman si Gary na napili ang kaibigan niyang si Pops Fernandez sa The World’s Best bilang isa sa Wall of the World’s Experts mula sa iba’t ibang sining. Pagpuri ni Gary kay Pops, “She’s perfect kasi marunong talaga si Pops mag-communicate sa artists, magbigay ng insight. She’s very good at expressing all of that and she’s had the experience also of being the Concert Queen that she is.”

PIOLO PASCUAL BEHIND THE SCENES



FROM LEFT, Sleeping husband-cameraman Raymond Santos is probably not impressed as his wife Christine Santos interviews Kapamilya star Piolo Pascual for Balitang America ☺; Christine Santos interviews Toronto singer Celine Grey; Producer Noemi Fasullo thanks the audience for attending the Piolo Pascual concert; Husband Raymond probably edited his wife’s new Facebook profile picture ☺. PHOTOS BY RAYMOND SANTOS

KATRINA during her

The 24-year-singer Katrina Velarde went before meriting a blip on Philippine celebrity radar.

She's been her family's

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"It's a struggle but I'm learning how to make

If there's one artist she would like to meet and take a selfie with there, who is it?

How does he feel now that his ex-partner

"In our province, we believe your childhood is not complete if you don't celebrate your birthday at Jollibee. But that time we didn't have enough money for that," he shared. "So this here, is a dream come true."



Anne Curtis ‘dream role’ as UNICEF ambassador + other stories

Anne Curtis encourages parents to vaccinate against measles

Napaluha si Anne Curtis nang makuha ang isa umano sa pinakamahahalagang role sa kaniyang career.

Ito’y matapos siyang italaga bilang national goodwill ambassador ng United Nations International Emergency Fund (UNICEF). “I’ve always just had a heart to want help for those who don’t have a or maybe too young to use own. I knew I wanted to make difference in children’s lives and that was what led me to UNICEF,” ani Curtis sa kaniyang talumpati.

Nagsimula si Curtis bilang major donor ng UNICEF noong 2009, kaya laking tuwa niyang mas marami pa yang batang matutulungan ngayon bilang ambassa-

Hindi naman nagpa-tumpik-tumpik ang tres nang magsalita mga kontrobersi-na isyu na kinahaharap ng mga kabata-Pinoy. na dito ang lak na ang edad ng at ang ng bilang ng nagpapabakuna. Nanawagan si Curtis ipatupad na lang ang kasalu-batas, kung saan itinakda sa 15 ang pananagutan. learned that if the current laws are implemented, there would be no real lower the age [of responsibility],” niya ang halaga ng pagpapabaku-may outbreak ng figdas rehiyon. priority because I understand

si- dor. ak- sa yal ang ilan pagtutu-mapababa pananagutan pagbagsak mga na kuyang edad ng “I’ve to be fully need to giit niya. Idiniin din na ngayong sa ilang “It should be a

that a lot of children are getting affected by the measles outbreak,” aniya. Bukod sa UNICEF, busy rin si Curtis sa foundation niyang Dream Machine.

Avoid Washer-Dryer Combo

The washing aspect works fine, but drying takes a couple hours longer than a separate machine would. But brand after brand has tried to make all-in-one laundry happen, yet decades later, the machines are still not popular. The washing aspect works fine, but drying takes a couple hours longer than a separate machine would, and that’s if you’ve loaded the machine to only half capacity. You can’t wash new loads while you wait for the dryer, either, so laundry day slows to a crawl. All-in-ones also have high repair rates and aren’t much cheaper to buy than separate machines, so they’ll almost always cost you more in the long run.

Steve Sheinkopf, owner and CEO of Yale Appliance says: “I hate these things,” he told us. The repair rate is sky high—over 70 percent within the first year.

If you have no other practical choice for washing and drying your laundry, you could consider getting an all-in-one washer-dryer combo.

For example, if you live in an RV or on a boat, a very small home, space is at a premium and hang-drying your clothes is not practical, so an all-in-one combo is probably the only good option.

But if you have the space for a separate washer and dryer—even a compact pair—skip the combo unit. But as far as we can tell, the downsides aren’t worth it for most people who can avoid it.

Sarah-Matteo movie, posible na nga bang matuloy?

Pumirma na ng exclusive management contract si Matteo Guidicelli sa Viva Films matapos ang kanyang contract sa Star Magic.

Pumirma na ng exclusive management contract ang former Star Magic artist na si Matteo Guidicelli sa Viva Artist Agency.

Dito inamin ni Matteo na malaking factor sa kanyang naging desisyon ng pagpapalit ng management ang girlfriend na si Sarah Geronimo.

“You know I’m 28 years old already, siyempre every little detail there’s a factor of course and Sarah

is part of this, so I think this was the best decision I’ve decided to make,” ani Matteo nitong Biyerenes sa naganap na contract signing niya sa VIVA Artist Agency.

Kuwento pa ni Matteo, grateful siya sa naging naitulong sa kanya ng kanyang dating management team sa Star Magic.

“I’m very very thankful for everything from the start from the first day na tinawagan ako ni Tita Mariole (Alberto, head ng Star Magic) na binigay sa akin ang ‘Agua Bendita’ at lahat-lahat, you know it wasn’t an easy decision but it was something very important for myself,” ani ng aktor na 16 years ding namalagi sa poder ng Star Magic.

Kung tatanungin naman si Vic Del Rosario ng Viva Artist Agency, suportado nila si Matteo at Sarah sa posibleng pagsasama nito sa isang proyekto.

Sa kanyang pagpirma, magkasabay na gawin ni Matteo ang isang pelikula at album.

Karla Estrada, handa na bang maging manugang si Kathryn Bernardo?

Sinabi ni Karla na alam niyang bago gumawa ng major decision ang kanyang anak ay magkukonsulta ito sa kanya.

Tila walang tutol si Queen Mother Karla Estrada kung pag-uusapan na ang kasalanan sa pagitan ng kanyang anak na si Daniel Padilla at Kathryn Bernardo.

Kasunod ng pinag-usapang marriage proposal umano ni iel kay Kathryn kamakailan kanilang naging bakasyon sa Japan.

Ayon kay Karla wala siyang tutol kung sakaling mauwi na sa kasalan ang pag-iibigan nina Daniel at Kathryn.

“Okay lang, wala naman akong (tutol) right age na sila, pero ‘yun nga ang sinasabi ko right maturity na ba. Nasa tamang desisyon dapat dumating lahat ‘yan, hindi naman parang hini-ram mo lang tapos pwede

mo isoli after,” kuwento ni Karla sa opening ng 11th branch ng Queen Mother Salon sa Malabon.

Aniya, alam niya na bago pa man gumawa si Daniel ng desisyon palagi pa din siyang kinokon-sulta nito.

“Lagi, kasi alam naman niya ‘yun na hangga’t bu-hay ako hihingi padin siya ng advise sa akin,” aniya.

“Wala kasi sa right age, nasa right maturity ‘di ba? Ang mga lalaki alam naman natin na matagal sila mag-mature so well lahat naman (ang mga boys) minsan mayroon tayo, pumapalpak pa din tayo (de-cision) and yes hangga’t nandiyan ang parent natin dapat matuto tayo humingi ng advice,” paliwanag ni Karla.

Sa huli, binigyang linaw din ng Magandang Bu-hay host na isang biruan lang ang naunang kumalat na proposal umano ni Daniel kay Kathryn.

“Before yan mangyari, alam na namin na may biruan na magaganap it’s not even Kathryn and Daniel, si Do (Karla’s close friend) ‘yun ayan si Do ‘yun at si Tita Min (mommy ni Kathryn), nag-play time sila. I think play time lang, pure play time talaga,” pahayag pa ni Karla.

Is Kris Aquino still friends with Boy Abunda?

Kris answers a fan who asked her if she is close with TV host Boy Abunda.

King of Talk Boy Abunda has been one of Kris Aquino’s closest friends in showbiz for decades and since her retreat in the limelight and shift to the digital world, they have been seldom seen together.

Online followers of Kris have been curious if the two are still close even though the Boy stressed in his 2017 interview that he remains a close friend of Kris and nothing has changed.

Kris has finally addressed the issue and answered a netizen about their real relationship status.

“To satisfy your curiosity, I believe we’ll always care about each other but we are no longer active participants in each other’s lives. (smiling emoji),” she commented on Instagram.

The last time Kris and Boy worked together was in the now defunct talk show Aquino and Abunda Tonight.



Is Coleen Garcia willing to do projects with GMA 7

Coleen Garcia talks about possibility of working with GMA Network, now that she transferred to another talent management arm.

Sa paglipat talent management Coleen Garcia, 26, din ba siya sa posiblidad na magtrabaho sa GMA Network?

Buhat nang magsimula sa showbiz, solid Kapamilya si Coleen.

Nitong February 18, pumirma siya ng five-year contract sa Viva Artist Agency, talent arm ng Viva Films, pagkatapos ng pitong taon sa showbiz.

Mula nang mag-showbiz si Coleen ay Star Magic, ang talent management ng ABS-CBN, ang nag-manage ng kanyang karera.

Ngayong iba na ang nagma-manage sa kanya, bukas ba siya sa posibilidad na magtrabaho sa GMA Network?

“I think I would run it by Viva, kasi sila yung nakakaalam kung ano yung tama para sa akin, e,” sagot ng aktres pagkatapos ng kanyang contract signing.

Pag-amin din ni Coleen, “I’m not sure how it works, e. I think ang alam ko if you’re signed with Viva and you’re not signed sa network, puwede kang both. I’m really not sure how that works.”

Bukas daw siya sa posibilidad na makapagtrabaho sa kahit among network, pero mas masaya raw siya sa Kapamilya Network.

“Pero I’ve always been a Kapamilya. I love being a Kapamilya.

“But if there is an opportunity to work with both [networks], then, why not?

“But kung pipili ako, I’m happy with where I am,” pagtukoy niya sa pagtatrabaho sa ABS-CBN.

NOT BECAUSE OF BILLY
Nilinaw ni Coleen na hindi ang asawang si Billy Crawford ang dahilan kung bakit siya lumipat ng management.

Noong January 2018, pumirma ng limang taong kontrata si Billy sa Viva pagkatapos ng 10 taon sa ilalim ng ALV Talent Circuit.

Paliwanag ni Coleen, “Actually, hindi naman siya yung deciding factor kung bakit ako lumipat.

“Pero he did give me advice, and nakatulong din na nandito na nga siya.

“So, marami din siyang nakukuwento sa akin, his experiences working with Viva and he really has good things to say na nakatulong din sa pag-decide ko.”

Isa sa mga dahilan ng paglipat ng management ni Coleen ay para mag-focus sa pag-arte sa pelikula.

May limitasyon ba siya sa paggawa ng pelikula, lalo pa’t may asawa na siya?

Sagot niya, “Hindi naman po. Although I do want to veer away from the same roles that I was doing before.

“Sa sarili ko para lang may change, pero hindi naman po dahil sa kasal na ako.

“It’s more of a personal decision, kasi si Billy ever since sa start, supportive naman siya.

“Hanggang ngayon supportive pa rin siya.”

Jodi Sta Maria, malapit nang matapos sa pag-aaral

Bida sa isang horror movie na Second Coming ang aktres na si Jodi Sta Maria kasama si Marvin Agustin.

Pagmamalaki ni Jodi, hindi niya inakala na magiging maganda ang kalalabasan ng kanilang pelikula na kasabay niyang ginagawa sa dating teleserye Sana Dalawa Ang Puso.

Bukod sa pag-aartista, abala din ngayon sa kanyang pag-aaral si Jodi na kumukuha ngayon ng kursong BS Psychology.

“Konti na lang, konti na lang. Next year matatapos na tayo sa ating school and we’re looking forward to that,” sabi pa ni Jodi.

At marami din sa social media followers ni Jodi ang na-iinspire sa pagpapatuloy niya sa kanyang edukasyon.

“Ako I really believe talaga na it’s God who puts dreams into our hearts. And if He put dreams in our hearts, it’s His intent to fulfill so we have to do our part naman and focus that these dreams come true,” pahayag pa ng aktres.



Arjo Atayde rolls with the punches — but he throws some, himself



Arjo Atayde has a secret to his upward trajectory in show business: He tries everything at least once.

Never picky with roles, Arjo has done comedy, action, drama, and even romance movies and TV shows. For his efforts, he had won several Philippine Movie Press Club (PMPC) Star Awards for Television trophies from 2012 to 2016 as Best New Male TV Personality, Best Drama Supporting Actor, Best Single Performance by an Actor, and Best Drama Supporting Actor.

“I don’t want to be boxed into a certain role,” he told Bulletin Entertainment in an exclusive interview. “If there are 275 types of roles, I’d like to do each of those. I want to do it all, do something different all the time – not to impress or prove anything, but just to feed my dreams, meet my standards as actor.”

It takes effort and time to reinvent oneself, he pointed out. And to do it from time to time could be tiring but ultimately gratifying.

In past months, Arjo has been doing three different characters for various projects. His

upcoming movies are “Tol,” a comedy about brotherhood; and “Stranded,” about two people with opposite views in life locked up together.

He is currently seen on television series “The General’s Daughter” where he’s been getting good reviews. On the show, Arjo is Elai, a young man with autism.

At one point, he was doing three different characters at the same time and every day. Did it get confusing at times?

“Honestly, I don’t know how I did it,” he said, laughing. “I guess I just have to be true to what I’m doing. I just have to believe that each of the characters I play is real. It has to sink in. I have to smell the place, I have to feel the table, I have to feel everything. I’m that kind of learner.”

Once, the method actor went to a place for people with mental condition. It was his way of researching a character with similar health predisposition.

Another technique he uses is to come up with a make-up story in his head about the background of the character he plays. This way, he said, he “knows” where the character is coming from.

“Like, when I was doing Joaquin on ‘Ang FPJ’s Probinsyano’ I was having a difficult time getting mad because I hardly get mad in real life. So, I had to find out how my character got conceited. I invented his backstory from his high school years onward. After that, it was easy,” Arjo said.

The actor also analyzes his similarities and differences with the character he plays.

He shared that despite being relatively new

in the business, he has never felt insecure. “My only competition is myself,” he said like a mantra.

Call him a good actor and he’ll throw the compliment to the ground.

“We’re always learning, either from your co-actors or when you watch yourself,” he said. “You can’t allow yourself to think you’re already good at your craft.”

Lessons learned

Is it hard growing up as son of an established actor, Sylvia Sanchez?

“Well, I was exposed to the industry because of her,” he began. “But also, because of how good an actress she is, I think people have so much expectations from me. There’s a little pressure there but that’s it.”

There was a point Arjo was getting rejected in auditions. He hibernated for a year until Sylvia encouraged him to take acting workshops.

“But my ego as a teenager resisted at first. I said, ‘No, I’m not gonna join (any workshop).’ Eventually, I realized I’ve got nothing to lose. Besides – I told myself – I want to meet girls,” he said with a laugh. “Of course, those were all in my younger days.”

The most important advice from her mom is to “always respect everybody.”

Asked if he gets affected by criticisms he gets online, Arjo shrugged his shoulders.

“No, because how can I fight nameless, faceless, brainless people? You face me, you tell me the problem. Don’t do it on social media,” he said.

“Actually I find them (bashers) funny. I tell them to keep it coming.”

What about lessons he had to learn for himself, perhaps even the hard way?

“Don’t trust people right away.”

‘My only competition is myself.’



Miss Toyota Alabang 2019 winner Kristine Charlotte Hammond and her court: Honey Margaret Cartasano, 4th runner-up; Natalya Margaret Lindsay, 3rd runner-up; Kate Alyson Roño, 2nd runner-up and Eloisa Jaoud, 1st runner-up.

Another beauty pageant is born

Beauty pageants are now a dime a dozen. Still, new pageants pop up by the day in this beauty-pageant obsessed country.

Like this Miss Toyota Alabang 2019, possibly the newest beauty pageant to emerge on the beauty pageant scene.

This just proves that the Philippines has a lot of beautiful girls dreaming to have beauty titles attached to their names and wear the pageants’ crowns.

Miss Toyota Alabang 2019 is the launching project of Toyota Alabang, Inc. spearheaded by its Chairman Cesar T. Lee, Vice Chairman Michael M. Lee, and President and General Manager Johanna Lee See.

Last year, on Dec. 19, the beauty pageant crowned 19-year-old Kristine Charlotte Hammond at the Toyota Alabang Inc. Showroom.

Hammond, a freshman majoring in Tourism Management at Colegio de San Agustin in Biñan, joined Pinoy Big Brother in 2016 and was known as the “Sporty Spice ng Laguna.”

She said “After I exited from PBB, it opened doors of opportunity for me and I became an influencer/endorser for various brands. This is the only thing I can handle while I am studying and playing volleyball.”

Last summer, Hammond joined the Ms. Binan search and was chosen as first runner-up. She also won as 2nd runner-up in Miss Nation Queen 2017.

The production of Toyota Alabang 2019 was handled by famous fashion designer Renee Salud who was also one of the judges. Among others, Hammond received a cash prize of P100,000.

Matteo pangarap mag-ing Tarzan

INAMIN ng triathlete, singer-actor, celebrity endorser at entrepreneur na si Matteo Guidicelli during his recent management contract signing with Viva Artists Agency (VAA) na pangarap niyang makagawa ng action movie balang araw. And if there is one particular role na gusto niyang gampanan ito ay ang papel ng iconic fictional character na Tarzan na lumaki sa gubat at gusto niyang gawin ang mga action and heroic adventures nito. Hindi naman mapapahiya si Matteo na magsuot

ng bahag, ang costume na identified kay Tarzan dahil sa ganda ng katawan nito.

Bukod sa pagiging singer at actor, kilala si Matteo sa pagiging health buff at pagkahilig sa iba’t ibang uri ng sports making him qualify as an action star.

Ngayong nasa bakuran na si Matteo ng Viva na siya ring nangan-galaga sa career ng girlfriend niyang si Sarah Geronimo since 2003, hindi na imposible ang pagsasama ng dalawa sa isang project, either sa concert o pelikula. Posible rin silang magsama sa isang album dahil nariyan ang Viva Records.

“Everything is possible,” nakangiting pahayag ng Cebuano Fil-Italian singer-actor.

Sa darating na March 26 ay magtu-29 na si Matteo. Would this be the right age for him to settle down with Sarah?

“Of course, darating din naman tayo diyan pero hindi pa sa ngayon,” deklara niya.

“What is important, we’re both enjoying the ride of our relationship,” dugtong pa niya.

Matteo and Sarah will be celebrating their 6th anniversary as sweethearts this year.



EDGES Concert Sold-Out

LEFT, Madyn Mendoza of FV Foods poses with Kapamilya actor Piolo Pascual. RIGHT, The Grey family from left, Ronnie, Margaret, Celine and Marlene, pose with Kapamilya actor Piolo Pascual.



Gay celebrities &... employed?



PRINCE STEFAN then and now

In Philip-pine show business, coming out of the closet with career still intact thereafter is not difficult at all. Oh, really?

Love did it
In 2016, Prince Stefan did something “unusual.” He publicly confessed being gay just when he was being molded as hunky actor.
Well, he’s always known it, he said.
“I actually got bullied a lot in school,” Prince said. “My classmates found me to be soft-spo-ken. They thought I was too ‘gentle’ and ‘not man enough.’” When he entered show business, he didn’t open up about his sexuality thinking it would jeopardize his career. The turning point came when Prince fell in love with a Singapore-based model. And just like that – all for love, you might say – Prince set himself free. “I was so happy with him,” he recalled. The actor was ready to work abroad and lead a new life. Fortunately, a door opened. Prince was cast in Viva Films’ comedy flick “Working Beks,” alongside Edgar Allan Guzman, Joey Paras, John Lapus, and TJ Trinidad. His role? Gay guy. Slowly, his career started picking up again. Sadly, he and his lover split. These days, Prince aims to be known as a versatile actor. “I can be an action star, a matinee idol. I could do gay roles. I hope people see my talent and not my gender.”
He has this to say to those still wondering if coming out of the closet is worth it or not.
“First, come out only when you’re ready. Re-mem-ber to do it for yourself, and not for the sake of other people.

Along the way

He is the grandson of the late Inday Badiday, and

the son of entertainment personality Dolly Anne Carvajal. He was male child actor in the ’90s who starred in films as “Darna,” “Pido Dida 3: May Kambal Na!” and “Pretty Boy,” among others.
Years later, when he returned in show business, IC Mendoza made sure everyone knew he’s gay.
The TV personality said his mom knew it all along. When he was 12 years old, she asked him point-blank if he has a crush on TV host Drew Arellano.

IC said yes.
“To be honest, I didn’t have a hard time (coming out),” he said. “I don’t have a melodramatic story. I’m blessed that I have a strong support group. Their love for me is greater than (the challenges



IC MENDOZA then and now

posed by) my sexuality.”
So, IC de-clared himself gay in 2005. He dressed the way women do “for fun and self-ex-pression.”
To his surprise, his revelation actually bode his career well. It opened hosting jobs for him, and even some television and movie projects. He hosted “Juicy!,” “Showbiz Konek Na Konek,” starred in “Manay Po!,” “This Guy’s In Love With U Mare,” among others
On the side, IC manages a PR company.
“Ever since I joined showbiz, I knew it won’t be forever. So I studied abroad and although I still appear on TV these days, I prioritize my business,” he said.
Like Prince, he has his thoughts about coming out.
“Don’t forget that it’s your story, you’re call. If you’re not ready then don’t do it. It’s your life, do what makes you happy. Tell your own story – and make it a good one!”

and Television Review Classification Board to have their episodes approved.
RJ asked Suzette if she enjoyed the popularity of the show.
She answered, “Hindi ko siya masyadong na-enjoy kasi halos araw araw may nagrereklamo sa MTRCB!
“Nakakatuwa naman na pinag-uusapan nila yung soap ko.”

RJ said that even though he was not part of the show, he also received messages from viewers raving about the show.
“Maski sa akin na hindi ako involved doon sa show. Ang mga tao kasi pag nalamang taga GMA ka at writer ka ng GMA, iniisip nila na lahat ng shows sa GMA sinusulat mo.

He then asked Suzette, “Na-experience mo ba yun?”
Suzette replied with a laugh, “Oo! Diyos ko, di ba nga naaway pa nga ako, hindi ko po show yun, bakit ako inaaway!”
The most recent experience Suzette had was when a medical practitioner pointed out an error in Asawa Ko, Karibal Ko, and tagged her on Twitter.
Suzette then responded by saying that it is not her show.
Going back to My Husband’s Lover, both writers believe that the good comments also came from those who appreciated that the LGBT com-munity was given representation on television.
RJ then added, “Dati, isa rin sa nirereklamo, ang representation ng bading sa teleserye na laging comedy, laging best friend, tagapagbigay lang ng katatawanan.
“Up to now naman, ginagawa yun. Kaya rin siguro nag hit ang My Husband’s Lover because of the representation ng mga bading.”

Isang malaking karangalan nga para kay Marco ang makasama sa first solo movie ni Nadine without James Reid kahit hindi siya ang leading man ng dalaga.
“And of course first solo movie ito ni Nadine without James and it’s my privilege na makasama ko siya.”
Bukod kay Marco, kasama rin sa Ulan sina Aj Muhlach at Carlo Aquino, ang leading man ni Nadine sa pelikula.

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who was then the creative consultant for GMA Afternoon Prime shows.
“So noong nailagay ako sa listahan nang magpipitch, ang kwento ko lang, may isang babae na perfect siya, tapos may asawa siya, perpekto rin akala niya, and then kinukutuban siya na may kabit.
“Sinundan-sundan niya, tapos pagdating niya sa Room 1710, pagbukas niya ng pinto, natuklasan niya na may kabit nga pero hindi babae, lalaki.
“Yun ang pinaka prem-ise niya, at kung paano siya binuo, nilagyan ng kaluluwa siyempre ang kwento.”
Apart from doing a TV show that can deliver in the ratings game, Suzette also wanted My Husband’s Lover to educate viewers.
RJ then said, “I think kaya rin siya nagwork kasi it touched a lot of nerves sa audience, dahil ikaw na mismo nagsasabi ang daming tumatawag sa ‘yo, nag out!’
Suzette answered, “Oo! Ang daming nag P-PM [personal message] sa akin, ang daming nagbigay ng messages, at sila mismo nagsasabi na nakakarelate sila, dahil kwento nila ‘yan, sila ‘yan, at nag a-out.
“Merong sila yung babae, merong sila yung Vincent, merong sila yung Eric.”



MY HUSBAND’S LOVER AND MTRCB
However, it was not all popularity and acco-lades for My Husband’s Lover.
Since its theme is provocative and sensitive, some sectors also showed their concern regarding its sensitive theme.
For this reason, the production and creative teams of My Husband’s Lover went to the Movie

Marco, ‘di issue kung sup-
porting lang ni Nadine
HINDI issue para sa guwapong actor na si Marco Gumabao ang maging supporting sa solo movie ni Nadine Lustre na Ulan na hatid ngViva Films, mula sa direksiyon ni Irene Villamor at mapapanood sa March 13 sa mga sinehan nationwide.
“Sa akin naman walang problema if support lang ako rito (Ulan), as long as I’m here in the movie and I did my part, I did my role, happy na ako.”

HunkShot



Nineteen-year old Aaron's favorite dish is lumpiang Shanghai. He plays basketball and his favorite team is, what else, the Toronto Raptors. He is taking up computer science. He is a professional jazz singer.

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Filipino Good Life

Good Vibes 2019 seems to be living up as the theme for the Filipino community

Good Vibes 2019 may have been the title of the comedy show last January by AJ Tamiza and Le Chazz, but it may be the theme for the Filipino community. It seems 2019 is going to be a hot year for concerts as there seems to be a lot of them coming this year. This month, there is “My 40 Years” with Sharon Cuneta with her daughter KC. And speaking of hot, the upcoming concert Acoustic Heartthrobs on May 3 will feature 3 of the 4 stars of the racy teleserye Halik, with Jericho Rosales, Yen Santos and Sam Milby minus Yam Concepcion. Comedian Negi is in the roster.

Anne Curtis stars in Annekulit on March 16, the band Parokya ni Edgar at the Opera House on March 17, Martin Nievera follows on March 23, Juris and Aiza will be performing on April 13 and on July 27, Tito's of Manila featuring Dinky Doo, Christopher de Leon, Tirso Cruz III and Edgar Mortiz will present their act.

In October 12, JVF, the same people that brought you AJ and Le Chazz will bring you another comedy show, Charot featuring Boobay and Ate Gay. Expect bigger laughs than the last one.

I never thought of Piolo Pascual as a concert artist. Yet, there I was. Markham Federation of Filipino Canadian (MFFC) Youth Performing Arts Group sang the Canadian and Philippine anthems. Candace Santos, Celine Grey, Teaghan Young and Matthew Fasullo followed afterwards. Dance Life Socials performed a line-dance also.

As expected to live

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, Chollo Lagdameo, Katharine Reyes, Piolo Pascual

up any performance are the back up dancers Chollo Lagdameo and Katherine Reyes. After the front act, there was a 15-minute intermission.

Piolo opened up with a fast number. But afterwards, Piolo sang all ballads. The songs are like a history of his life in showbiz. Each one represents a milestone. He was not feeling 100% well. Nevertheless, he managed to perform for more than an hour and still managed to have a meet and greet afterwards.

When she was just starting, one performance of Jenifer Camacho that still stands out in my mind is when she performed with her band at Earl Bales Park. It was lively, it was entertaining and showed her prowess as a total performer. Years later, she would hold 3 concerts, if I am not mistaken. I covered one of them at the Capitol theatre. Nowadays, she makes a living as a real estate broker. Well, for

one night, the singer turned real estate broker will turn singer again for one night on September 7. I am looking forward to that.

And because February was the month of love, there were parties and theme of the love. I was going to concert of Martha Joy a last-minute day change for the Valentine's party of Star Entertainment, I ended up attending the SCE party. It boiled down to food so I stayed at the Star party.

Lito Lapid killed off in Ang Probinsyano

Lito Lapid bids goodbye to his Romulo “Leon” Dumaguít in the ABS-CBN prime-time series last February 11 sa Kapamilya prime-time series na FPJ's Ang Probinsyano.

Starting February 12 ang 90-day campaign period para sa mga senatorial candidate kaya hindi na siya puwedeng mapanood sa mga pelikula at television series.

Sa dalawang huling gabi ng kanyang mga eksena sa prime-time action-drama series ni Coco Martin sa ABS-CBN, binigyan ng highlight ang husay niya sa paggamit ng baril at pagsakay sa kabayo.

Nagpaalala ito sa lahat kay Leon Guerrero, isa sa mga popular character na ginampanan ng 63-year-old actor sa 1980 movie na Ang Pagbabalik Ni Leon Guerrero.

Ang matagal at nightly exposure ni Lito sa top-rating program ni Coco ang sinasabing dahilan kaya consistent na nangunguna ang kanyang pangalan sa mga senatorial survey.

Nagkakaisa ang karamihan sa paniniwala na isa si Lito sa mga nakinabang na ang husto sa paglabas niya sa Ang Probinsyano dahil nagpalakas ito sa public awareness sa kanyang senatorial bid.

BOOBAY AND ATE GAY from page 1

Ate Gay is an actor, comedian and impersonator. He is known for his song mash-ups on comedy bars and TV shows. He was a co-host of Willie Revillame in the TV show, Wowowillie. He has had a successful sold-out concert at the SM Mall of Asia Arena. Together with Boobay, he is a regular performer in the Klownz & Zirkoh comedy bar circuits in Manila. Like Boobay, he has been featured in numerous TV shows, films and concerts worldwide.

The Boobay and Ate Gay Project also aims to provide an avenue for new and budding local talents to experience sharing a stage with seasoned entertainers and get themused to performing on stage - live. To be featured in the show are: Star Entertainment Circle talents, Model & Singer Samantha Gavin, Chollo Lagdameo and the On the Spot Dancers, Barrie's Audrey Lynn Bushell, Model & Singer Lady Diana Alvaro, Singer/Actress Kassandra Adajar, Singer/Composer Angel Tagadtad, and singers Angelica Ladouceur and Leriza Paulino. (**** Fe P. Taduran****)

Wedding bells soon for Tom Rodriguez and Carla Abellana? + other stories

At 32, Tom Rodriguez already has an undisclosed deadline on when to marry his girlfriend Carla Abellana.

“I’m not in a relationship just for the sake of it,” he said in an interview for his new GMA afternoon series with Janine Gutierrez titled “Dragon Lady.”

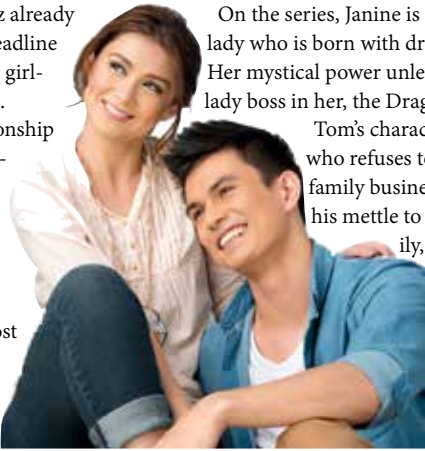
“I’m in it for the long haul, I’m in it for the long run. Everything I do is towards that end (marriage). It’s almost there. Everything is on track.”

Asked if he has already proposed, Tom said, “Secret.”

He added, “We’re in no rush but it’s definitely working up to that. So, it’s in the works.”

Carla is excited for Tom’s new acting project. He clarified it’s no problem for Clara even if he gets paired with someone as smashing as Janine.

“She’s happy (I got this project). Janine is very beautiful but Carla is very secure of herself,” the actor said.



On the series, Janine is Celestina, a young lady who is born with dragon-like traits. Her mystical power unleashes the fierce lady boss in her, the Dragon Lady.

Tom’s character is adventurous who refuses to meddle with the family business. forced to prove his mettle to his Chinese family, he allows himself to become instrumental in the downfall of Celestina but whom he falls for later on.

Also in the cast are Joyce Ching, Edgar Allan Guzman, Diana Zubiri, James Blanco, Maricar de Mesa, Lovely Abella, Julie Lee, DJ Durano, Dexter Doria and Odette Khan.

Love actually

Liza Soberano and Enrique Gil have finally confirmed they are in a relationship and for some time now too.

Fans of LizQuen are rejoicing now that their

idols, Liza Soberano and Enrique Gil, can openly tell each other “You’re mine.”

Appearing as guests on Vice Ganda’s comedy talk show “Gandang Gabi Vice (GGV)” over the weekend to promote their film “Alone/Together” that opens in cinemas today, the two were asked point-blank, “Kayo na ba?”

Aptly enough, it was Enrique who manned up and candidly answered: “Yes.”

Liza then revealed they have been together for “more than two years,” and that they celebrate their anniversary every October.

The two were first paired in the 2013 Star Cinema film “She’s The One.” Their onscreen chemistry rose to prominence from then on, appearing on several TV series such as “Forevermore,” “Dolce Amore,” and “Bagani;” then in movies like “Just The Way You Are,” “Everyday I Love You,” and “My Ex And Whys.”

Prior to their admission, Liza and Enrique have been “open” about their special feelings for each other, even posting photos and exchanging “I love you’s” on social media platforms.

In the show’s segment “Kuryentanong,” Enrique asked Liza: “Tingin mo ba talaga tayo na forever?”

Without hesitations, Liza answered: “Oo.”

Candid SPOOF

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Jojo and Fe Taduran drops Le Chazz at Pearson Airport after their (AJ left one week later) successful comedy show at the Toronto Pavilion.

YAM CONCEPCION

The ‘mistress’ we all love to hate

ONCE again a new teleserye character playing the “other woman” has Filipino viewers gritting their teeth and clenching their fists as they curse her existence and damn her soul. “Snake,” “homewrecker,” “flirt” are just a few of the nicknames they throw at her. She’s the perfect villain to any fairytale. Because, nobody is hated more than a two-timing, gold-digging, discontented and scheming wife who goes by name of “Jade Bartolome.”

Jade Bartolome is the character played by Yam Concepcion, opposite Jericho Rosales who plays the role of Lino (Jade’s husband) in ABS-CBN’s teleserye, “Halik.” The story’s



boiling point was when Lino found out that his wife was having an affair with Ace Corpuz who is

played by Sam Milby in this heart-tugging and blood-boiling drama series that has Filipino viewers glued to their TV screens just to witness the rollercoaster happenings and daring scenes the series is known for.

“Halik” is one of ABS-CBN’s most scorching shows at the moment and has been causing quite the stir amongst the Filipino audience because of their intense and frustrating scenes that’ll make you want to pull your hair and scream profanities just to get it out of your system.

With the show’s ratings, it has proven – yet again – that media outlets have the power to rally the masses against a single character or in situations that are 100 percent hashtag #relatable.

Another one of the many trending episodes was when Jade attacks the very kind Jacky (played by Yen Santos) publicly.

Gone are the insecure, under-appreciated, scared and timid mistresses who wait by the window counting the hours until her lover could sneak out from his precious family to come home to her.

Now the world is filled with “Jades.” They are the mistresses who would overstep and go way beyond the boundaries of being the “third party.” They have convinced themselves that they are entitled and they hold their ground no matter how inconsiderate and immoral that is. They unbelievably confident to a fault. And we all love to hate on a woman like that, don’t we?

But that’s how we get hooked and somehow stressed out by the mistress-character Yam plays.

Kudos to the writers of the show who seem to have perfectly concocted the “most hated” person on Philippine TV.

In an interview, Yam, who plays this iconic role shared about how

she has been bashed on social media and has received hate messages for playing Jade. In fairness to Yam, she has pulled off this role really well – so well that sometimes people forget that she is just playing a role. And while she is not loving the hurtful messages and personal attacks on her sometimes, she is still thankful that people recognize her performance – and are reacting to it in the most dramatic way possible.

Fortunately, her efforts had not gone unnoticed as she recently received her first acting award after being in show business for over six years. In her Instagram account she thanked the organization, “Philippine Social Media Awards” who has chosen her as the receiver of the star achiever trending teleserye actress for her role as Jade.

For those who are unaware, Yam Concepcion who is Lorraine May Concepcion in real life, has been in the showbiz industry since 2012 when a talent scout discovered her in one of the music videos of OPM band Mayonnaise. She started off by playing supporting roles in a few movies and starring in the Erik Matti-helmed adult thriller flick, Rigodon.

A Multimedia Arts graduate from De La Salle – College of St. Benilde, Yam ventured in doing teleseryes and, in 2013, landed a spot in the television adaptation of the classic action movie Dugong Buhay as Sandy played de-ceitful and traitor best friend Kayla to Diane (Alex Gonzaga) in the 2014 drama “Pure Love,” the Filipino adaptation of the Korean series 49 Days.

That same year, Yam once more flaunted her sexy image when she portrayed the supporting role of Michelle, the ex-girlfriend to Patrick Garcia’s character, Albert

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Medrano, in the Pinoy version of the hit K-Drama “Two Wives.” Yam portrayed kontribida again that same year when she took on the role of Bianca in the Kapamilya Gold soap opera “All Of Me.”

Yam’s biggest break came in 2016 in the daytime family series “Langit Lupa,” wherein she scored her first-ever leading role on TV. From drama, the seasoned actress was able to try her flair in action when she got included in the top-rating primetime series FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano and played the role of Lena, whose character proved to have a thrilling connection to the Coco Martin’s titular character. Reportedly, her supposed two-month stint in the show got extended to six months because of the audiences’ positive response.

Yam is the testament of how one iconic role can change her life forever. Albeit, a not-so-loveable role, but one that has the power hold every living fan invested enough to turn them into “haters.”

I love that we hate the antagonist that Jade Bartolome embodies because it turned our attention to Yam Concepcion. She is purely talented and I could not imagine a much better Jade but her.

To Yam: Congratulations. I love you as much as I hate Jade Bartolome. Keep it up!

Showbiz Newbies

In showbiz, we do have our seasoned veterans, however, what makes Philippine showbiz throb and sizzle are the newbies, up starters and young bloods who become sources of inspiration or subjects of infamy.



Shido Roxas—he was part of the most awarded MMFF 2018 film Rainbow’s Sunset, with 11 trophies that included Best Picture, and Best Director for Joel Lamangan. Shido plays the young Eddie Garcia in the much-loved motion picture. Brawny, brainy, with an arresting screen presence and is more than willing daring if his role calls for it. There is more to Shido than being a beefcake.

Michelle Vito—to say that she is beautiful is an understatement. When you see Michelle in person, you know that apart from being an actress of note, beauty queen and supermodel are territories she can excel in. In Otlum, her director Joven Tan teased that she was just playing her “maarte” self. To this, Michelle’s reaction was a guffaw.



Golden Cañedo—forget the uncanny resemblance to Pop Star Royalty Sarah Geronimo since this singing sweetheart has a melodious voice that pulls the heartstrings. She knows how to bring out the story of every and it does help that the young miss is a princess that charms.

Vance Larena—the eldest brother in the critically acclaimed and sleeper hit Bakwit Boys. Vance brought home the Best Actor in a Featured Role from the ALIW Awards. This young man has a solid theater background and reportedly has no qualms in giving life to edgy and out of the box characters.

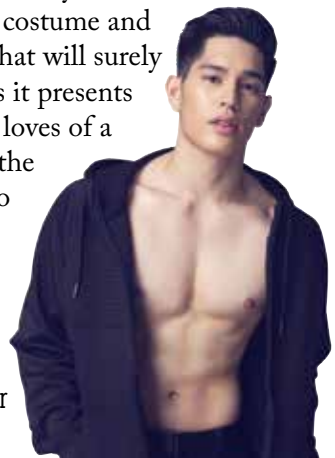


Enrico Cuenca—he is Oliver in Onanay and yes, every inch of him screams matinee idol. He has puppy dog eyes, a sensitivity that is potent, and portraying an affluent young man is second skin to him. You cannot take your eyes off him because he is not just only promising, but a superb sampling of a fine young gentleman.

Jane de Leon—With doe eyes that can convey all sorts of emotions and a face that refreshes, she definitely makes her presence and acting felt in a primetime drama series wherein she needs to be at par with the Amy Austria and Jericho, who



Ali Forbes—Sexy. Comely and brazen are just some of the adjectives associated with this lady. She will play lead in a costume and historical drama that will surely be controversial as it presents the life and many loves of a prostitute during the Spanish ilustrado era.



Gab Lagman—he is a model, basketball player, thus you no longer wonder why his body is lean and mean. Add the fact that he has full, sensuous lips and a face that can calm any doubting mother, He possesses the requisite heat needed by any heartthrob.

portrays as her mother and brother respectively.

JC Alcantara—first noticed in a pancit canton commercial, this very Filipino looking young man, with the most gentle face, is a welcome breather to the predominantly mestizo men that populate the entertainment industry. In Halik where he portrays Bogs, every time he smiles and looks at Maggie (Jane), you cannot help but wish you were Maggie so you could tell him, “Choose me. Marry me. Let me make you happy.”

EJ Salamante—he has the biggest chance to be proclaimed as the Reyna ng Banga in “Backlash” singing competition, one of Eat Bulaga’s most watched segment. Kooky, with a fierce sense of fashion and a singing voice that soars and wows. EJ now regularly performs in EB production numbers with his other co-Bakclashers.



Who inspires Kylene to be busy?

KYLINE Alcantara and Therese Malvar finally appeared as the grown up Elsa and Ariella in “Inagaw na Bituin”. The show has been running for two weeks with their characters played by child stars, but now, they’ve finally grown up and play their characters as teenagers who will soon be rivals as singing stars. Kylene is now one of the busiest Kapuso stars. Aside from taping “Inagaw na Bituin” three times a week, she is in two shows on Sunday, “Sunday PinaSaya” at lunchtime and “Studio 7” in the evening. But she’s not complaining.

“I actually love being busy,” she says. “Magko-complain pa ba ako samantalang ‘yung iba, walang trabaho? I’m just thankful for all the blessings that come into my life right now.”

In the ‘Inagaw’ story, Kylene as Anna is the only child of Sunshine Dizon as Belinda and Marvin Agustin as Edward. But she is kidnapped and grows up under the care of a foster



mom, Angelu de Leon as Aurora, who gives her the new name of Elsa.

“I can really identify with my role as an aspiring singer kasi pinagdaanan ko rin ‘yan before GMA-7 gave me a good break with ‘Kambal Karibal’ and now, this show. Like Anna/Elsa, gusto ko ring matulungan ang mga taong mahal ko sa buhay and make them proud of me.”

Therese also enjoys her role as Ariela. “I start here as a kind girl but my mom, Angelika de la Cruz as Lucinda, brainwashed me and turned me into a mean girl para kalabanin si Kylene. I become a spoiled brat who manipulates people to get what she wants. I’ll do whatever it takes just to reach to the top, even if I have to step on other people’s toes. I can identify with my character’s ambition and passion to pursue her dreams, pero hindi ako maka-identify sa pagiging ruthless niya in using other people just to be achieve success.”

“Inagaw na Bituin” is now enjoying high ratings in GMA-7’s Afternoon Prime, much more than management’s expectations. It’s an acting duel not only for Kylene and Therese but also for the more senior stars Sunshine, Angelika and Angelu.



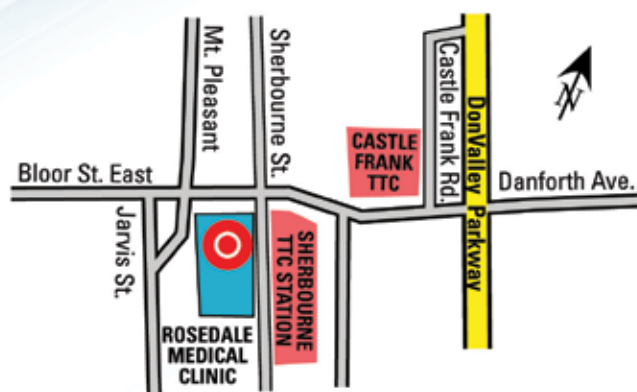


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