

PHL declares Polio Outbreak

The last known case from a wild strain of the virus in the Philippines was in 1993.
The wild poliovirus type 2 was declared globally eradicated in 2015.



MANILA, Philippines – Philip-
pine health officials declared
a polio outbreak in the coun-
try on September 19, nearly
two decades after the World
Health Organization declared
it to be free of the highly con-
tagious and potentially dead-
ly disease.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque III
said at a news conference that authori-
ties have confirmed at least one case of
polio in a 3-year-old girl in southern
Lanao del Sur province and detected
the polio virus in sewage in Manila and
in waterways in the southern Davao
region. Those findings are enough to

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Manila may be a Terror Target

It's more populated and
cause more harm and
victims in terrorizing the
government

MANILA - A Deputy Speaker in the
House of Representatives thinks it's like-
ly that terror groups might target Metro
Manila next after launching a series of
bombings in Mindanao.

As such, Surigao del Sur 2nd district
Rep. Johnny Pimentel said that law en-
forcement authorities should be on their
toes regarding a possible spillover of the
attacks from down south, adding it would
be costly in terms of human life.

"It is highly possible that their next

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Direk Cathy extends stay at ABS-CBN

Is Direk Cathy Garcia-Molina extending her stay as in-house director ng Star Cinema at ABS-CBN?

Si Direk Cathy ang director ng reunion movie nina Piolo Pascual at Claudine Barretto na kukunan sa ibang bansa, either sa Prague o sa Florence. Siya rin ang director ng bagong ginagawang TV series ng magka-loveteam at real-life sweet-hearts na sina Liza Soberano at Enrique Gil na pinamagatang “Make It With You” which is partly shot in Croatia.

Direk Cathy directed the first two TV series nina Liza at Enrique, ang “Forevermore” at “Dolce Amore”. She also directed the hit movie of LizQuen, ang “My Ex and Whys” in 2017 na kumita sa takilya ng P400-M.

Kung magi-extend si Direk Cathy, marami pang ibang Kapamilya stars ang naghihintay na madirek ng box office director na kagagaling lamang sa mega hit movie na “Hello, Love, Goodbye” na pinagtambalan nina Kathryn Bernardo at Alden Richards na humamig sa takilya ng halos isang bilyong piso, making the movie the highest grossing Filipino film of all time. The movie surpassed the record made by Kathryn and Daniel Padilla last year sa pamamagitan ng “The Hows of Us” na dinirek din ni Direk Cathy.

Hindi kaya muling hiritan si Direk Cathy ng reunion project nina John Lloyd Cruz at Bea Alonzo na ang huling pinagtambang pelikula ay ang “Second Chance” na dinirek din ni Direk Cathy?

Pagdura ni Kylie kay Maxine, gimmick?

IN the musical “Gypsy” Rosalind Russell who played the stage mother to Natalie Wood (as the burlesque dancer Gypsy Rose Lee) sung the line “you’ve got to have a gimmick”.

Umiiikot ang showbiz sa all kinds of gimmicks, good or bad is publicity and being talked about is what matters. Just like the controversial na pagdura or spit ni Kylie Verzosa kay Maxine Medina. Whose idea was it anyway?

Kay Kylie or sa director at hindi pumasok sa kukote nila that it is unhygienic? Bawal nga sa Quezon City ang dumura. Because of this Kylie should earn the title DURA QUEEN. We hope hindi ito ulitin sa Kadenang Ginto na lahat na yata ng uri ng physical abuse ay nagawa na. At sino naman kaya ang maglalakas loob na duraan si Daniela (Dimples Romana)?

Anyway nag-apologize na si Kylie kay Maxine and expressed her willingness to work with her again at the final presscon for “Los Bastardos”.

Kylie-Maxine spat over, but reconciliation doubted

KYLIE Verzosa and Maxine Medina have a raging controversial issue with each other, so it’s not surprising that they were immediately asked about this at the farewell presscon of “Los Bastardos” that ends this coming week. It’s said that during a heated confrontation scene, Kylie spat on Maxine and it’s not in the script. Both Kylie and Maxine are beauty queens. Kylie won the Miss International title in Japan in 2016. Maxine represented our country in the Miss Universe pageant in

2016.

Kylie is the first one to reply: “Okay na kami ni Maxine ngayon. Friends na kami. In my role as Dulce, contravida akong nabaliw at naging obsessed kay Jake Cuenca as Isagani who chose Maxine over me kaya binaril ko siya. Sa scene namin ni Maxine, sobrang heightened ang emotions ko kasi kababaryl ko lang kay Jake, tapos nakaposas ako at hawak ng dalawang pulis. So nadala lang talaga ako



ng eksena sa nagawa ko kay Maxine. Pero si Dulce ang gumawa nun, na malayo sa tunay na ako. Nag-sorry naman ako agad sa kanya. First teleserye ko ang ‘Los Bastardos’ at from bida, naging contravida ang character ko kaya nagkaroon ng malaking switch. Nahirapan ako but I considered it a big challenge. Hindi naman po maiiwasan ‘yung may nangyayaring di mo inaasahan. May nasasaktan. Ako nga, ang dami ko ring pasa galing sa eksena.”

Myrtle Sarrosa regrets spending for an ex-BF

MYRTLE SARROSA was the big winner in PBB Teens 4th edition in 2012 but her career didn’t take off the way those of other winners did. She’s lucky that Regal Entertainment continues to give her film assignments and she’s now one of the lead stars in the barkada movie, “Ang Henerasyong Sumuko sa Love”. In real life, was there a time that she really made “suko” to love?

“I admit may times na gusto ko nang sumuko,” she says. “Kasi when you’re in a relationship, there are times na both sides, hindi na happy at hindi na kayo nakakatulong for each other to grow, so it’s better to just give up. But then, masarap magmahal, e, so hindi mo basta-basta masusukuan yan.”

Has she done any crazy things for love? “Oh yes, I’ve done some crazy things for love. Ako kasi, pag alam kong may kailangan ang taong mahal ko, gumagastos talaga ako para sa kanya, like I bought all the things he needs for his mobile game at sobrang mahal noon, ha. Now, pinagsisisihan ko yun kasi hindi naman pala kami magkakatuluyan. Dapat pala, ginastos ko na lang para sa sarili ko yung pera kaysa para sa gadgets niya.”

Of course, she would not reveal the identity of the guy. In “Henerasyong Sumuko sa Love”, she plays Juna Mae, a promodizer who is afraid of commitment. She has a boyfriend, Albie Casino as Hadji, who’s a hopeless romantic and her exact opposite. She’s cynical about love after her past relationships ended badly and does not believe in forever. In contrast, Hadji is more idealistic when it comes to romance.

So how about Albie, has he ever given up on love? “No, as long as my heart is beating, hindi ako titigil magmahal,” he says.

Has he done any crazy things for love? “Naku, marami akong ginawang crazy things. Kasi when I’m in love, nawawala ako sa sarili ko. But as of now, I’m more in love with my career. On TV, I’ve just finished ‘Los Bastardos’. Aside naman from ‘Henerasyong Sumuko sa Love’, kasama rin ako sa ‘Isa Pang Bahaghari’ ni Direk Joel Lamangan, so I’m happy to be busy with assignments now.”

Honey Shot

Makayla Leggett

Makayla is 18 years old. He favourite food is Torta cake. She playus tennis. She wants to get into the field of acting or singing. She just graduated from Cardinal Carter for the Arts. Her parents are Preston and Chrystal. Her grandma is Elizabeth Honoridez Leggett.



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Edward on Maymay: ‘She is very girlfriend material’

We know that Maymay Entrata and Edward Barber’s fans have been patiently waiting for them to make it official but there’s a good reason why they’re taking it slow.

The actor revealed at the digital conference of their “M.E & U” concert last August 29, why he’s taking his time to properly court Maymay. He explained, “I’m taking my time with everything I do—with Maymay and work. So ayoko talagang mag-rush, [ayokong] may pressure para maging isang love team na real [couple].”

But although he isn’t rushing



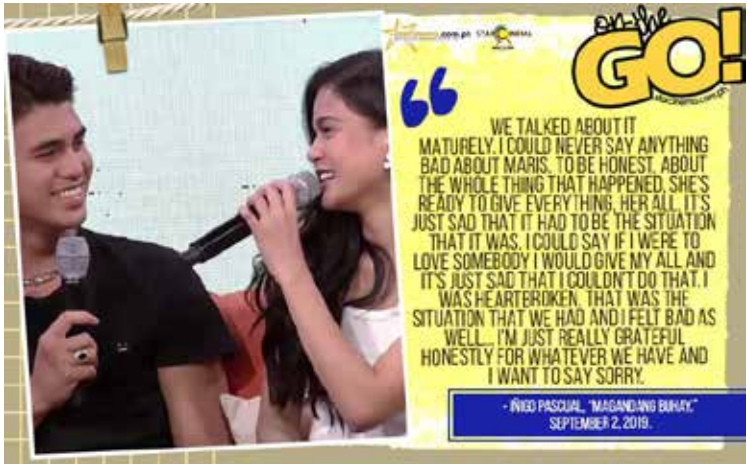
to enter a relationship with his on-screen partner, Edward is more than aware that Maymay is “girlfriend material.”

“She is very girlfriend material. She is very girlfriend material to the point na I don’t want to see her as the girlfriend of another,” he enthused.

Maymay, who was then speechless about what she heard, also thinks the same for her Dodong.

“Oo naman po siyempre [boyfriend material si Edward],” she said, “Ayoko po [makita si Edward na may girlfriend na iba].”

Iñigo apologizes to Maris for ‘breaking her heart’! ‘I’m just really grateful for whatever we have and I want to say sorry.’



Maris Racal Asks Iñigo Pascual: ‘Hindi ka lang ba ready noon or ayaw mo lang talaga?’

What a question!

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Maris Racal and Iñigo Pascual are currently promoting their new movie, I’m Ellenya L., and it seems a little awkward considering they ended a “mutual understanding” last year.

On Tonight With Boy Abunda, Iñigo said it was because he wasn’t ready to be in a relationship at the time. “Maris was ready to give everything. She was ready to be in a relationship. I was in a situation where I just could not give that.”

He decided to focus on his career and family, which Maris understood and supported. But as host Boy Abunda asked, can’t a relationship be in the mix as well? “She needs someone who can be there for her. There were days when I couldn’t be there for her and I didn’t like that feeling.”

The last time Maris was on the show, she admitted that Iñigo broke her heart. She said it’s all good now and that she no longer felt any negative emotions towards him. But, upon the host’s prodding, she did have



one question for Iñigo: “Hindi ka lang ba ready noon or ayaw mo lang talaga?” The audience went *wild* when she brought up the question.

Iñigo’s answer? He really just wasn’t ready. “It broke my heart that it was the way it was. I tell you that. It makes me really sad. I’m in a situation where I literally—I take care of my mom. I’m her only son. My dad [Piolo Pascual], I just started to have a relationship with when I moved back here. It’s hard for me to jump into a relationship because I want to be able to give my time and the same amount of effort and love that the other person is giving. If I’m not able to give that, I’d rather not start something in the first place.”

Is there any chance that they would get back together? Maris said, “Happy ako kung ano mang mayroon kami ngayon pero hindi talaga natin malalaman kung ano ang

What The F^{ACT}? BY JOSE BAKING

Master of Distraction

Convicts who committed heinous crimes do not get early parole in the United States or Canada. Usually, during the sentencing, the judge will already hand down their decision as to the minimum number of years the felon will serve before he or she is eligible for parole. In the Philippines, they just hand them the number of years they will be imprisoned. It does not mention how long they have to serve before reviewing their cases for parole. Now comes this program called Good Conduct Time Allowance where prisoners will be released if they behaved while in prison. Knoing the Philippines, it was

only a matter of time before the practice was abused by those in power. Am ex-Mayor who raped and murdered a girl and murdered her boyfriend was about to be released when the public learned about it, forcing Duterte to block his release.

In the middle of hearings, investigations, inquiries, comes this news of a a drug queen who was apparently the biggest supplier of drugs. Whether she’s the biggest supplier on her street or the country or the worlrd will

never be known.

Who plants this news to the media? We don’t even know if she is really a drug dealer or another one of Duterte’s creations.

What happened to the lottery closure issue? Did they really catch the corrupt people who are not remitting the sales as alleged by President Duterte?

It seems there is new news every minute waiting to blowup while the current one is being investigated.

Bea ‘di pa handang kausapin si Gerald

NGAYONG nag-die down na ang kontober-siya sa pagitan nina Bea Alonzo, Gerald Anderson at Julia Barretto, balik-tra-baho sina Bea at Gerald. Si Bea ay may bagong TV series with Richard Gutierrez and Rafael Rosell and a new movie kung saan niya co-stars sina Richard Gutierrez at Angelica

Panganiban. “A Soldier’s Heart” naman ang bagong TV project ni Gerald.

Bea and Gerald have yet to have a formal closure ng kanilang relasyon pero mukhang hindi pa handa ang Kapamilya actress na makausap ang dating nobyo matapos siyang iwan nito sa ere.



Julia moving on, gusto nang magsarili

TULAD ng kanyang elder (half) sister na si Dani Barretto-Panlilio, vlogger na rin ngayon ang Kapamilya actress na si Julia Barretto na nagsimula last Saturday, September 21. Although hindi pa namin nakikita ang



YouTube channel ni Julia, malamang na naikuwento niya sa kanyang vlog ang kanyang paglipat sa ipinatayong bahay where she will be living independently from her mom na si

Marjorie Barretto and younger siblings na sina Claudia, Leon at Erich.

Sa kabila ng matinding pinagdaana ni Julia kung saan siya naipit sa hiwalayan ng dating magkasintahang Bea Alonzo at Gerald Anderson, Julia is moving on with her life and her career.

May movie siya with her ex-boyfriend na si Joshua Garcia, ang zombie movie na "Block Z" na dinirek niMikhail Red na naghihintay na lamang ng release date. Meron din siyang sisimulang bagong pelikula plus a new business venture.

Sa halip na mag-dwell on negativity, si Julia ay nakatingin sa positibong aspeto lalupa't excited siya sakanyang paglipat sa kanyang bagong bahay at pagsisimula ng bagong business and a new movie project.

Wala rin umano sa immediate plans ni Julia ang pagkakaroon ng bagong boyfriend dahil alam namanniya na ito'y kusang lalapit sa kanya at hindi umanoniya kailangang hanapin.

High prices, not ASF, will make Filipinos stop eating pork



A butcher slices his pig products sold at Paco market.

While the government and producers have continuously reminded consumers that pork in the local market is safe amid the African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreak, it's the prices brought about by tight supply that will make it hard for Filipinos to keep on eating the staple meat, especially this coming holiday season.

Jesus Cham, President of Meat Importers and Traders Association (MITA), said that the worst-case scenario amid the ASF outbreak in the country would be that prices will be so high that a lot of people will no longer be able to afford it.

ASF can't infect humans and is not considered a food safety risk, but it is a fatal animal disease among pigs and wild boars with up to 100 percent case mortality rate. In the Philippines, it was only detected a few weeks ago, but in other countries like China and Vietnam, the virus had already killed millions of pigs, crippling the hog industry of both nations.

Right now, the local hog industry is saying that the country is self-sufficient in pork,

raising 12 million to 13 million pigs worth P260 billion annually.

However, the Philippines, which also happens to be the 10th largest pork consumer in the world, is also currently the seventh-largest importer of pork in the world, with pork imports rising to a record high of 850,000 metric tons (MT) as of last year.

Cham said that some hog raisers in the

country began liquidating their hog inventory even before ASF could hit their farms, a development that could result to tight supply in the market.

"[Soon] businesses will liquidate and prices are going to drop. We have seen this in other countries like China. And then there will be no more supply, so prices will start coming up. But, prices will come up only if there is purchasing power and Filipinos don't have purchasing power. 85 percent don't have purchasing power," Cham said in an interview.

Right now, there are 12 confirmed areas in the Philippines that have already been hit by ASF although the word on the street is that the virus has already spread to Central Luzon, which currently has the second-highest swine inventory in the country.

Canadian pork

In terms of imports, Cham said the new arrivals for December are very "dicey", with China, which has been the worst-hit country

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Duque: Vaccine scare, 'anti-vaxxers' among causes of polio resurgence

MANILA, Philippines — One of the reasons for the re-emergence of polio in the country was due to the vaccine scare caused by the controversy on the use of dengue serum Dengvaxia, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said Friday.

During the launch of "End Polio Now" campaign in Quezon City, the Department of Health (DOH) chief noted that there are "multifactorial" causes for the prevailing polio epidemic in the country but, "Number one, of course 'yung scare ng Dengvaxia [vaccine], the anti-vaxxers also, misinformation." He also cited "generally poor environmental sanitation and hygiene" as another reason for polio's reemergence.

"Kulang sa paghuhugas ng kamay, so fecal oral route [meaning] ang hawaan dito ay galing sa dumi ng tao, tapos nakahawak ng pagkain at susubo, 'yun ang umpisa," Duque explained.

DOH confirmed that the potentially deadly infectious disease is back in the country nearly two decades after the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Philippines polio-free.

It said it has verified the presence of the virus in samples taken from sewage in Manila and waterways in Davao, as one case was proven in a 3-year-old girl in Lanao del Sur.

Duque enjoined the public, especially parents, to teach children proper handwashing, which could prevent polio and other diseases like cholera and hepatitis, among others.

According to him, "virus is quite easily neutralized at a temperature of 31 degrees centigrade and higher," stressing the significance of handwashing.

"So kailangan magpainit ng tubig, maghugas ng kamay ng maigi. Ihuhugas dito sa palm of the hand, sa likod, sa dali-daliri ng kamay [ng] mga 20 seconds," Duque said.



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Otso Diretso, ABS-CBN News ‘most targeted’ by disinformation in 2019 elections – UP journ analysis

MANILA - Otso Diretso candidates, particularly Mar Roxas and Bam Aquino, were targeted the most by disinformation in the May 2019 midterm elections, an analysis done by University of the Philippines (UP) professors showed.

Disinformation came mainly from candidates aligned with the administration. UP journalism professor Diosa Labiste, however, said that there is not enough evidence to establish whether this caused the candidates’ defeat or victory in the elections. UP Journalism Department analyzed 131 election-related claims flagged by Tsek.ph, a fact-checking effort among universities and media.

Their findings showed that Roxas, in particular, was a frequent victim of altered photos on Facebook. In contrast, candidates from the administration party, Hugpong ng Pagbabago, were victimized by misinformation and disinformation only three times, based on the claims fact-checked by the group.

“It is not that other candidates did not resort to disinformation,” Labiste said. “Rather, there were more fact-checked claims disseminating false information that

avored Duterte’s candidates and attacked his critics,” she added.

Victim of imposter content

ABS-CBN News, meanwhile, was the biggest victim of “imposter content” as ABS-CBN news reports were the most-often altered and spread on social media in the run-up to the May 2019 elections.

UP journalism professor Yvonne Chua, who was part of the team that did the analysis, said that purveyors of disinformation “capitalized on a well-known brand,” like ABS-CBN, to amplify their content. This, she said, is problematic as it erodes public trust in media.

Facebook was the favorite platform for disinformation in the 2019 elections, followed by television.

The most common types of false or misleading election content posted on social media were altered photos and fake infographics such as memes.

Against an anti-fake news measure

Labiste pointed out, however, that they are

against proposed measures to regulate so-called “fake news,” such as Senate Bill No. 9 or the “Anti-Fake News Bill” authored by Senate President Vicente Sotto III.

“Mahirap mag-create ng law which could be used against free expression,” she said. For Labiste, disinformation or “fake news” could best be stomped through media literacy, fact-checking, and teaching social media users to be discerning when they access information online.

The Tsek.ph website, where the fact-checks were posted, was also subjected to hundreds of “suspicious attempts” to access the website in the months leading to, and after, the elections. Such suspicious attempts peaked in April, with a total of 339 attempts monitored.

According to UP Computer Science professor Jan Michael Yap, some of these were possibly hacking attempts, with 44 percent of them from the U.S., followed by Ukraine and Japan.

Yap said, however, that it could also be that these were not the actual location of those who were trying to access the site as the location could be “masked.”

Angelina Cruz gets ready for college; reveals university choices

Angelina Cruz, the eldest daughter of Sunshine Cruz and Cesar Montano, is gearing up for college. A high school student at De La Salle Zobel, the 18-year-old singer is choosing among three institutions to get into—the neo de Manila University, De La Salle University, and College of Saint Benilde.

The young model had already taken her entrance exams at the Ateneo.

“Waiting for the results.

Hoping I’ll get in,” she says.

Angelina adds that she is “fine with either Ateneo or Taft,” the latter being the De La Salle University campus on Taft Avenue in Manila and the preference of her mom, Sunshine.

Angelina shares her mom does not want her to go to Ateneo because it is in Quezon City, which is farther from where they live in Parañaque City.

She says, “It’s really far. It’s in Q.C. pa, so it’s super far. She wants me to go to Taft na lang because it’s closer to home. I can stay at home.”

Is Angelina considering to lodge somewhere close by if she gets into Ateneo?

The young talent says, “I haven’t really talked about it with my mom. She told me, ‘Pass muna the test, and then we’ll talk about it.’”

Angelina plans to take up either BS Management in the Ateneo or Marketing in De La Salle.

Her two siblings are Sam and Chesca.

Vlogger sa Commonwealth Avenue, baka raw doon na ikasal dahil sa traffic

Kinagigiliwan ngayon ng netizens ang vlog ng isang pasaaherong nag-aabang ng masasakyan sa Commonwealth Avenue, na sa tagal at hirap ng paghihintay ay naisip niyang baka dito na siya ikasal at magkapamilya.

Sinabing damang-dama ang hugot ni Alex Tatoy sa araw-araw na kalbaryong nararanasan ng mga mandirigmang commuters sa Metro Manila.

“Feeling namin lahat ng tao sa Pilipinas nandito sa Quezon City, lahat ng tao sa Pilipinas, nandito lang, nag-ipon ipon sila para hindi kami makasakay,” pabiro ni Alex.

“Ngayon, ewan ko, baka dito na ako magkapamilya. Shoutout sa pamilya ko diyan, baka dito na ako magpakasal, magkaanak. Invite ko na lang kayo sa binyag ha? Kaya ko ‘to! Hahaha”

KC Conception explains why she does not block her bashers

Sa kabila ng patuloy na panlalait at pang-aali-pusta sa kanya ng bashers, sinasagot pa rin ni KC Conception ang mga ito sa social media.

Pag-amin ng 34-year-old actress/host/entrepreneur, naaaliiw siya sa kanyang bashers kaya hindi niya ito bina-block.

Ito ang isinagot ni KC sa isang netizen nang imungkahi sa anak nina Sharon Cuneta at Gabby Conception na i-block ang kanyang mga kritiko.

Isang netizen naman ang nagmungkahi kay KC na i-block niya ang kanyang bashers.

Sagot ni KC: “They entertain me hun”

Kamakailan, may netizens ding tumawag kay KC na “mukhang clown” at nagpa-plastic surgery.

Mas pinipili naman ni KC na sagutin ang mga ito sa positibong paraan.

Bacon, other pork items no-no at NAIA—Customs

MANILA - Bring home the greenback but not bacon and other pork products this Christmas.

This comes as a timely admonition issued by the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in anticipation of the avalanche of canned goods and meat products brought in by travelers as gifts to their families this coming holiday season.

Customs-NAIA district collector Carmelita Talusan reminded balikbayan and other arriving travelers that canned goods or any pork products, especially those from countries affected by the highly contagious African Swine Fever, will be confiscated.

“We’re expecting the influx of canned goods and meat products this Christmas season but we will confiscate the items and any made products from countries affected by the ASF, and from other countries with no permits,” said Talusan.

She made the reminder for the passengers to avoid any hassles at the arrival area.

Aside from chocolates, pork products such as hotdogs, sausages, ham and luncheon meat are among the favorite ‘pasalubong’ of returning travelers to their families and friends during holidays and other celebrations.



“This is not to spoil the intention of pasalubong and the spirit of Christmas but this is our way of protecting the swine industry and the country from further outbreak,” explained Talusan.

Latest reports showed that nearly 80 percent of the world’s domestic pig population is at risk of contracting ASF as the virus continues to spread.

The government banned the importation of pork and pork-based items from Russia, Romania, South Africa, Ukraine, Zambia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, China, Hong Kong, Macau, Vietnam, Mongolia, and Cambodia.

Talusan said her office continues its

close coordination with the Bureau of Animal Industry as part of the government’s campaign against ASF.

Airport and agriculture officials also deployed meat-sniffing canines to check the luggage of arriving passengers.

Customs-NAIA agents have already confiscated more than 4,490 kilos of meat and meat products at the airport and turned it over to the BAI for condemnation.

ASF is not a threat to human health but it is a highly contagious disease for domestic and wild pigs.

“Safe meat products accompanied by import permit or the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance are the ones qualified for release in Ports,” Talusan said.

In May, authorities at the Clark International Airport in Pampanga confiscated balikbayan boxes containing canned goods brought in by an overseas Filipino worker from Hong Kong.

In September and October last year, cases of pork meat products contamination have been recorded in Korea and Japan through dumplings and hotdog products.

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Bob forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was mad. She told him “Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE!!!” The next morning when his wife woke up, she looked out the window to find a box... gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale. . . Bob has been missing since Friday!

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HEADLINES FROM THE WORLD OF SHOWBIZ

Bea Alonzo at John Lloyd Cruz nag-date sa 'Himala' musical, fans pinakilig! (Did fans swoon or squirm?)

Pia Wurtzbach na-starstruck sa kakaibang ganda ni Liza Soberano, tinawag na "Patron Saint of Beauty." (Worth the title.)

Ion Perez kay Vice Ganda: Ikaw ang gusto kong makasama aking Reyna! (Again, swoon or squirm?)

Kim Domingo, single pa rin! Iwas muna sa lalaki... (Like the plague?)

Career ni Nadine Lustre nawindang sa paglayas ni James Reid sa Viva (Weren't her last two films, "Ulan" and "Indak," without James?)



Megan Young kinakarir ang pagiging "online gamer" (She's game.)

Maymay Entrata niregaluhan ng sariling bahay ang nanay na OFW sa Japan (Good girl.)

"Wildflower" ni Maja Salvador lalaban sa first Asia Contents Awards (That's wild.)

KC Concepcion tinawag na retokada; kamukha na daw sina Madam Auring at Arci Muñoz... (Harsh naman.)

Pelikula ng CarMaine (Carlo Aquino and Maine Mendoza) ayaw din magpatalbog sa theme song; hataw sa "Buwan" ni JK Labajo (Trailer looks cute, we must admit.)

JM de Guzman umalma sa kasong frustrated murder; Magsasampa ng kontra-demanda (Tit for tat.)

Alex at Toni Gonzaga tinawag na "malnourished": Kumakain pa ba kayo? (This probably explains talks about bad attitude.)

Coco Martin sa pag-apir ni Mayor Isko Moreno sa "Ang Probinsyano": Surprise! (Will he be fighting with an overstaying competitor.)

Totoo ba na naging magdyowa sina Ariella Arida at Willie Revillame? (Hahaha. That's all.)

Payo kay Kris Aquino para magkadyowa: Sumali ka na lang sa "KapareWho" ng "It's Showtime" (Desperate?)

2019 K-pop super concert sa 'Pinas nakansela, Sandara Park nag-sorry sa Pinoy fans. (What fans?)

Karla Estrada pinamanahan ng house and lot sa US ng Amerikanong ama. (Yayamanin.)

Jake Cuenca at Kylie Verzosa magpapakasal na pagkatapos ng "Los Bastardos?" (How old are these two?)

Jerome Ponce sa viral nude photo: Kung malaki, ako 'yun ... joke! (Joke nga.)

Lovi Poe lucky sa career, jackpot pa sa lovelife! (Uh, OK.)

Hacker ng socmed account ni Kris Bernal humihingi ng P35K. ('Di nga. No discount?)

Wedding nina Matteo Guidicelli at Sarah Geronimo, fake news! (We're sure some souls are rejoicing.)

Heart Evangelista umaming nagsusuo ng mga fake na alahas: Love ko rin ang mga fake! (Doesn't hurt to be practical.)

After breaking the ice, Sharon and Gabby open to re-union movie again



While ardent fans of the Sharon Cuneta-Gabby Concepcion love team gushed and raved about the two stars' surprise duet at a recent advocacy show, there were also some observers who felt that there seemed to be something missing: "Less spark, less fire?"

But to this observation, the Mega-star had a snappy, cracking reply. "Siguro naman mas nakakatakot kung meron pa rin kaming nararamdaman para sa isa't isa!" she quipped, followed a hearty laugh.

Still, the reunion of sorts between the former screen partners and lovers had people talking on social media.

"I think it was more about how the people felt ... the kilig that was overwhelming. Wow, the reaction was, 'Uy, it's still there, the chemistry'—I don't think it can ever go away. This despite knowing that I'm happily married and that he has his own family, as well," she told reporters at a recent press conference for "Iconic," her upcoming, two-night concert with Regine Velasquez.

Curiously, the media event happened on Sept. 23—the exact date of her and Gabby's church wedding.

"We have been living separate lives for so long now. We would have been married for 35 years—as a matter of a fact, today!" Sharon pointed out.

Her number with Gabby at PLDT's Gabay Guro event was unplanned—"Come What May," a duet from one of their earlier films—Sharon swore. "I had prepared two songs. But we weren't supposed to sing together. I didn't even know that he would be there."

And it may have been very well a stroke of serendipity: The two were able to iron out whatever ongoing misunderstanding, or tampusan, they were having. "Gabby asked a friend of mine if he could talk to me. And I said, 'You know what? Time has passed, and I think it's OK,'" she related. "It was nice we talked, so we're OK ... It was nice that we could show everyone that we're OK."

Sharon and Gabby never really divulged the root of their most recent rift. Talk has it, however, that it had something to do with their supposed reunion film that ultimately went

kaput, despite all the buzz they managed to generate with their commercial for a fast-food chain last year.

On a possible reunion project, she said: "If you ask me, I'm open to it. No problems. I'm a professional actor."

If not a film, then at least a guest appearance at the concert? "Huwag muna. I don't think it's the right time," Sharon surmised. "The show should be about Regine and me."

"Iconic," which is Sharon's first back-to-back concert with another female singer, is set on Oct. 18 and 19 at Smart Araneta Coliseum (call 911-5555). Because she and Regine are expected to sing a number of duets, they're also expecting the inevitable comparisons from critics.

It's a collaboration, the singer-actress pointed out—not a competition. "It's apples and oranges. Instead of comparing us, the people can look forward to two different styles coming together. I hope they appreciate that," she said, adding that she has always been cognizant of her strengths and weaknesses as a singer.

"I'm an alto, so my voice is lower. Regine can hit all the notes. But I have my own style. I know my limits. I put my heart into it—as will Regine," she said.

Also at the press conference, Sharon, 53, revealed that she's planning to go into semiretirement when she turns 55. Next year will be packed. But after that, she will "considerably slow down."

At this point in her life, Sharon admitted that she had been feeling drained—not just physically—but emotionally and mentally, too. "Show biz has changed. The landscape has changed. And I will not let show biz eat my person or change my soul," she

said, who also touched on how she had fallen in the toxic trap of social media.

But regardless of how her career unfolds, Sharon can safely say that show biz—her fans in particular—has been very good to her.

"If people still love what you do, then you will always have a reason to come back," she said.

Difficult couple 'unconventionally cooperative' during shoot

Pretty Couple (PC) has long been thought to be "compatible" in more ways than one. In the beginning, they liked the newfound fame that their tandem enjoyed. Nowadays, they're also known to be difficult to work with, especially when they're together.

Pleasantly Surprised Insider (PSI) had a different experience with PC, though. During one of PC's endorsement shoots, PSI told Rushes in jest that she saw for herself how "untrue" the talks were about the misbehaving pair's attitude problem and sense of entitlement.

But here's the rub: "During the quick shoot, PC looked so 'out of it' that it was so easy to let them do whatever the production team wanted," quipped our mole. "Hubad kung hubad."

For a change, glassy-eyed PC didn't demand or complain about anything and everything under the sun.

That's probably the trick to make PC behave: Get them to work while they're "happy and comfortable."

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PSA: Filipina overseas workers outnumber males

A SURVEY by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) released earlier this summer showed that an estimated number of 2.3 million overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) worked abroad at anytime during the period April to September 2018.

Of the 2.3 million, female OFWs comprised 55.8 percent of the total number.

Additionally, female OFWs were generally younger than male OFWs, with about 47.5 percent of the female OFWs belonging to the age group 25 to 34 years. Male OFWs in the same age group, on the other hand, made up 38.9 percent.

Male OFWs aged 45 years and older comprised 21.2 percent of all male OFWs while the female OFWs in this age group accounted for 14.5 percent.

The survey also revealed an increase in the number of OFWs in elementary occupations, rising to 37.1 percent and making it the biggest among occupation groups of OFWs.

According to PSA, 58.7 percent of female OFWs were in elementary occupa-



REPATRIATED OFWs. Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) amnesty avalees from Kuwait strike President Rodrigo R. Duterte's signature pose as they return to the country.

tions.

Cause-oriented group Lilac Center for Public Interest (Lilac) noted that the rising number of young female workers in elementary occupations, many of them were not able to finish their elementary or high school education, had led to abuse and maltreatment.

"The data on women domestic workers falling into distress and becoming victims of abuse is alarming, given that Filipino migrant labor is now steadily being feminized," said Nicon Fameronag, Lilac president.

He called for the revival of Technical Education and Skills Development

Authority's (Tesda) training regulations for the Domestic Work National Certificate (NC) 2, to reinforce the educational attainment requirement for domestic work trainees, and to stop the deployment of those with knowledge, language and skills deficiency.

According to Fameronag, this requirement and must go hand-in-hand with Tesda's strict implementation of training before assessment, particularly for those who are first-time domestic workers, including the enforcement of the rule that a domestic worker trainee must present a training certificate before assessment.

"Tesda's implementation of the Domestic Work NC 2 training regulations has become lax to the point that instead of a full, no nonsense two-week training, many domestic workers now receive the so-called 'one-day enhancement training' package in assessment centers, where they are given a 100-percent assurance that they can receive a National Certificate 2 on domestic work the next day," Lilac said.

KathNiel set to return in 2020 with a new teleserye

"Magkakaroon kami ng teleserye ni DJ next year."

After Kathryn's Bernardo's blockbuster hit Hello, Love, Goodbye where she worked with leading man Alden Richards

for the first time, she will be pairing up again with on and offscreen partner Daniel Padilla.

Last September 16, 2019, a netizen tweeted her ex-cite-

ment over her favorite love

team working together again. The tweet included a video of Kathryn.

She also revealed that Daniel will be making solo movies and that Kathryn will be supporting him like he did while she was doing Hello, Love, Goodbye.

"But before that, may gagawin munang solo movie si Dj and now yun naman yung time kong to support him."

Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla started gaining popularity in royalty-themed television series, Princess and I, followed by their first teleserye as a love team, Got to Believe.

In 2013, Kathryn and Daniel or KathNiel released their first film together from Star Cinema entitled Must Be... Love which premiered on March 13.

KathNiel starred in a film adaptation of the best-selling novel by Bianca Bernardino titled She's Dating the Gangster as part of the 20th anniversary of Star Cinema in July 2014.

In 2017, their blockbuster movie, Barcelona: A Love Untold earned for them the title Movie Love Team of the Year at the 33rd PMPC Star Awards for Movies.

The announcement by Kathryn on their comeback thrilled their fans.



Ontario Filipino Canadian Educators Group Slates End-of-Year Major Events By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT-Ret.

The Philippine Teachers Association of Canada-PTAC will conduct 3 major events during the last quarter of 2019. During its meeting of senior officers in August 2019 the 13-year social-professional educators organization has decided to offer and wind down the year with meaningful and engaging professional development and fellowship activities for its members and their families and friends.

PTAC, an Ontario-based registered non-profit & volunteer-run association, is composed of Filipino Canadians who are provincially licenced practising teachers and educational assistants in various publicly funded school boards and private & independent educational institutions in Canada's largest province. Many PTAC members are also former Philippine-trained educators who are Professional Regulation Commission - PRC certified and experienced professionals of various teaching specializations in the home country.

On October 5, 2019(Saturday) from 1:00-4:00 pm., PTAC will hold a "Book Writing & Art Workshop" at the Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Function

Room 4, 2565 Bathurst Street, Toronto. Dr. Mila Philipzig of Alberta was invited as the professional resource presenter. The 3-hour activity is aimed at providing information and guiding teachers and participants in developing writing skills and strategies in preparing art-focused books and learning materials.

The organization, as a matter of mission since its inception in 2006, will organize and sponsor its "10th Annual Teacher Conference" on November 2, 2019, Sunday, from 9:30 am. to 4:30 pm. at the Members Lounge of the North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge Street, North York. Invited to be the main speaker is Dr. Michael Salvatori, Registrar and CEO of the Ontario College of Teachers, the province's regulatory body for teaching professionals.

Dr. M. Salvatori is expected to share information and insights on current regulations on teacher certification as well as important policies and practices on student safety and well-being in schools. Other experienced education professionals and practitioners were invited to join in the Panel Discussions on

teaching-related and student engagements topics. The participants will also do networking and exchanges on school-based experiences, professional certification applications, and employment challenges.

To celebrate the regular Christian holiday season, PTAC will have its "2019 Christmas Get-together" on December 7, 2019, Saturday, 12:00 - 5:00 pm. at the Earl Bales Park Community Centre social hall, 4165 Street, North York, Toronto. Expected to attend the festive event are PTAC officers and members together with their families, friends, relatives and guests. Organizing and Working Committees were appointed and assigned to handle the preparation and operation of the 3 events.

For further information, interested parties are encouraged and requested to contact: Cielito Drapeza, PTAC president at Tel. 647-928-7333/ 289-752-5649 or Email: cielitodrapeza@gmail.com. (Tony A. San Juan, OCT-Ret.)

DOLOROSA CANADA celebrates its Silver Jubilee!

The three-day festivities commenced Friday with the Annual Gala Night, where all the Hermanos, Hermanas, the Mutya ng Dolores and her Royal Court were formally introduced. On Saturday, the Annual Procession and Holy Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Rev. Fr. Patrick Bautista, Vicar Forane — Diocese of Oriental Mindoro, who came all the way from Barangay Tawagan, Calapan City, Mindoro, Philippines, were held at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Scarborough. On Sunday, Dolorosa

members along with hundreds of pilgrims witnessed the highlight of this milestone — the historic Enthronement and Enshrinement of Our Lady of Sorrows in St. Joseph Church at Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario, on her natal day, September 8th. The Holy Mass and Enthronement ceremony were presided by Rev. Fr. Michael Knox, S.J., the Shrine's Administrator.

The much anticipated SHRINE -TO -SHRINE journey of Our Lady of

Sorrows, the Patron Saint of Dolores, Quezon, Philippines, of all OFWs and by extension, of all migrants, has come to fruition! The life-size image of Our irheng Dolorosa was donated by Dolorosa Canada Canada for the faithful and devotees of Canada and for all the pilgrims from all around the world. They also donated two statues of the martyrs: St. Jean de Brebeuf and St. Gabriel Lalemant who accompanied Mama Mary, our Birhen Dolorosa.

Dolorosa Canada, through the upstanding stewardship of its founding and current President, Mr. Philip Beloso, envisioned to one day install a statue of Birheng Dolorosa within the grounds of the Martyrs' Shrine. Armed with nothing but hope and a prayer, Mr. Beloso made an appointment with Fr. Michael Knox to discuss their vision. During the meeting, Fr. Michael intimated to the Dolorosa delegation that the Canadian Martyrs are due to have a Mother within their midst. The Dolorosa Delegation was completely in awe and found themselves beyond the nth degree of amazement when Fr. Michael told them right at the onset that he had been praying for a long time for a "Mother" for the Canadian

Martyrs, and that he would like to see her ENTHRONED INSIDE the Church, where all parishioners, devotees and pilgrims alike would be able to come and visit her all-year-round. Immediately after the ceremonies, Dolorosa Canada hosted a picnic lunch -for-c all within the grounds of the Shrine.

"Your sorrow will turn into joy." (John 16:20).

Like the plight of many OFWs and other migrants, Our Lady's journey was not without challenges: the 15-day delay due to the typhoon in the Philippines; the 5-day delay in Vancouver (the port of entry) due to rigorous inspection and finally the refusal of a certain Customs officer to release the statues citing insufficient documentation. With unwavering faith and prayers uttered in unison by the devotees of Our Birheng Dolorosa in the Philippines and in Canada, the statues were eventually released to the custody of Philip Beloso on August 26th, and joyous celebrations ensued thereafter,

**Jesus, we Trust in You!
Our Lady of Sorrows,
pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.**





STAR CIRCLE ENTERTAINMENT RECITAL



Maine Mendoza is expected to be seen in different Kapamilya shows

Maine's latest movie with Carlo Aquino is a co-production of ABS-CBN film's subsidiary Black Sheep Productions and APT Films under the direction of Prime Cruz.

Maine Mendoza will soon be seen in different ABS-CBN shows as a run-up to the premiere of her latest film.

Maine is expected to promote her latest film *Isa Pa with Feelings*.

Maine's latest movie with Carlo Aquino is a co-production of ABS-CBN film's subsidiary Black Sheep Productions and APT Films under the direction of Prime Cruz.

It is slated to hit cinemas on October 16, 2019. The movie will highlight the relationship between a sign language tutor and his student.

The film is another experimental cross-over after the big hit *Hello, Love, Goodbye* which stars Mendoza's on-screen partner Alden Richards and Kapamilya actress Kathryn Bernardo.

Just like Alden who had a nice run of promotion for Hello, Love, Goodbye, Maine is also expected to do the same if not exceed it since she is a contract artist

of APT production and not of GMA network.

After the AIDub phenomenon which swept both TV ratings and social media trends, the big pressure is now on Maine's shoulders following the enormous success of Alden's Hello, Love, Goodbye.

Ethel Booba, Jinri Park expose months, years of 'unpaid' talent fees

MANILA, Philippines — Comedian Ethel Booba aired her frustration over a Kapamilya TV show that allegedly has not paid her yet for a guest appearance.

In her Twitter account, the outspoken comedian wrote her dismay over an unpaid appearance in the game show “Minute To Win It.”

“Kaya nakakatamad na mag guest sa TV show kasi merong iba dyan mag almost 1 year na di pa ma-claim ang TF sunod meron ding more than 5 months na ata. Sa skype na lang talaga ako magshow C2C. Astig sa astig lang. Charot!” Ethel wrote.

A Twitter user commented on Ethel's post, saying: "Di mo kayang mag name drop ng show mamah?"

“Minute To Win It. Ilang minutes ako nag-antay sa bangko wala pa din pala eh mag 1 year na. Charot!” Ethel replied to the netizen.

Meanwhile, Luis Manzano, the show's host, commented on Ethel's post, saying: "Pa check ko Ethel."

"Thank you Luis sa help. Charot!" Ethel replied to Luis.

Another artist, Korean model Jinri Park, also posted on Twitter a day after Ethel posted about her unpaid appearance.

“Not been paid for a year? I have an event coordinator that hasn’t paid me for 4years. Still counting. And big companies that haven’t paid me for 3years. Why can’t clients pay on time? yet they demand so much from talents,” Jinri wrote.

"I really want to just reveal who these clients are. But I'm still being professional and patiently waiting," Park added. "Now 3-4years of waiting. Don't know how much longer I can wait," she wrote on another tweet.

The Korean model and former “Pinoy Big Brother” housemate believes “this habit of clients delaying the payments of talents should really stop once and for all.”

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‘A fight to the death’ Lacson vows to continue crusade vs ‘pork’

SEN. Panfilo Lacson vowed to continue his fight against “pork” as he rammed his way through barriers put up by some members of the House of Representatives who were alleged to have tweaked illegal insertions in the House-approved P4.1 trillion national budget for 2020.

“Deputy Speaker [Luis Raymund] LRay Villafuerte, party-list Rep. Michael Defensor and other House members can take turns in maligning me while defending their pork, but I’m still going all in. Patay kung patay!” he added.

When asked about what he meant by “Patay kung patay” on his tweet, Lacson said, “If it’s about protecting the national budget from the scheming and abusive congressmen who think that by harassing me, I will cave in and stop, they’re wrong because I’m prepared to fight to the death, in a manner of speaking.”

“The President’s P95-billion veto early this year [of the current 2019 national budget] is inspiring. It’s the people’s money after all,” he added.

Operations of the national government were negatively affected by the months-



long squabble between the Senate and the House of Representatives over the P55-billion “pork barrel” inserted in the House-approved budget version.

President Rodrigo Duterte broke the impasse by siding with the Senate and vetoed the P95-billion pork barrel insertion.

Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri called for a ceasefire on the pork barrel controversy but Lacson said this would not stop him from snooping for pork barrel appropriations in the House-approved budget.

The Senate will receive anytime a copy of the proposed 2020 budget earlier approved by the House of Representatives.

“First of all, ceasefire or no, I cannot stop exposing any form of abuse involving the national budget,” Lacson said.

He added that despite a so-called ceasefire agreement initiated by Zubiri, Defensor has been busy yacking about the issue.

Defensor said he would move for the reduction in the Senate-proposed 2020

budget because senators do not have a constituency like congressmen.

House leaders are smarting from Lacson’s allegations that they planned to give P1.5 billion to each of the 22 House deputy speakers.

House leaders continue to deny any such plan and have since pilloried Lacson.

Senate President Vicente Sotto III vowed that he will not allow the Upper Chamber to be bullied by congressmen.

Sotto even raised the possibility of yet another impasse on the budget bill as a response to a threat issued by Anakalusugan Rep. Mike Defensor to reduce the budget of the senate.

“It can work both ways,” he said, alluding to Defensor’s recent remarks. Sotto also hit back at Defensor for saying that senators have no constituencies.

“Lalo naman ang party-list, eh, kami ine-elect kami nationwide. Di kami nanalo nang hindi mga at least 14, 15 milyon ang boto mo. ‘Yong partylist 300,000 lang. ‘Pag nagturo ka ng daliri siguraduhin mo ‘yong tatlong daliri hindi nakaturo sa ‘yo,” he said.

Thea Tolentino feels sorry for friend Kris Bernal after online hacking incident

Nag-alala si Thea Tolentino para sa kaibigan at kapwa Kapuso actress na si Kris Bernal matapos ma-hack ang online accounts nito.

Ayon kay Thea, 23, “nakakatakot talaga” ang naranasan ni Kris, 30, na nitong September 22 ay na-hack ang email, Instagram, at Twitter accounts.

Sa Facebook post ni Kris nang araw na iyon, gamit ang account ng kanyang SHE Cosmetics, sinabi niyang isang grupo mula sa Turkey ang nambiktima sa kanya.

Kasunod nito, sa emosyonal na vlog ni Kris na napanood sa YouTube nang araw ring iyon, sinabi niyang nag-message ang hackers, at hinihingan siya ng aabot sa \$750 (PhP38,895) kapalit ng pagbawi sa kanyang online accounts.

Makalipas ang ilang araw, kinumpirma ni Kris nitong Huwebes, September 26, na nabawi na niya ang kanyang Instagram account, sa tulong ng social media team ng GMA Network, ilang eksperto, at mga kaibigan.

Sa naturang post, gayunman, sinabi ni Kris na pinipilit pa niyang maibalik ang kontrol sa kanyang Twitter account at email.



Arjo on getting praise for portraying autistic character

Audiences are praising Arjo Atayde for his portrayal of an autistic character in “The General’s Daughter!”

On the primetime teleserye’s September 4 episode, Arjo’s character Elai broke down after belatedly realizing that his Papang, who is played by Emilio Garcia, has died after being shot by an unknown assailant.

The scene touched a lot of people who noted how genuine the actor’s performance was.

In a Twitter post yesterday, September 5, Arjo wrote this about the audience’s feedback, “Your comments are overwhelming! Got emotional as I read through comments last night. I can’t explain how much I appreciate it.”

“I love you all thank you so so so much. I am humbled and because of your love, I will not stop learning! Cheers!” the actor said.

To prepare for his role, Arjo met with people diagnosed with autism to learn the proper way of portraying them for the teleserye. The Autism Society Philippines has since praised him for his exceptional performance.

Before doing “The General’s Daughter,” Arjo starred in “FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano” and “Hanggang Saan.” He was also a part of the 2017 epic fantasy film “Ang Panday.”



Kate Valdez quashes attitude-problem rumors

Ayon sa sabi-sabi, may “attitude problem” daw ang Kapuso young star na si Kate Valdez. “Lahat naman po siguro tayo, may

attitude, nagkakaiba lang,” nakangiting paglinaw ni Kate. “Siguro po, iniisip ng iba na maldita ako because sa roles ko, kontrabida. “Naaano na rin nila sa totoong buhay na maldita nga dahil effective kontrabida ako.” Itinanggi ni Kate na kaya siya nawala sa musical show ng GMA-7 na Studio 7 ay dahil sa attitude problem.

“Wala na po ako roon, kasi po, ‘tapos na po ang contract ko. So, nag-focus po ako sa studies ko,” paglinaw ni Kate.

Itinanggi rin niya na may nakaaway siya na co-star o staff ng programa.

Nagulat na lang siya na may ganoong isyu sa kanya. “Ako po, to be honest, hindi ko ide-de-ny, may shock. Nalungkot ako. Saan nanggagaling ‘to? Wala naman akong nakakaaway.”

Tinalakay sa pelikulang Black Lipstick ang bullying. Aminado si Kate na bilang artista, nakakaranas siya ng pambu-bully.

“Opo, hindi naman maiiwasan yun. Ganun talaga,” sambit niya.

“Nasa sa ‘yo na lang kung paano mo iha-handle. You just have to be strong and have faith in God.”

Sa social media, may nakakapansin na nagiging malapit sila ni Manolo Pedrosa na co-star niya sa Black Lipstick.

Nakangiti si Kate nang sabihin na talagang kumportable na sila ni Manolo sa isa’t isa. “Aaminin ko po, sobrang comfortable na po kami sa isa’t isa. Kung clingy siya, it’s fine with me,” natawang sabi pa niya.



Angel Locsin dismisses idea that all celebrities who attend the ABS-CBN Ball resort to ex-deals

Angel Locsin reveals she paid P100,000 for her gown alone last ABS-CBN Ball 2018.

Angel Locsin dismisses idea that all celebrities who attend the ABS-CBN Ball resort to ex-deals

Angel Locsin did not mince her words when she came after a netizen claiming that celebrities like her resort to ex-deals when it comes to an event like the ABS-CBN Ball.

According to the netizen named Jeman Villanueva, Angel won’t lose anything whether or not she attends the ABS-CBN Ball because she won’t spend a dime for it anyway.



“But she’s not gonna spend naman sa pag attend ng ball. Everything is sponsored naman sa ganyang event. The dress, hair and make-up, even hotel na stayan nila. Unless KKB na ngayon? At hindi provided ng mother studio nila,” Jeman wrote, replying to another netizen praising Angel for skipping the ball and donating directly to Bantay Bata 163.

To which Angel responded: “Says who?”

Defending his statement, he said: “Not hating you ha. I’m a fan of your charity works. I’m just saying as a celebrity, you can get sponsors to dress you up. Unless that’s not the case anymore and you’re forced to buy it na from the designers. Kasi you’ll promote it pa din in exchange sa pagsuot mo ng gown diba?”

While Angel admitted that it does occur sometimes, it isn’t true most of the time as she even paid P100,000 for her gown alone at the ABS-CBN Ball 2018.

She said: “Yes minsan may ex-deal pero hindi ganun lahat ang case... like, last year 100k for gown alone ang binayad ko. wala pang fee ng stylist, glam team, hotel, etc.. also, hindi rin naman fair na hindi ka magbayad kasi hindi madali ang ginagawa ng team. You get my point na?”

But the netizen, who believes designers usually lend to celebrities their creations to have them paraded in events like the ABS-CBN Ball, said Angel is the perfect muse.

“You mean you don’t get to borrow gowns from designers for this occasion? As a celebrity, and you being a big star, for sure designers would love to see their dress worn by you.”

Angel then told him that while it is true that some celebrities resort to ex-deals, it is unfair to think of them as privileged.

“Minsan. But sa dami ng aattend sa ball, lalo na may theme pa, magkakaubusan rin. San ba nangaling yung impression mo na parang ang privilege ng mga artista? Kung gumagastos ka pag may event ka, wala naman kaming pinagkaiba,” she responded.

Jeman, on the other hand, defended himself and stated that he didn’t bring to the table anything that says celebrities are privileged.

“Did I say na privileged kayo for having sponsors? You’re a big star. For sure madaming gusto maka work ka. Designers lend their gowns diba? Ex-deal naman yun kasi you promote them para makilala yung designer din. Ang privileged ay yung nanghihingi ng designer gown,” the netizen replied.

Angel Locsin skipped this year’s ABS-CBN Ball to donate directly to the Bantay Edukasyon program of Bantay Bata 163.

“I salute my friends at the ABS-CBN Ball who are doing their share to promote awareness on children’s rights and to help the beneficiaries of Bantay Bata 163 get the education that everyone deserves,” she wrote.

She added: “As for me, I decided to do my share in a way that I could probably be more of use. I think it would be better for me to donate directly to Bantay Bata the amount that I’m supposed to spend in the ball. It’s not much, but will help make a difference to someone else’s life.”

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Liza Soberano and Enrique Gil to star in the Cathy Garcia-Molina series ‘Make It With You’



The production unit recently released a live stream update about the upcoming romance series on their official social media accounts.

- Liza Soberano and Enrique Gil are making their comeback series
- The two will star in the upcoming ABS-CBN romance series Make It With You
- The series serves as their reunion project with director Cathy Garcia-Molina

Kapamilya love team and real-life partners Liza Soberano and Enrique Gil are coming in a teleserye this year.

The two stars are currently taping their newest teleserye Make It With You in Croatia with acclaimed director Cathy Garcia-Molina and former Pinoy Big Brother housemate Fumiya Sankai.

The team behind the hit series Dolce Amore and Forevermore, Star Creatives, will produce a LizQuen series for the third time.

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Direk Cathy revealed that the chosen location best suited the story of the series.

“In the story, kailangan naming ng isang bansa na malayo ang Pilipinas at kakaunti ang Pilipino,” Direk Cathy said.

“Through research, napag-alaman na dito sa Croatia, sobrang kaunti ng Pinoy. To keep to its truth, dito tayo nagpunta. It’s something new to the Filipinos also... We need it for the story,”



Philip Beloso takes a selfie with Golden Voices members Martha Joy, Alyssa Datu and Maria Panaligan at the Dolrosa Gala.

she said.

“We want to give you something that you will enjoy every night, but at the end of the day, we want to tell you something of good moral obligation,” she added.

Without spoiling major details of the series, the director described the characters of Liza and Enrique in the series as “very fun”.The two will be playing the roles of Billy and Gabo while Fumiya plays a Japanese character named Yuta.

Make it With You will be the fourth TV series of the loveteam following Bagani (2018), Forevermore (2014), and Dolce Amore (2016).

Liza and Enrique were last seen in the Black Sheep-produced romance drama flick Alone/Together which premiered in February this year. It was known as the second highest-grossing film for this year.

Meanwhile, Direk Cathy recently celebrated the success of her blockbuster film Hello, Love, Goodbye with Kathryn Bernardo and Alden Richards which holds the record as the highest-grossing Philippine film of all time.

Toronto Filipino Community has a New Philippine Consul General

By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT-Ret.

The Philippine government has a “new man in town”. The Filipino Canadian community warmly welcomes the arrival and assignment of a fresh Philippine Consul General in Toronto, Canada. He is Mr. Orontes V. Castro who officially took over the diplomatic post of the late beloved Consul General Rosalita Prospero who died in office on May 28, 2019. Mr. O. Castro, who started performing the Consulate General’s leadership and consular duties last week, is a seasoned diplomat and certified professional in the Philippines, both in the government service and the private sectors.

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target could be Manila because it’s more populated and could cause more harm and victims in terrorizing the government,” Pimentel said.

It can be recalled that the bombing of a military camp in Indanan, Sulu in June this year was the first confirmed case of a Filipino as a perpetrator of a suicide bombing in the Philippines.

Two more bombings took place in Mindanao early last month: one was in front of a public market in Isulan, Sultan Kudarat, on September 7 where seven people were hurt, while the other was in Indanan, Sulu, on September 9, where the lone casualty was the perpetrator herself.

“The military authorities should strengthen their efforts in gathering intelligence reports so as to avert these terroristic attacks,” Pimentel said.

“They should also be more stringent in

checking suspicious personalities in entry checkpoints of airports and ports facilities,” added the Deputy Speaker.

Last August, during the conduct of budget deliberations in the Lower Chamber, Pimentel questioned how the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) had been utilizing its intelligence funds amid the wave of extremism in the country.

“We have provided hundreds of millions of pesos for their (AFP) intelligence funds to gather information regarding terrorist

groups and their plans. Eh saan napunta tong intel funds? (Where did these intel funds go?) How come this is happening?” he asked.

For 2020, the AFP and Philippine National Police (PNP) have been allocated intelligence funds of P1.7 billion and P806 million, respectively.

The proposed bill appropriating P4.1 trillion for the national budget next year was approved on third and final reading by the House last September 20.

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declare an outbreak of the crippling disease in a previously polio-free country like the Philippines, he said.

The World Health Organization and the United Nations Children’s Fund expressed deep concern over polio’s reemergence in the country and said they would support the government in immunizing children, who are the most susceptible, and strengthening surveillance.

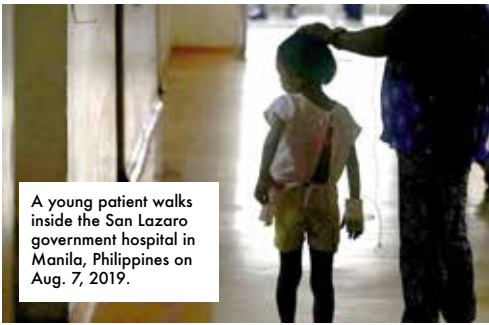
“As long as one single child remains infected, children across the country and even beyond are at risk of contracting polio,” UNICEF Philippines representative Oyun Dendevnorov said.

WHO and UNICEF said in a joint

statement the polio outbreak in the Philippines is concerning because it is caused by vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2.

The weakened virus used in vaccines replicates for a short time in children’s intestines and is excreted in their feces. In rare instances, they said, the weakened virus can strengthen in areas with poor sanitation and hygiene. Children who have not been properly immunized can be susceptible.

They said the last known case from a



A young patient walks inside the San Lazaro government hospital in Manila, Philippines on Aug. 7, 2019.

wild strain of the virus in the Philippines was in 1993. Wild poliovirus type 2 was declared globally eradicated in 2015.

There is no known cure for polio, which can only be prevented with vaccines. Duque said his department will launch a mass vaccination cam-

paign next month for children under age 5, starting in the Manila metropolis, Lanao del Sur and Davao, where the virus was detected.

The government’s immunization programs were marred in 2017 by a dengue fever vaccine made by French drugmaker Sanofi Pasteur which some Philippine

officials linked to the deaths of at least three children. Duque and other Philippine health officials say they have worked to restore public trust in vaccines since then.

The government halted the dengue immunization drive after Sanofi said a study showed the vaccine may increase the risk of severe dengue infections. More than 830,000 children received the Dengvaxia vaccine under the campaign, which was launched in 2016 and halted in 2017.

Sanofi officials said the Dengvaxia vaccine was safe and would reduce dengue infections if the vaccination drive continued.

At least 95% of children under age 5 need to be vaccinated to halt the spread of polio in the Philippines, WHO and UNICEF said.



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Alden Richards is truly gifted

That best describes Alden Richards' current state of being, both personally and professionally, an adjective derived from the title of his new GMA soap, *The Gift*.

Alden is gifted in more ways than one. His cup runneth over, as they'd say. Now being called Asia's Multi-Media Star, Alden was given an Asian Star Prize by the recent Seoul International Drama Awards 2019 and the Celebrity Icon Award by the Okada Manila 2019 Icon Awards. He has been ruling all media of entertainment — recording (with a hit album titled *Wish I May*, released at the peak of his AIDub tandem with Maine Mendoza who is currently pursuing a separate path with Carlo Aquino in the movie *Isa Pa With Feelings*, successful concerts both here and abroad, commercials/endorsements, television and, of course, film with *Hello, Love, Goodbye* (HLG), his Star Cinema starrer with Kathryn Bernardo that has broken the P1B-mark (official gross being unreleased just yet), making it the highest-grossing local film of all time.

He has wisely invested his earnings in several businesses, including two

outlets of Concha's restaurant and a McDonald's branch in Biñan, Laguna, the same province where he has built his dream house.

By the way, a little clarification about the Seoul award. It's true that PAGCOR, which is among the awards' sponsors, nominated Alden for the Asian Star Prize award, subject to the approval of the Seoul International Drama Awards.

"But I spent for my trip to Seoul, And I thank PAGCOR which was one of the main reasons why I got the award."

When he renewed his contract (terms and length not disclosed), Alden was profuse with gratitude for the network that has been his home for 10 years.

"Since I started in GMA up to this point in my career," he told the audience at a GMA function hall composed of network executives, media guys and some selected Aldenians, "sila ang sumusugal



sa akin, the ones who gamble on me. They gave me huge projects, huge opportunities and regardless whether they were successful or not, they didn't stop.

They never left me; hindi nila ako pinabayaan. They continued believing in me kahit na minsan wala ng angle to believe in.

They held my hand through my ups and downs, something I didn't feel from others."

Eliminated by the talent search *StarStruck* (he also failed an audition for ABS-CBN's *Pinoy Big Brother/PBB*), Alden continued undiscouraged until he officially started as a Kapuso in the series *Alakdana* nine years ago as the partner of Louise delos Reyes, and drifted from one show (in one of them cast as Dr. Jose Rizal) to another until *Eat, Bulaga!* launched him and Maine as a loveteam. The rest is...well you know...

Alden was asked how he felt about having been rejected not once, not twice but several times, including by a singer-actress whose career seems to have hit a snag.

"Choice nila 'yon, desisyon nila 'yon," Alden said without rancor, and

I don't blame them. Walang pilitan, kung ayaw hindi dapat pilitin. I couldn't do anything about it. Wala sa akin 'yon. In fact, I even thanked them because they encouraged me to do things my own way; hindi sumama ang loob ko sa kanila. Those incidents made me strong and gave me confidence to take risks on my own."

He was destined, meant to be for something else.

Commented senior assistant vice president for Alternative Productions Gigi Santiago-Lara who acts as Alden's manager, "I admire him for being down-to-earth. I'm proud of him. 'Yung passion na nakita ko sa kanya since we started working together is still there. His willingness and passion to grow is impressive. He likes to give back to all who have helped him. That's what sets him apart from other stars."

In *The Gift*, with little actress Jo Berry as his foster mother, Alden had to immerse himself at the Resources For the Blind, Inc. for his role as a Divisoria hawker who becomes visually-challenged.

"Like my character," said Alden, "I have never lost faith in God. I hold on to God to keep me grounded and not forget where I came from. At the end of the day, kapag wala na ang fame, the money, the popularity at ang hiyawan ng mga tao, what will remain is the love of God. At 'yan ang kinakapitan ko."

ABS-CBN levels up to Hollywood production

Homegrown media and entertainment giant ABS-CBN will soon make a name in the Hollywood production industry after clinching a deal to co-produce a US crime drama.

The company said it sealed a partnership with California-based film and TV outfit Electric Entertainment for the crime series "*Off Topic*," which will air in the US via the cable firm WGN America.

Electric Entertainment is the producer of hit



ABS-CBN chairman Mark Lopez, president and CEO Carlo Katigbak, chief operating officer for broadcast Cory Vidanes, head of international production and co-production division Ruel Bayani, Electric Entertainment chief executive officer Dean Devlin, actor Christian Kane, "*Off Topic*" co-executive producer Francis de la Torre, and line producer Steve Lee.

television series, "*The Librarians*" which premiered its fourth season in December 2017, and "*Leverage*," which aired from 2008 to 2012. The company has also

produced movies including "*Bad Samaritan*," which ran in cinemas in 2018.

"This is a first of many strategic partnerships and collaborations with partners from all over the world and we are very thrilled that we are partnering with a formidable team to line produce the US series for them," ABS-CBN head of international production and co-production division Ruel Bayani said.

Filipino-American producer Dean Devlin, chief executive producer of Electric Entertainment, said they are banking on the Lopez-led broadcast company's expertise in the field for the US drama, which will be set in Cebu. Shooting will start in November.

"We chose to partner with ABS-CBN because they

have been so instrumental in the development of talent here both in front and behind the camera. I think they have the most experience and they have just been amazing partners. This is going to change the way people perceive the entertainment business in the Philippines," Devlin said.

The series' production, which is targeted to start in November, will star a Filipina actress as the female lead, alongside American actor Christian Kane.

ABS-CBN's international co-production division has other partnerships and collaborations with other companies from all over Southeast Asia, the United States, and Europe.

Why Jesse Mendiola did not transfer to GMA

Kapamilya actress and real-life girlfriend of Luis Manzano, Jessy Mendiola, faced rumors that she has plans to leave her home network ABS-CBN and transfer to the rival network which is the GMA.

This was sparked by an Instagram post where Jessy wrote "Old endings and new beginnings".

During a media conference for her movie with Arjo Atayde last March 26, Jessy was asked about the rumor. She then said, "Para sa akin po, kung mas may trabaho naman po doon, bakit naman hindi, di ba".

But she stressed that she was still in touch with ABS-CBN management. In a previous article, she admitted that she was a bit frustrated because she still doesn't have

a project.

However, this transfer rumor seems not gonna happen right now.

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She hopes that her role this time will leave a mark to the audience.

"Actually kaya 'di po tinanggap ko 'yung



role kasi po feeling ko kaya hindi ako nagkakaroon ng chance na patunayan 'yung pag-arte ko kasi po hindi ako nabibigyan ng kakaibang role. So hopefully po sana mag-marka. There's always a first time for everything," Jessy said.

The actress also gave insight into her thought process in accepting projects or roles. She stated that if your not passionate or excited about a project, you might as well not take it.

She said that if you would, you won't be able to give it your hundred percent. That would then be unfair to your co-workers,

your bosses and the production staff, Jessy added.

With this, Jessy assured fans that she loves her role in "*Sandugo*". She was also thankful to be given another role and had promised to give her a hundred percent for the character.

"I'm very thankful po nabigyan ako ng role at ng show ulit. Marami na rin pong mga shows na binigay pero ako din mismo sa sarili ko na hindi rin po ako ready and that would be really unfair to the people na nagbibigay po sa akin ng trabaho. I promise po this time, I think and I feel that I'm really having fun with my character," she explained.

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Did Heaven Peralejo cancel her move to GMA Network for a Kapamilya series?

Heaven Peralejo is now part of the upcoming ABS-CBN series Starla

She was earlier rumored to be transferring to GMA Network

It was speculated that she cancelled her network transfer because of her new project

Young actress Heaven Peralejo is one of the cast members of the upcoming series on ABS-CBN titled Starla. The fantasy drama series will be released in November of this year starring Judy Ann Santos, Joel Torre,

Enzo Plojero, Jana Agoncillo, and many more.

It was speculated that the actress had cancelled her move to GMA Network after she was cast in the upcoming series.

Last August, rumors of Heaven's network transfer circulated online since she had no ongoing projects with ABS-CBN. Reporter Joe Barrameda had written in Abante said that she was seen with talent manager Becky Aguila's daughter Katrina on GMA Network premises.

She was also supposedly spotted talking to Jeric Gonzales who is about to star in a new Kapuso series.

Aside from Star Magic, Heaven is also co-managed by Ogie Diaz.

The former PBB Housemate just recently confirmed her breakup with

Jimuel Pacquiao, the eldest son of Manny Pacquiao. Through her guest appearance on the ABS-CBN morning talk show Magandang Buhay, she indirectly revealed the reason for the breakup.

"Sabi po mom ko... ever let anyone feel that you not enough cause you (enough). when happens po it's time to let go," Heaven shared.



1. Kate Mohan 2. Lizzy Trovato 3. Aidan Rodricks 4. Angela Castillo 5. Samantha Boras, Kathryn Rodricks, Crizia Arcagua perform at the Star Circle Entertainment recital. 6. KZ Tandingan pose with FV Foods owner Mel Galeon. 7. Astrid Sharma models for John Ablaza.

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1. Dr. Vicky Santiago (MIDDLE) and 2. Anna Eusebio of UMAG & Forex and Mel Galeon of FV Foods receive the Cerioitificates of Appreciation at the Dolorosa gala. 3. Dolorosa beauties Melissa Ventocilla, Melanie Lazaro, and Naomi Cabrera attend the Dolorosa gala. 4. Action Honda, a longtime sponsor, also of Dolorosa attended the Dolorosa gala and also the fiesta with his wife Sylvia. 5. Maria Panaligan sings at the Dolorosa gala. 6. Diosdado Laguer decorated the backdrop of the Dolorosa gala. 7. Bicol Canada President Earl Dacara thanks the boat owners in helping them during the Penafrancia Fluvial 2019.

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FV Foods Alan Ocampo and Mel Galeon pose with Ethan David, Sarah Geronimo and Sam Concepcion. BING MARIANO PHOTO



Nenita Lora Guarin and Grace Pammit pose with Ethan David, Sarah Geronimo and Sam Concepcion at Republika RestoBar and Grill. BING MARIANO PHOTO



Actress Emily Bolaños, Yuson Shi, Director, writer and Lead Actress Of the Flames Of Fury Gloria Yazdani, and Mitzi Faigal of Mitziify handbags pose at the sneakpeak of Flames of Fury.



Dr. Vicky Santiago (SEATED 3RD FROM RIGHT) join the remembrance dinner for the late Linda Javier, former President of The Filipino Centre, Toronto.



Gloria Diaz has Hollywood project for Netflix

1969 first Filipina Miss Universe-turned-actress Gloria Diaz is appearing on a TV series on Netflix entitled "Insatiable" starring Hollywood stars Debby Ryan and Dallas Roberts on the program's second season come October 11, 2019.

Sobrang na-excite at ninerbiyas ang dating Miss Universe sa malaking break and rare opportunity na dumating sa kanyang career bilang actress at first time niyang nakapag-trabaho sa isang Hollywood project.

Sa rami nga naman ng past beauty queens-turned actresses from around the globe, siya ang napili para mapasama sa "Insatiable" at iba-ibang look ni Gloria na bumagay sa kanya.



Dr. Solon Guzman poses with FV Foods owner Mel Galeon.

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Friendship leads to love for Enrique Gil

MANILA, Philippines — Many say that friendship is the best foundation for a relationship. Enrique Gil couldn't agree more when he revealed that he and girlfriend Liza Soberano started out as good friends.

"Yeah, we were just in a barkada level at first," he recalled. "I mean, our relationship started out from us being friends and for some reason, it became more than that."

Their romance has been smooth-sailing for years now with both Enrique and Liza expressing their love for each other without fail. It can be recalled how the 26-year-old actor visited Liza in the US after she underwent surgery for her injured finger. In a video, the actor was seen holding a bouquet of flowers for his girlfriend.

The story of their friendship was brought up when Enrique started answering questions about friends in line with Greenwich's celebration of the Friendship Month with its Barkada Box Awards. Enrique is the latest addition to the growing Greenwich barkada that includes Yassi Pressman and Robi Domingo.

"I'm the fun guy in the barkada," he

began. "I'm more of the makulit in the group pero ako rin 'yung kuya who always checks on everyone na 'O, kamusta ka na?' 'Kumain ka na ba?' And I am the kuya because I think I'm the oldest in the group but it feels weird sometimes since ako din 'yung pasimuno sa mga kalokohan, hahaha."

Enrique also loves playing "harmless" pranks on his closest non-showbiz pals. "You can see on videos what I do to them while they're sleeping because my house has somewhat become their house that every time I go home, they're already there and we would all stay in one room. They sleep in my bedroom so they're like a part of my family," he said, referring to his childhood friends who live in the same village where he resides which is located in the south of the metro.

"I've been with them since we were kids; we grew up together so you could just imagine the kind of bond that we have. They're like my second family. My best friend lives in the house next to us."

Asked about the three things that would make friendship work, the Star Magic talent replied, "Trust, honesty and

having each other's

back no matter what. Just like a mother who loves her child whatever mistake he/she commits, I'm like that as a friend — na kahit anong gawin, mahal ko pa rin."

He assured fans that a new teleserye that he is starring in with Liza will air soon. Taping is set to begin with Enrique visibly hesitant about telling that some scenes will be shot in Europe.

"Certainly, it will air by next year and we will fly out to, basta (laughs). It will be super exciting."



Ivana Alawi denies giving escort services

Mariing itinanggi ni Ivana Alawi ang kumakalat na online post na nagsasabing nag-aalok siya ng hanggang P4.7-million escort services.

Sa kanyang Facebook account nitong Linggo ng gabi, September 8, iginiit ng Kapamilya sexy actress na "fake news" ang nasabing post ng isang online booking agency.

Ipinost ni Ivana ang mismong litrato ng Twitter post ng booking agency, na pinatungan niya ng malaking "FAKE NEWS" sign na may thumbs down.

Nakasaad sa post na maaaring ma-book si Ivana, 21, sa halagang P2.6 million para sa isang oras na serbisyo, at P4.7 million naman para sa dalawang oras.

Sarkastiko tuloy na nagkomento ang model-turned-actress na "ang mahal pala" ng booking services niya, kaya "dali lang pala kumita ng P100 million."

Post ni Ivana: "There have been several posts going around claiming you can book me for 2 hours at 4.7 million!!

"Ayos yan mga naiisip niyo ipost ah (rolling on the floor laughing emoji). May tax paba yan at bawas sa booking agency or net na?"

"Syet ang mahal pala. Hahahaha dali lang pala kumita ng 100 million noh? (stick out tongue emoji)."

Sa huling bahagi ng caption, seryosong binigyang-diin ni Ivana na bagamat "hubadera" siya sa social media, kumikita siya ng pera "the right way."

"Hubadera ako sa social media yes, but I have my limits (smile emoji).

BOOKING AGENCY CLAIMS IT'S BEEN HACKED

Nakasaad sa email ng agency, na ipinadala kay Ivana nitong Lunes ng hapon: "We were hacked yesterday. We have solved it now."

Kalakip ng nasabing screenshot ang isa pang sarkastikong komento mula kay Ivana: "Weekly ba nahahack ang website nila? (rolling on the floor laughing emoji)"

IT'S IVANA AFTER JACKIE RICE

Ang booking agency ang kaparehong website na matatandaang "nagtakda" ng P2-million booking fee sa Kapuso actress na si Jackie Rice sa isang fake Instagram post noong nakaraang buwan.

Kaagad ding itinanggi ng 29-anyos na aktres ang pagkakadawit niya sa escort service issue.

Sina Jackie at Ivana ay parehong produkto ng GMA-7 reality show na StarStruck.

Si Jackie ang Ultimate Female Survivor ng StarStruck Season 3 noong 2005.

Kabilang naman sa StarStruck 6 (2015) hopefuls si Ivana, na huling napanood sa katatapos na ABS-CBN teleseryeng Sino Ang May Sala? Mea Culpa.

Ryza Zenon happy and thankful with transfer to ABS

Some celebrities wanted to create changes in their careers, and network transfer is the top choice for them especially when they feel neglected on their own network.

Just like the former Kapuso actress Ryza Zenon who is started out her career on Starstruck of GMA where she won as the Ultimate Female Survivor in 2004.

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After years of staying with GMA, the actress Ryza Zenon decided to transfer to the rival network, ABS-CBN.

The actress said that she made the right decision to explore what it feels like being a Kapamilya.

The General's Daughter is Ryza's first

major project since she transferred to ABS-CBN in early 2018.

Before this, Ryza appeared first in a guest role in FPJ's Ang Probinsyano and episodes of Ipaglaban Mo.

During the finale press conference for The General's Daughter yesterday, September 26, PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) asked Ryza about her experience in doing The General's Daughter.

Ryza answered, "Sa totoo lang, sobrang blessed ko.

"Parang for me, it's the right decision na nakalipat ako dito kasi mas lumawak yung mundo ko, ang dami kong natutunan, sa first show ko pa lang yun dito sa ABS-CBN.

"So, paano pa kapag binigyan pa ako ng ibang show?

"Sabi nga ni Arjo [Atayde], hindi lang sa trabaho pero pati na rin sa life, may matututunan ka sa lahat ng katrabaho mo.

"So, sobrang blessed, sobrang nagpa-pasalamat ako sa Dreamscape kasi sila yung unang unang nagtiwala, naniwala sa kakayahan ko bilang artista kaya maraming, maraming salamat po."

Ryza's last project in GMA was the GMA's afternoon series, Ika-6 Na Utos with Gabby Concepcion and Sunshine Dizon, where she tagged as the "Primera Kontrabida of the Philippines."



in-unfollow ni Bela ang kapatid ni Dani sa Instagram.

Paliwanag ni Bela noon, "What I'm not uncomfortable with is the insinuation that I unfollowed Julia because of this dinner, because I did not.

"And I actually texted Tita Marjorie and my best friend Dani the day after because it became such a big deal.

"I got so many messages form Julia's fans, which are super hateful."

Hindi lang naman daw si Julia ang kanyang in-unfollow, kundi may iba pang celebrities, bilang bahagi ng kanyang "Instagram detox."

Sabi pa niya, "From following 4,000 people, I'm down to 2,000 plus, kasi I'm really trying to stay away as much as I can away from social media..."

"I unfollowed several people. It wasn't just Julia. Even my classmates from high school.

"So, my plan was to go down to zero and then unfollow my close friends, but I never got around to doing it because I got busy.

"So I just want to clarify—I didn't unfollow Julia because I'm taking sides, because I honestly don't even know the story of what's happening to them."

ALL GOOD WITH DANI

Sa panayam kay Bela ng TV host na si Boy Abunda sa late-night talk show na Tonight With Boy Abunda, noong August 7, nilinaw niyang walang naging problema sa pagkakaibigan nila ni Dani ang pagsama niya sa grupo nina Bea sa gimik nila pagkatapos ng trade launch ng ABS-CBN.

Dito ay ibinahagi ni Bela kung ano ang naging usapan nila ng best friend niyang si Dani, na naiulat na apektado sa matinding pambabatikos sa kapatid na si Julia dahil sa isyu nina Bea at Gerald.

Saad ni Bela, "I felt like I owed people an explanation because Dani sent me the photo of the dinner.

"And I said, 'Dani, before you react or before you think negatively, it was literally dinner.

"Like, I had to eat because I came from a shoot from Golden Dove and from the trade launch. Literally, di pa ako kumakain the whole day."

Nagpaliwanag din daw siya sa ina nina Dani at Julia na si Marjorie Barretto tungkol dito.

Best friends Bela Padilla, Dani Barretto unfollow each other on Instagram

Nagkasaulian na ba ng kandila ang mag-best friends na sina Bela Padilla at Dani Barretto?

Ito marahil ang tanong ng netizens dahil sa pag-unfollow ng dalawa sa isa't isa sa Instagram.

Posibleng ang dahilan nito ay ang pakikisimpatiya ni Bela kay Bea Alonzo, na ngayon ay sangkot sa malaking kontrobersiya kasama ang kapatid ni Dani na si Julia Barretto.

Matatandaang nabatikos si Bela dahil sa pagsama niya sa isang get-together ng Kapamilya stars noong July 23 pagkatapos ng trade launch ng ABS-CBN.

Noong panahong yun, pinutakti ng pambabatikos si Julia dahil siya ang itinuturong third party diuman sa hiwalayan nina Bea at Gerald Anderson.

Sa mga larawang ibinahagi ni Angel Locsin sa kanyang Instagram Stories noon, makikitang masayang magkasama sina Angel, Bela, Angelica Panganiban, Paulo Avelino, Ketchup Eusebio, Ivana Alawi, at ang ABS-CBN executive na si Deo Endrinal.

Masy hashtag pa itong "#ParaKayB" na tila pagsuporta nila sa pinagdaraan na ni Bea noon.

BELA FIRST UNFOLLOWED JULIA BARRETTO ON INSTAGRAM

Noong kasagsagan ng isyu kina Julia at Bea,



Kathryn on Daniel and Alden: They’re so different, but I love them both

Change can be scary, Kathryn Bernardo admitted, but necessary in life for “us to learn and grow as a person.”

And career-wise, there’s perhaps no change bigger for the ABS-CBN star than doing a movie without her boyfriend, Daniel Padilla, as her leading man.

“It was my first team-up with another partner, a movie without DJ,” she said of doing the box-office hit “Hello, Love, Goodbye,” in which she was paired with GMA 7’s Alden Richards. “It was a struggle. Before saying yes to the project, I had to consider everyone, including my fans, because I didn’t want them to feel like I left them hanging.”

“I was scared to fail and meet everyone’s expectations,” Kathryn told reporters at a recent forum hosted by the face care brand Pond’s for its female empowerment campaign “#SeeWhatHappens.”

But the 23-year-old star promised herself that 2019 would be a year of growth. So, despite her hesitation, she took that “big step” and ventured out of her comfort zone. It paid off: “Hello” is now the highest-grossing Filipino film.

“I’m proud of myself for everything that’s happening right now. Had I said no to this opportunity, it probably would have been the biggest regret of my life,” she surmised.

Asked to compare the difference of working with Daniel and Alden, she said: “Alden is different when he’s doing comedy and drama. DJ is also different. Sobrang malayo sila, but I love them both.”

The open-ended conclusion of “Hello” sparked speculations that there will be a sequel. Are there talks already?

“There are lots of possibilities, but it’s too early to tell if there will be a part two, or if they would allow us. There are no talks yet—that’s going to be a long process,” she pointed out. “But let’s see.”

Meanwhile, Kathryn said she’s excited to attend the coming Filipino-themed ABS-CBN ball, where she will wear a Michael Cinco creation. Daniel will be her date, of course. But will she be inviting Alden over?

“He told me that he would like to go. I’m just not sure if he will be allowed,” she related. “But if ever, he will be very much welcome.”

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by ASF, taking up the bulk of the global supply.

“[Pork imports will] definitely be lower. China has been buying the product,” Cham said, adding that imported meat is no longer affordable nowadays since China has been importing aggressively, pushing the world prices up.

The good thing, Cham said, is that China has recently banned the entry of meat products coming from Canada because of alleged forged customs document, a move seen to benefit local importers.

“We see a lot of Canadian products coming in because China banned Canada because of a dispute. It’s fortunate for us that Canadian pork is available,” Cham further said.

Since last year, the Philippines has been issuing bans on the importation of pork products from ASF-hit countries namely Poland, Belgium, China, Hong Kong, Laos, Vietnam, Zambia, South Africa, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Mongolia, Moldova, Hungary, Latvia, Romania, Russia, and Ukraine.

In July, the country also banned the

entry of pork products from Germany — one of the Philippines’ top suppliers of affordable raw pork material — because of co-mingling issue. At that time, the government confiscated a shipment of pork supposedly coming from Germany, which included 250 kilos of pork from ASF-hit Poland.

Samahang Industriya ng Agrikultura (SINAG), one of the strongest agriculture lobby groups in the country, has no problems with import bans. In fact, the group is pushing for a total ban on pork imports in order to prevent the entry or smuggling of products that may come from areas affected by ASF.

“The source of the ASF are these tainted pork imports,” SINAG Chair Rosendo So said. “We call on the good DA Secretary William Dar to suspend the issuance of SPS [Sanitary and Phytosanitary] permit for pork imports and cancel all SPS currently being processed for pork imports.”

According to him, protecting the local agriculture and supporting the interest of Filipino farmers at this time of an outbreak does not violate the country’s commitment to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

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thing on the bed or for expediency, simply run to the store any purchase the item that could not be retrieved.

To be utterly fair, men are worst with tools, men are always searching for that one tool and the best alternative at times is to drive to Home Depot and buy that tool only to discover that it is buried in a myriad of equipment in the garage.

It was a simple everyday incident that Mitzi was searching for something in her handbag, sometimes a challenge begins



with a simple statement.

“Make your weakness your greatest strength” a play of words but taken seriously, the idea came into being.

Reminiscent of our childhood years, we were given a piece of paper and scissors, an early exercise in creativity. After the statement was taken seriously, Mitzi fashioned out a prototype of a handbag. Supported by an observation of what a woman carries each day aside from a handbag, the idea of a drink holder was the centre piece.

The working woman carries coffee and most of the time bottled water. Incorporate the concept with slots for everyday items such as lipstick, make up pencil to include a cell phone holder, the challenge was to limit the slots in a handbag.

A handbag is only one item to be worn with a complete outfit. Add a peony pink leather handbag to a charcoal gray suit, for instance, and the impact is chic with a touch of wit.
Kate Spade

With a cut-out model, we decided to drive to Ottawa to visit my sister. She sews as a hobby and within a weekend, there was a working model made from fabrics. There were modifications to limit the slots.

A visit to the Philippines was a step closer to the dream of having a product that is unique, something Mitzi could call “her very own.”

Marikina is the centre of the leather industry in the Philippines. Known for shoes, the handbag is a corollary industry. It was going to be a cold call to find someone who could execute the design to the satisfaction of the concept.

The first dozen handbags were all black, larger in size that reminded me of the Nuns from St. Paul, remember the Nuns that sold books from school to school?

Perhaps it is simply from the past as school kids may not read as many books due to the advent of technology.

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Why Showtime kicked out Barbie Imperial

One of the most in-demand and promising new actress today is the ex-PBB housemate Barbie Imperial.

Barbie Concina Imperial in real life, started out her career after her Pinoy Big Brother: 737 appearances in 2015. Unfortunately, her journey was cut short after being the first to get evicted. But all that is in the past now. Especially, since she's found what bigger opportunities were waiting for her.

A year after PBB, the 21-year-old actress included on the all-girl group of Its Showtime called GirlTrendz where she appeared regularly on the show until 2017.

The doll-faced actress also appeared on

several TV shows already until she got the first-ever lead role in a teleserye. The Kapamilya series Precious Hearts Romances Presents Araw Gabi with JM De Guzman in 2018.

However, being in GirlTrendz didn't last long either. When she asked about the reason, she said that she was saddened by the fact she is also the first one who got kicked out from the group.

The actress expressed, "Actually, wala pong reason, e. Pero siyempre I respect that kasi, management naman. And, hindi lang naman po ako ang natanggal that time.



And honestly, well, before hindi ko siya ma-gets. Kasi parang ang sad ko. Kasi ang saya sa Showtime, alam mo yun? Family talaga."

And right then, she realized that perhaps she was kicked out because there are plans for her ahead. She was still blessed with so many projects after a couple of rejections. She became a part of Langit Lupa, several roles in Ipaglaban Mo, the Araw Gabi, and now, she is working with the newest iWant series Taiwan That You Love.

Rita-Ken unexpected loveteam

RITA Daniela and Ken Chan comprise what we may call the unexpected love team, RitKen. "Last year, when 'My Special Tatay' was launched, supporting lang ako and I came to sing the theme song," Rita recalls. "Now, a year later, heto at kami na ni Ken ang magkapareha as leads in 'One of the Baes'. Ang galing talaga ni Lord. In one year, nag-turn around ang career ko."

Ken was supposed to be paired with Arra San Agustin in "My Special Tatay", but viewers found his relationship as Boyet with the popkok Aubrey more endearing and they end up being a breakthrough loveteam called BoBrey. They've since recorded a hit song and they're now also together as journey hosts in "The Clash Season 2" who present the back stories of the contestants.

From being in the afternoon slot, their new show, "One of the Baes", is now also on primetime to start airing on Monday, September 30, replacing "The Better Woman". How would they explain the success of

their unexpected love team?

"I think people enjoyed seeing us both doing very passionate on screen," says Rita. "We just love what we do and we are just natural on screen, what you see is what you get, nothing put on. We never really expected that viewers would love our tandem that much and it must be destiny."

What does she find endearing in Ken? "He's very talented as an actor and so dedicated to his craft so it's enjoyable to work with him. At hindi siya maramot. He cares for everyone on the set, his co-actors and even the crew."

As a journey host in "The Clash", she aims to give valuable advice to the contestants. "I'm a product of a singing contest myself, Popstars, so I know how it feels to be part of such a competition. My first advice is to always believe in yourself, which is a must for you to achieve your goals."

In "One of the Baes", Rita plays Jowalyn



Biglang Dapa with Roderick Paulate as her dad. Her dream is to be the captain of a cruise ship so she avoids romance. Also in the cast are Amy Austria as her long lost mom, Melanie Marquez, Tonton Gutierrez, Jestoni Alarcon, Maureen Larrazabal, Edgar Allan Guzman, Rodjun Cruz, Joyce Ching, Archie Alemania, Buboy Villa, James Teng and Kenneth Medrano.

At the presscon, Rita is asked about the story that she and Ken were snubbed by Alex Gonzaga when they bumped into each other by chance at the airport. "Sana po, huwag na lang nating palakihin ang issue kasi honestly, it's not a big deal para sa'min ni Ken. Tapos na yun, nag-usap na kami ni Alex at okay na kami. Ken and I understand, bilang artista, na baka pagod siya, may pinagdaraan siya, but all is well na, so okay na, tama na po."

Mica Javier wants to do more action scenes after Los Bastardos

Memorable kay Mica Javier ang mahabang fight scene nila ni Joshua Colet sa ABS-CBN series na Los Bastardos.

"Ito yung eksenang iniligtas ko si Isay [Maxine Medina] na parang gagahasain siya ni Connor [Joshua Colet]. Si Connor, may gagawin kay Isay, nahuli ko," kuwento ni Mica.

"Nag-away kami ni Connor, five minutes long iyung sequence ng fight scene.

"Imagine niyo na five hours kaming nagpa-fight scene, tuluy-tuloy iyun, 5 sequences na binuo as one fight scene.

"At yung stunts na ginawa ko, naka-high heels pa ako noon. Kasi, iyung costume na ginawa nila, all-black na catwoman, catsuit tapos may high heels din ako.

"Ang dami-daming movement na ginawa ko doon, tapos yung landing ko sa pavement, concrete kasi yung pinag-aksyunan namin.

"Siguro, yung impact at pressure nun, hindi ako

nakalakad for three days. As in ang sakit ng katawan ko. Akala ko, na-injure ako pero nabigla lang yung katawan ko.



"So ever since then, okay, alam ko na kung paano mag-stretch talaga, mag-fish oil, mag-vitamins. Kailangan, malusog talaga ako kung sasabak ako sa ganoon.

"Hindi naman ako na-injure na malala, thank the Lord at hindi nangyari yun, at naalagaan naman kami ng stunts director."

Masaya si Mica sa paggawa ng action scenes sa Kapamilya teleserye na ito.

Aniya, "Sa Los Bastardos ko napatunayan na kaya ko yung dream role na talagang ginusto ko. Yung reason na gusto kong maging actor, to become a versatile action star, dramatic actor, and Los Bastardos gave me that. Feeling ko, gusto ko pang mas i-push yun.

"Nakapag-train na po ako for shooting guns, Muay Thai, jiu-jitsu, boxing, at may background ako sa dance at gymnastics kaya nadalian ako sa pag-aaral ng fight scenes namin on the spot,

"Sa Los Bastardos, on the spot talagang itinuturo sa amin iyun. And for me, gusto ko, mas maganda pa yung form ko, mas malawak yung movement na kaya kong gawin sa susunod na project kung mabibigyan

ako ng action role."

Naisip ba niyang magiging isa siyang artista? Napangiti muna si Mica at saka sumagot, "Hindi. Music talaga. Acting was the last form of arts na na-try ko. Hindi ko talaga sya inisip.

"Si Mr. M. [Johnny Manahan] ang nagsabi sa akin, 'Why don't you try workshops for acting? Kasi, sa itsura mo, parang marami kang puwedeng i-portray.'

"Tapos, nong nangyari yun, sineryoso ko ang acting workshop, dito at sa States din, nagustuhan ko siya.

"Iba rin siya, para siyang therapeutic process para sa akin. Kasi, iyung mga emosyon na dala-dala natin sa buhay, parang nagagamit ko siya sa eksena na hindi ko alam na may ganoon pala sa acting.

"So, really, I am passionate about it now."

Si Johnny Manahan ay ang chairman emeritus ng Star Magic.

Magka-love team sina Mica at si Joshua sa Los Bastardos. May sensual scenes ang dalawa sa soap.

Issue ba sa fiance niyang si Jay-R ang kissing scenes at sensual scenes niya with Joshua?

Mabilis na sumagot ang 29-year-old actress, "Hindi naman siya issue pero, of course, between real life couples, meron talagang feelings na nararamdaman doon.

JAMES REID FINALLY REVEALED THE TRUTH BEHIND THE GMA TRANSFER RUMOR

Actor/singer James Reid has finally decided to air the truth about the speculation on social media that he will soon leave ABS-CBN and transfer to its rival network, the GMA. The rumor sparked after the famous celebrity did not renew and signed his contract with Viva Artist Agency which makes him an independent artist now.



During the sideline of his launch as the latest brand ambassador for Amitron, he opened up about his departure from VIVA. He stated that he would focus on other things now.

He also clarified that he does not have any plans to be handled by another talent agency. James also added that he likes having the freedom.

Although James has no upcoming TV series' in the works, he still plans to be in movies. He also clarified that he is not giving up showbiz.

At the moment, James' girlfriend, Nadine Lustre, is still under the management of VIVA. But, Reid reassures their fans that their working relationships would not be affected. He added that they're still working together. James then said that they're all in good terms, it's just that he has more freedom.

it's been a while since we saw James on a TV project in ABS-CBN, with this, some may assume that because James doesn't have any new projects in the Kapamilya Network, he would be transferring. But, the actor stated that he wanted to focus on his music label.

James also added that he wanted to see how far he can go with his music and that he had big plans for it.

Lastly, the actor was then asked if the rumored transfer was true. The actor happily replied with "No, it's not".

"Pero kaming dalawa ni Jay-R, nag-uusap talaga kami. Everything na nararamdaman namin, pinag-uusapan namin nang maayos.

"And naranasan din ni Jay-R na magkaroon ng love team with Kyla, sa music nga lang, pero sa kabila [GMA-7], nag-teleserye rin siya. Pero nararamdaman din naman niya iyun.

"Ayaw niya akong i-hold back sa craft ko sa pagiging actor dahil lang doon.

"And hindi siya nagiging issue dahil wala rin namang rason kung bakit kailangang maging issue. We have so much love and respect for each other.

"Hindi siya seloso.

"Well, if your vocal chords is your instrument pag singer ka, ang pagiging actor naman, iyung katawan namin ang instrument namin.

"So, kailangan talagang maintindihan iyun."

Wala pang follow-up project si Mica pagkatapos ng Los Bastardos.

Aniya, "Meron na pong pinag-uusapan, pero po sa akin, patuloy lang iyung pagwu-workshop, patuloy na paghahanap ng go-see, casting, ibang opportunities, paggawa ng sariling content.

"Saka focus din ako sa music ko at iba pang projects ko."

Durham Filipino Festival

FROM LEFT, JDL students, led by their mentor Josie de Leon participate at the festival; Bonna Esporas wins the game; Adults had fun playing the hip hip hooray game.



Comedian AJ Tamiza replaces X-Factor singer Sephy at Toronto show on October 12

Philippine comedian AJ Tamiza replaces Sephy Francisco at the Toronto show. AJ joins Boobay at the Korean Cultural Centre (located at 1133 Leslie St., Toronto, ON) on October 12, 2019, Saturday. The front act starts at 6:00 P.M. The show will finish at 11:00 P.M.



Boobay is a mainstay in numerous TV shows, teleseryes, drama anthologies and films. He has taken on not only comedy roles, but also dramatic roles. His online show with fellow comedian Tekla, The Boobay and Tekla Show, started to be on television just recently has been



tently been beating the long-running show of Vice-Ganda in the ratings chart. Boobay has been recognized by prestigious award giving 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.

Sharing the stage with the seasoned entertainers will be talented and budding local talents: Audrey



Lyn, Leriza Paulino, Charms (Kassy Adajar, Angela Castillo & Samantha Gavin), Chollo Lagdameo, Angel Tagadtad, Gab tagadtad, Eric Baculao, Angelica Ladouceur, Girl Power (Eril Mariana de Guzman & Riona Anne Deely), JC Quiambao's Dance Life Socials, and the Star Circle Entertainment Kids. (Fe P. Taduran)



Kylie Verzosa And Jake Cuenca Finally Confirm Their Relationship: 'Hindi pa ba obvious?'

Kylie Verzosa and Jake Cuenca have been posting the sweetest photos but haven't actually confirmed their relationship—until now. On Tonight With Boy Abunda, the Los Bastardos co-stars confirmed that they're officially together! They first met on the set of Ang Panday, and Kylie recalled that Jake wasn't her

type back then because of his long hair. Jake remembered sliding into her DMs, which Kylie ignored! The actor said, "I just knew in my heart na magkakatrabaho ulit kami and we'll know each other better." When they started working on Los Bastardos last year, Jake said, "We became friends first. We have a solid foundation of friendship." As to speculation that Jake was the cause of her breakup with her boyfriend at the time, Kylie denied the rumors. "No, not at all. It just didn't work out.



It was a difficult relationship." Last year, Kylie was linked to businessman Michael Needham. Asked if she and Jake have talked about

marriage, Kylie said, "Jake and I aren't the youngest of people. We're not teenagers anymore. We're two mature adults. We have our own careers. We're two adults living our own lives but we complete each other." Jake said, "We're taking it a day at a time. But for me, for the first time in my life, I can see it in the horizon." He recalled that he would get so "uneasy" talking about marriage before. "But now with Kylie and with where I am in my life, I can definitely see it in the horizon."

Star Circle Entertainment in the City

1. Fe Tadiran congratulates Fashion Designer John Ablaza after the show.
2. Kaitlyn Panganiban
3. Crizia Arcagua
4. Mason Ward



Sheryl, bakit nais niya ng 'friendship' sa kanyang anak

Inilahad ni Sheryl Cruz na bukod sa pagiging ina, maigi ring may "friendship" siya sa kaniyang anak na si Ashley, 18-anyos. Nakabase ngayon sa Amerika si Ashley, pero nakahahanap pa sila ng oras para mag-bonding ni Sheryl, ayon sa Chika Minute report ni Nelson Canlas sa GMA News "24 Oras" nitong Martes. "What I want is a friendship with my daughter kasi we already know how it goes nowadays 'di ba? If you don't communicate, there would be no bonding between you and your child. So as much as possible, to be in her life, it's better to

communicate as friends," saad ni Sheryl. Nag-iisang anak ni Sheryl si Ashley, na isang honor student. Si Sheryl ang sexy cover girl ngayon ng online magazine na AO Manila. Inilahad niya ang kaniyang dahilan kung bakit sa edad na 45, ngayon lang siya nagkaroon ng tapang na maging cover girl ng isang magazine. Ayon kay Sheryl, marami siyang takot noong mas bata pa siya, kabilang ang takot na baka madismaya niya ang kaniyang pamilya. Ngunit mas empowered na ngayon si Sheryl at itatayo niya ang watawat ng mga



kababaihan, na puwedeng puwede pang maging sexy at any age. "Probably because I wasn't that encouraged enough or I wasn't that confident enough in my own skin. So probably

now that I'm more matured and that I don't have to ask permission from anyone except for my daughter Ashley," anang beteranang aktres. Nakatakda ring mapanood si Sheryl sa bagong serye na "Magkaagaw" kung saan nakakailang taping days na siya. Sabi pa ni Sheryl, first time niyang gumagana sa isang role na itinuturing niyang isa sa pinakamahirap niyang ginampanan. "Cutting edge, and it's exciting because we're going to several places like Cebu, and we also began taping in Pampanga and Bulacan."

Alex Gonzaga addresses netizen calling her “ang arte, may ugali, galing sa hirap”

Hindi pinalampas ni Alex Gonzaga ang pambabatikos ng isang netizen sa kanyang pagkatao gayong hindi naman daw sila personal na magkakilala.

Ito ay matapos ma-sangkot ng Kapamilya TV host-actress sa insidenteng inisnab niya diumano ang Kapuso stars na sina Ken Chan at Rita Daniela nang magkrus ang kanilang landas sa airport sa Davao.

Sa kanyang Instagram Stories nitong mga nagdaang araw, ibinahagi ni Alex ang screenshot ng mensahe ng isang netizen na tinawag siyang “may ugali” at nagbitiw ng pagmumura laban sa aktres.

Bahagi ng mensahe ng netizen laban kay Alex:

“Ang arte mo galing ka naman sa hirap!

“Kundi ka lang naman naging vlogger wala kang chance sa showbiz!

“Wala kang fans sa lahat ng naging show mo unlike si rita at ken!”

Naka-tag din sa mensahe ng netizen si Paul Soriano, asawa ng nakatatandang kapatid ni Alex na si Toni Gonzaga.

Dagdag ng netizen, “Naniniwala na talaga ako na may ugali kayong magkakapamilya!

“Lagi na lang kasing may balitang ganito sa inyo e!!! @paulsoriano1017”

Sa parte ni Alex, ipinirating niya sa netizen na walang basehan ang mga akusasyon nito.

Bungad ni Alex, “Next time ang galit mo sa buhay wag mo masyado ilabas sa comment section.”

Hindi raw nagustuhan ng Kapamilya star ang pandadawit sa kanyang pamilya, lalo na’t wala namang kinalaman ang mga ito sa isyu.

“I hope next time you won’t tag my bro in law and don’t involve my family too sa pagiging gullible mo.”

Sa huli, sinagot din ni Alex ang patutsada ng netizen sa umano’y hindi pag-alagwa ng showbiz career ng aktres kung hindi raw dahil sa pagiging vlogger nito.

Sabi ni Alex, “I am proud that yes we may not be rich when we

were young but we worked hard as a family and i am thankful vlogging came into my life coz it made me be a blessing to a lot of people.

“Vlogging should not be a derogatory term.”

Habang isinusulat ang artikulong ito ay hindi na makikita sa Instagram Stories ni Alex ang kanyang pagsagot sa netizen.

THE ALLEGED STUBBING INCIDENT

Noong Martes, September 24, una nang nilinaw ni Alex na walang katotohanan ang balitang dinedma niya sina Ken at Rita nang magpakilala ang mga ito sa kanya sa airport.

Ayon kay Alex, “nag-hi” siya kina Ken at Rita.

Tulad ni Alex, naroon din ang dalawang Kapuso stars sa Davao para sa hiwalay na regional tour doon ng ABS-CBN at GMA-7 noong August 31.

Taliwas ito sa ulat ng batikang entertainment columnist at talent manager na si Lolit Solis, na nagsabing “Tumango lang daw si Alex at parang dedma” kina Ken at Rita nang maganap ang insidente.

Sa panig ni Alex, ipinagtanggol siya ng kanyang ate na si Toni.

Ani Toni, huwag nang magpaapekto pa si Alex sa opinyon ng iba na hindi naman daw siya talagang kilala bilang tao.

NO BIG DEAL

Sa kabilang banda, nag-salita na rin sina Ken at Rita hinggil sa isyu at sinabing hindi na ito dapat palakihin pa.

Paniniguro pa ni Rita, nagkausap na rin sila ni Alex noong Lunes ng umaga, September 23.

“Kasi ito shouldn’t be a big deal naman po talaga and the important thing is we’re okay.”

Regine finds it hard to return Sharon’s kindness

REGINE Velasquez says she wishes Julie Anne San Jose well for taking her place as “The Clash” host. “I’m happy for her and I’m happy they have a Season 2,” she says at the presscon of her concert with Sharon Cuneta, “Iconic”. “Before I left, nagpaalam ako nang maayos sa lahat ng involved sa show, pati kina Lani Misaluch, Ai Ai de las Alas and Christian Bautista and I really wish Season 2 would be very successful.”

Aside from her concert with Sharon, Regine is busy doing movies. “May special participation ako sa bagong movie ni Sarah Geronimo, ‘Unforgettable’, which I did for her and sobrang galing niya. And guest din ako sa ‘M&M’, filmfest movie nina Vice Ganda and Anne Curtis. But meron akong natapos na full length movie sa Cinema One Filmfest to be shown in November, ‘Yours Truly, Shirley.’”

What’s her role? “Biyuda ako na kamamatay lang ng asawa and I believe that a young singer is the reincarnation of my late husband. The last movie I did is ‘Of All The Things’ with Aga Muhlach in 2012. May naumpisahan akong ‘Mrs Recto’, pero di natapos.



I agreed to this film kasi comedy. Ayoko ng drama, e. Sobrang nai-stress ako. The director, Nigel Santos, is so bagets. Nahihiya pa sa’kin. Basta sabi ko sa kanya, gusto ko take one lang ang mga eksena para hindi nawawala ang authenticity nito. Kasi kapag pinauulit sa’kin, naiiba ang timpla ng interpretation ko.”

How about doing a movie with Sharon Cuneta after their “Iconic” concert at the Big Dome on October 18 & 19. “Why not? That would be nice. Pareho naman kaming nasa Viva.”

We tell her to ask Jun Lana, who helms ‘Unforgettable’, to come up with a good project for them. How about that sitcom she’s supposed to do with husband Ogie Alcasid? “Naku, niluluto pa. Mahabang proseso yan. Okay na rin kasi, as of now, pareho kami ni Ogie na maraming ginagawa. May vlog na rin ako and we post a new material every week na talagang pino-produce namin. It’s another platform and we want to experience it dahil diyan na yata papunta ang lahat.”

Sharon was once a guest in her concert and gifted her with a huge ring with expensive stones.



Kim Molina, overwhelmed sa box-office success ng Jowable

Certified blockbuster ang #Jowable, ang launching movie ni Kim Molina, kaya dinagdagan ang mga sinehan na pinagtatanghalan nito.

Hindi makapaniwala si Kim sa magandang kapalaran sa box office ng pelikula kaya natutulala na lamang siya.

“Overwhelmed” ang sagot ni Kim tungkol sa mainit na pagtanggap ng publiko sa Jowable na dahilan para magplano ng victory party ang Viva Films, ang producer ng pelikula niya.

“Sobrang saya na sa daldal kong ito natatahimik na lang po ako. Sobrang thankful ko po kay God sa lahat ng blessings na binibigay niya.

“All I wanted was to give justice to the role and hopefully ma-appreciate ng tao,” ang sabi ni Kim na lubos ang pasasalamat sa home studio niya na sumugal sa kanya.

“And of course, I’m always grateful to my Viva family for trusting me with this wonderful blessing.

“Kung mayayakap ko lang din ang buong JOWABLE Nation, gagawin ko. Wagas na pasasalamat mula sa kaibuturan ng aking Jowable heart.”

Dumalo ang mga magulang at kapatid ni Kim sa white-carpet premiere ng #Jowable kaya masayang-masaya ang lead star ng #Jowable.

“Tuwang tuwa sina mom and dad. Hindi raw nila nakita si Kim kundi si Elsa [Kim’s character in Jowable] kaya kahit sa bed scene namin ni Je [Jerald Napoles, Kim’s real-life boyfriend], hagalpak ng tawa ang tatay ko.

“Napaiyak din sila sa monologues ko. My brother even had to hide his tears dahil magtutuksuhan na naiyak siya,” kuwento pa ni Kim tungkol sa reaksiyon ng pamilya niya habang pinapanood ang #Jowable.

Beauty queens invade Kapamilya ‘teleseryes’

Beauty queens have found a second home in ABS-CBN, not only because the Kapamilya network has been broadcasting some of the most important beauty pageants in the country, but also because some of the titleholders have been recently guesting in the station’s programs.



2017 Miss Tourism International Jannie Alipo-on

One of the newest additions to the network’s portfolio of beautiful actresses is 2017 Miss Tourism International Jannie Alipo-on, who will appear in the top-rated teleserye “The Killer Bride,” which also features 2005 Miss International Precious Lara Quigaman and 2013 Miss Universe runner-up Ara Arida.

Jannie’s most notable and longest foray on TV, so far, has been her hosting stint in the Kapuso game show, “Wowowin.”

But even before bagging her international crown in Malaysia, she has done TV commercials and became one of the briefcase ladies in the syndicated game show “Deal or No Deal” on ABS-CBN. And with a brief stint on TV5, she has made the rounds of the networks.

First love

“I just can’t leave television, it’s my first love. I’ve been doing TV work after graduating from college,” Jannie said at the sidelines of the opening of SvelT’i Aesthetic Centre’s newest branch in Ortigas recently.

“I’ve been praying for a role where I get to play the antagonist, something challenging,” she added.

“I have been trying out for less challenging roles, but was not able to bag the projects,” Jannie continued.

Suddenly, she got a call for an offbeat role, and one which would require her to leave the metro in a matter of hours.

“It was around 7 or 8 p.m. when I got the offer for the role, and the call time was at 12 midnight in Tagaytay. Pressed for time, I wanted to accept it right away. But I had to lay down some rules and limitations with the production before jumping in,” Jannie shared.

Conditions

The “Killer” team agreed to her conditions and she found herself packing her bags, then shared the set with actor James Blanco for a pivotal scene.

The beauty queen was also mum about the other details

of her new role, but said it was “different” from what people would assume she would do.

Jannie said the discipline she honed while training for pageants had been very useful in her new career as an actress.

“You have to be professional. It should not matter whether one has an international crown or not, discipline is important in this industry,” Jannie said.

This, as well as on-camera training sessions, have made beauty queens more attractive for TV projects.

Another Kapamilya teleserye, “Los Bastardos,” has an impressive lineup of beauty queens among its cast members—1969 Miss Universe Gloria Diaz, 2016 Miss International Kylie Verzosa, 2016 Miss Universe finalist Maxine Medina, and former Binibining Pilipinas Jean Saburit.

“The Killer Bride” airs weeknights on the Kapamilya primetime block.

John Ablaza Soiree’ Enchantee’



LEFT, Pierre-lyn Guerrero Arcega, John Ablaza poses with Bea Santiago and Ellen Galarport of Star Circle. RIGHT, John Ablaza poses with some of the kids who modelled at the fashion show.

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Maricel Soriano dispels “may topak” hearsay about Angel Locsin

Nanindigan si Maricel Soriano, 54, na walang katotohanan ang narinig niyang bali-balita mula sa isang hindi pinangalanang tao na mahirap diumanong katrabaho si Angel Locsin, 34.

“Mami-miss ko sa set namin, walang pa-istaran dito,” bungad ni Maricel.

“Dito sa set, si Angel wala kang maki-kitang bahid na ‘nyora-nyora na gumaganun. Wala, hindi ganun si Angel. Nakatapak sa lupa si Angel.”

Bago pa kasi siya sumalang sa taping ng ABS-CBN prime-time series na The General’s Daughter, may kuwento raw tungkol kay Angel na nakarating kay Maricel.

“Si Angel, may nagsabi sa akin, ‘Ay, si Angel, ganito, ganyan... May topak iyan!’

“E, sino bang tao ang walang topak?!”

Ayon kay Maricel, ang tanging napan-sin niya ay talagang dedicated si Angel pagdating sa trabaho nito.

“Itong babaeng ‘to, good na sa director. Mas marunong pa sa director, gusto pa niya magdirek. Gusto mo ba magdirek, ‘Ne?”

“Nagdidirek na rin. Meron siyang mga inputs, marami siyang questions. She collaborates with them.”

Ganoon din naman daw ang ibang cast members, tulad nina Tirso Cruz III at Janice de Belen, na parehong aminado na metikulo sa paggawa ng isang eksena.

Na kada dating nila sa set, hindi pa man nag-uumpisa ang taping, marami na silang tanong sa director nilang si Manny Palo tungkol sa kani-kanilang sequences.

“MALAMBING, MABAIT NA BATA”

Sa kaso ni Angel, nasasihan daw ni Maricel ang magandang pakikitungo ng dalaga sa mga kasamahan nila sa trabaho.

“Ako, nakita ko, yung positive side talaga.

“Tsaka malambing. Ang sarap din niyang lambingin. She has a very big heart.”

Dagdag ni Maricel, “Kasi, di ba, nakakagawa ka ng isang ganito, kuwentuhan...

Hindi ba dun pa lang mapi-pick up mo na yung tao kung papaano?

“Una pa lang, si Angel, ‘Ay, mabait ang bata!’”

Kaya raw hindi nagpapadala si Maricel sa sabi-sabi pagdating sa pagkilatis sa isang tao.

“Alam mo, sa ganito ako palaging sinusuwerte. Yung mga kasama ko, nasasabihan ako palagi na, ‘Uy, si ganyan, chuchu, kembot...’ Ang dami sinabi.

“Hindi ako kasi naniniwala kaagad sa mga tiktak na ganun. Chaka yung ganun.

“Do not judge a book by its cover. Because number one, you are not a cover!”

WORKING WITH THE BRIGHT-EST STARS

Ganado pa ring kuwento ng tinaguriang Diamond Star: “Anyway, yung akin lang, nasusuwertehan lang.

“Kagaya nun, maraming nasasabi, si Jolina, si Juday nakasama ko. Ang dami kong nakasama, sinasabi nila, ‘Problema, ganito, ganyan...’

“Hindi naman totoo. Kapag nakasama ko na, wala kang makikita, wala kang masasabi.

“Bakit ako magi-imbento? Walang problema.”

Nakatrabaho ni Maricel si Jolina Magdangal sa pelikulang Kung Ayaw Mo, Huwag Mo noong 1998.

Nakasama naman ni Maricel si Judy Ann Santos, na kilala bilang Juday, sa pelikulang I Will Survive noong 2004.

Sa kaso ni Angel at pati na sa buong cast ng The General’s Daughter, puno ng pasasalamat si Maricel sa magandang pagkakaibigan na babaunin nila kahit magtatapos na ang kanilang show sa October 4.



Coco Martin confirms negotiations with Hollywood actors to guest in Ang Probinsyano + other stories



Mag-aapat na taon na ang primetime series ni Coco Martin na FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano, at nananatili itong number one sa TV ratings.

“Masaya siyempre,” sagot ni Coco.

Patuloy ng Kapamilya actor, “Ngayon nga, ginagawa namin ito talaga para ma-inspire ang mga Pilipino, lalung-lalo na yung mga manonood gabi-gabi para mapasaya sila.

“Sana, humaba pa.

“Sana, makagawa pa kami ng magagandang kuwento para lalo silang ma-inspire.”

Ideya ni Coco ang napabalitang may Hollywood actors na magge-guest sa pinagbibidhang serye.

“Mahirap kasing magsalita agad, e. Kasi, mahaba pa ang tatakbuhan niya.

“Halos lahat na yata, nagawa na namin.

“Alam naman natin ang mga Pilipino, hindi natin sila titipirin.

“Kung anuman ang naiisip natin para mapaganda pa ang Probinsyano, gagawin natin yun.

“Mayroon na kaming mga Hollywood actors na kinakausap.

“Actually, mayroon nang mga umoo pero under negotiations pa.

“Magsu-shooting kami sa abroad, ‘tapos dadalhin dito.”

ONE OF 300 LUMINARIES

Isa si Coco sa 300 luminaries na pinagpugayan sa Sine Sandaan dahil sa kontribusyon at pagmamalasakit niya sa industriya.

“Actually, blessing sa akin. Kungdi ako nabigyan ng pagkakataon na makapasok sa industriyang ito, siguro, nagtatrabaho ako nang ordinaryo, waiter, o kung ano pa man.

“Natupad ang mga pangarap ko, naayos ko ang pamilya ko, kung kaya tinatanaw ko ito na malaking-malaki na utang na loob.

“Sabi ko nga, sa bawat trabaho na ginagawa ko, sinisigurado ko na pinaghihirapan ko at pinagbubuti ko yun dahil utang ko sa mga tao kung nasaan man ako ngayon.

“Kaya sana, sa bawat pelikulang ginagawa ko, naa-appreciate nila.

Janella Salvador wants to “keep it low-key” with rumored boyfriend Markus Paterson



Kinumpirma ni Janella Salvador na dumalo siya sa 60th birthday celebration ng ina ng napababalitang boyfriend na si Markus Paterson, si Norma Paterson, noong September 7.

Sa ancestral house nina Markus sa San Manuel, Pangasinan, ginanap ang salu-salo.

Pero ayaw na raw itong pag-usapan ng The Killer Bride actress.

Pahayag ni Janella sa ABS-CBN News kahapon, September 12, “I’d rather not talk about it kasi nga ayaw ko maggawa ng statement masyado.

“So, I’d rather keep it low-key kung anuman yun.

“So, if you see me there, then that’s it.”

Nauna na rito, naikuwento ni Markus na naipakilala na siya ni Janella sa mga magulang nitong sina Jenine Desiderio at Juan Miguel Salvador.

Pero nais daw nilang magiging pribado ang kung anumang namamagitan sa kanila ngayon.

Sa set ng Maalala Mo Kaya nitong nakaraang Pebrero 2019 nagkakilala sina Janella at Markus.

Ang huling nakarelasyon sa showbiz ni Janella ay si Elmo Magalona.

McCoy De Leon Admits Feelings For Miles Ocampo

Actor McCoy De Leon finally admitted his real feeling for Miles Ocampo during an interview with Boy Abunda.

Kapamilya actor McCoy De Leon was featured on Jodi Santa Maria’s tv series “Be Careful With My Heart.” He later joined the network’s reality tv show Pinoy Big Brother.

Later in his career in the show business, he became part of Its Showtime’s all-boy group Hashtag. In a previous article, the 24-year-old celebrity showed off his expensive dream car on his Instagram account.

During his interview with ‘Tonight With Boy Abunda,’ McCoy De Leon got the chance to

talked to his celebrity crush Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach. After their conversation, he said he also wants to become a race car driver just like Pia’s boyfriend Marlon Stockinger.

The young Kapamilya actor is just one of the thousand admirers of the beauty queen. In the interview, the host Boy Abunda also asked the young actor about his fellow star Miles Ocampo during segment ‘Totropa-hin o Jojowain’ challenge.

McCoy De Leon chose ‘Jojowain’ for Miles Ocampo because he admired how the actress treated him. She also doesn’t act like a celebrity when they’re together. “Kasi iba siya e. Kumbaga naiintindihan niya ako. Hindi siya parang artista ‘pagka nakakasama ko,” he said.

On the latter part of the interview, McCoy De Leon said he’s happy with their status now but he assures Miles that she can approach him whenever she needs him. “Kung may problem aka or ‘pag kailangan mo ako, ditto lang ako palagi,” said McCoy.

The admission of the young actor about his real feelings for Miles elicited mixed reactions from the netizens.



Julia Montes to Mylene Dizon: ‘Malapit na, ’nay. Uwi na ako.’

It’s been a while now since the Kapamilya actress Julia Montes had been out of the limelight. Based on the reports, Julia went to Germany to be with her family after her last teleserye on ABS-CBN.

Controversy and rumors are circulating online regarding Julia and her alleged pregnancy, but none of this is confirmed by her camp.

Many fans are still wondering, what really happened to the actress and why she’s not visible now?

According to Boy Abunda, their latest info came from her previous co-star and now a very close friend of Julia, who is Mylene Dizon.



Mylene Dizon and Julia Montes are co-stars in previous Kapamilya teleserye Doble Kara where Mylene portrayed as the mother of Julia.

In a previous interview with Mylene, she was asked about what she knows on Julia’s pregnancy rumor.

According to the actress, although they still chatting on Viber, she doesn’t know about this rumor. Julia only calls her whenever she needed advice from the

actress regarding cooking.

“Julia and I would still chat on Viber. There were times when she sought my advice, but only to ask about how to best cook her chicken,” Mylene quipped, “or which exercise she should do. We’re very good friends.”

However, Mylene also shared the message Julia sent to her when she was vacationing in Germany. She said, ‘Malapit na, ’Nay. Uwi na ako.’”

Mylene said she had no idea about the rumor that Julia got pregnant and gave birth to a child fathered by Coco Martin. However, she said she would be glad for Julia if the news were true. “Pero kailangan ko munang malaman ... sila ba?” she asked.

If this was true, I’m sure fans of Julia are now excited to see her back again.

Heaven Peralejo aims to build family home soon

The young ABS-CBN actress is now saving up to buy a house and lot for her family. But she has one priority to attend to first before looking for one.

"Gusto ko po kasi matapos muna yung pagbabayad ko with my car kasi ako rin po nagbabayad," she tells PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) at the recent ABS-CBN Ball 2019 held at Shangri-La at the Fort.

"Matapos lang po muna iyon and then makakuha na ng bahay. House and lot. Sana makahanap nang magandang place. Dahan-dahan lang. Slowly but surely."

Heaven plans to invest her hard-earned money in a new



house for her family.

She continues, "Feeling ko kasi ako yung tao na hindi ko talaga kaya without family. I believe kasi family is my support system."

"Family, hindi sila mawawala ever, e, so might as well safe sila sa bahay ko."

Fortunately, Heaven sees herself as a wise spender. "I'm very tipid! People know that," the Kapamilya talent adds.

Her advice to save up on money?

"Siguro, you should only buy what is necessary and if you think hindi naman siya ganoon ka-importante, might as well borrow through family member or save up mo lang and mas makahanap ka ng mas better option," she says.

IT'S IN THE BAG continued from page 25

The dozen handbags were hand carried on a trip back to the Philippines. The test market was my sister who fashioned the prototype. Other family members were our test market.

The reaction was positive to the practicality of the twin drink holders, sizing had to be modified as again, there was a resemblance of a Nun's handbag. (No offense nor disrespect to Nuns but images of being a child was always associated with Nuns selling books).

The process of constant modifications and improvements lasted a period of three years, finally it was ready to be marketed. Colours were modified to vibrant images and since it is a Canadian products, the colours of the seasons became a theme in the colour selection.

As in any endeavour, growing pains could lead into abandoning the plans, but as in real life, we strive to realize our dreams and aspirations. Success is never guaranteed, hard work motivated by passion is what makes anything achievable.

Marketing is a by product of a challenge. The absence of a physical store meant knocking at doors to physically present our product. There were times that we were driving in a snowstorm but nothing beats the earnest belief that " It is our product" and nothing is a hindrance.

We have lost track of the challenges and growing pains but we still have the same enthusiasm as in day one, which we could hardly remember.

We have driven as far as Red Deer, Al-

berta with handbags in the tow of our small Toyota. We distributed models of our handbags in Winnipeg, Calgary and along the way enjoy the beauty of Western Canada. The wideness of the prairies inspired our aspirations that there is no limit to what could be achieved.

Somewhere between Saskatchewan and Alberta, we drove off the highway to an un-beaten path that was yellow with Canola plants. We had a photo up of our handbags against the backdrop of the wilderness.

Driving 7000 kilometres allowed endless brainstorming about what a handbag could be, an affirmation to how dreams could be realized but also a reminder that there is much to be done.

A break came through having a physical store, not one but two in both ends of the city. Remembering our roots, We partnered with a group of friends to work on a fashion magazine, which hopefully will be a tool for communicating of our ongoing designs.

Our handbags are modestly priced, it is a belief that a practical handbag could be fashionable and reasonably priced. " What is the logic of paying hundreds of dollars? Does it make sense to have more cash in the handbag?

We are still trying to grow with more exciting designs, the handbag will always be within reach of the average working woman.

The journey towards a dream is work in progress. We may be tired and at times exhausted but believing that the best is yet come is enough for us to wake up each morning like a child waking up on Christmas morning.

Filipino farmers are finding it hard to grow ube, study explains why

Is ube really ube without its distinctive violet hue? While ube—or purple yam—is known for its royal color, the yam can actually exist in plain white. In fact, Good Shepherd, who is best known for their ube jam, shares on their official Facebook page that they will be offering white ube jam in lieu of their usual due to a shortage of purple yams.

"Due to changing climate, our ube farmers are

having difficulty growing ube. It has been our struggle in recent years to find a stable supply. And in the past weeks there were none," shares Good Shepherd on their Facebook page. But they—and several comments on the post—assure that the white ube jam tastes just like the real thing. After all, white ube is made from purple yam of a different variant (hence the white color). If anything, this is a reminder that the climate crisis is real, and we might be seeing more changes in the way we eat and the produce we get in the future because of it.

Press Release:

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Thinking of what to do for your team this coming Holiday Season in December? Well instead of just having dinner in a restaurant why not enjoy a fun filled evening at the Biggest Dental Office Christmas Party with good food, dancing to live music, Casino Royale and a Silent Auction all in one place. Join us and other dental offices, small and large, in a fun-filled evening. What better way to celebrate your achievements through the year than to share the fun with your team by dancing the night away, winning at the Casino Royale or winning an item or two at the Silent Auction and seeing some of your colleagues from other dental offices.

The Biggest Dental Office Party is organized by the Filipino Dental Society of Ontario and is open to all dental offices and the dental industry with no size restrictions. Be it a team of two or twenty-two, you are most welcome to join the fun.

For more information or to reserve your table or purchase tickets, please see the information on the right.

Hunk Shot



Joshua Jorda

Joshua's favourite food is pizza. He plays volleyball. He is currently working in sales. Someday, he would love to visit Mexico.



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Did Elisse Joson “friend zone” Jameson Blake?

“We’re really good friends. We go out with friends, we get to know each other, but we’re really good friends.”

Ito ang paglilinaw ni Elisse Joson, 23, hinggil sa estado ng relasyon nila ni Jameson Blake, 22.

Kaibigan at kagrupo ni Jameson sa Hashtags si McCoy de Leon, 24, ang ex-boyfriend ni Elisse.

Ang Hashtags ay ang all-male group na napapanood sa ABS-CBN noontime show na It’s Showtime.

Sa isang interview noong August, sinabi ni McCoy na tinanong sa kanya ni Jameson kung okay lang ba na idine-date ng huli si Elisse.

Pero sa panayam ng entertainment press sa aktres sa Sandugo presscon nitong September 24, Martes, sinabi nitong magkaibigan lang sila ni Jameson.

Ayon kay Elisse, “Hindi naman to court [me], parang siguro bilang kaibigan, bilang magkasama sa isang pamilya ng Showtime, parang nagsabi lang, hindi paalam—ipinaalam for respeto.”

Paliwanag ng aktres, mahirap ang pinagdaanan niya matapos nilang maghiwalay ni McCoy, kaya maingat siya pagdating sa relasyon.

“That was very hard, pero since time has passed, nakatulong din po yun sa paghihilo ng mga sugat.”

Bawal muna siyang mag-boyfriend?

“Hindi naman po sa hindi puwede siyempre, pero nag-uusap din naman kami

[ni Jameson], nao-open up namin na, ako, parang gusto ko po muna ng break from heartaches.

“Mahirap ulit ang mga napagdaanan noon, so ngayon po mas careful ako, mas careful ako sa mga taong kinikilala ko.

“Kailangan tingnan mo rin sa lahat ng aspects, hindi lang sa gusto ninyo ang isa’t isa, syempre kailangan makita kung compatible kayo.”

Huli raw silang magkita ni McCoy sa ABS-CBN Ball 2019 noong September 14, pero hindi sila nag-usap.

Wala rin daw silang komunikasyon ni McCoy ngayon.

Elisse na-awkward sa bali-tang nililigawan ni McCoy si Miles

Hindi ikinaila ng young Kapamilya actress na si Elisse Joson na nakaramdam umano siya ng pagka awkward nang malaman niyang si Miles Ocampo ang bagong nali-link ngayon sa kanyang ex-boyfriend na si McCoy de Leon pero wala naman daw siyang dapat ipagselos dahil wala na sila ng young Kapamilya actor at naging kasamahan sa loob ng PBB house.

Wala na sina Elisse at McCoy nang ipalabas last January ang kanilang launching movie as a loveteam, ang “Sakaling Maging Tayo” na dinirek ni Jaime Habac, Jr. under Blacksheep Productions. Sadly, ang nasabing pelikula ay hindi gaanong kinagat ng mga manonood.

Moving on, busy ngayon si Elisse sa kanyang career. Meron siyang bagong movie at bagong teleserye na malapit nang magsimula sa afternoon block ng ABS-CBN, ang “Sandugo,” isang action-drama series



Ito ang maikling mensahe na ipinadala ni Joanne Villablanca sa PEP.ph (Philippine Entertainment Portal) ngayong hapon ng Huwebes, September 26.

Ito ay kaugnay ng pag-amin ng ex-boyfriend niyang si Derek Ramsay at ng aktres na si Andrea Torres na opisyal na ang kanilang relasyon.

Magkatambal sina Derek at Andrea sa teleserye ng GMA-7 na The Better Woman, na magtatapos bukas ng gabi, September 27.

Anim na taon ang itinakbo ng relasyon nina Joanne at Derek, kung saan nagsama na rin sila sa iisang bubong.

Ngunit noong June 6, 2019, diretsahang inamin ni Derek sa PEP.ph na tinuldukan na nila ng longtime-partner na si Joanne ang kanilang relasyon.

Sabi noon ni Derek, “Yes, we have broken up. It’s all for the best.”

Sinegundahan naman ni Joanne ang ex-boyfriend sa kanyang sagot sa PEP.ph tungkol sa hiwalayan.

Pahayag ni Joanne, “Yes, we’re not together na po.

“Sorry, but I’d rather not comment about the break up...”

Marami ang nag-akalang mauuwi na sa kasalan ang relasyon nina Derek at Joanne, ngunit naghiwalay rin sila sa hindi nila inaming kadahilanan.

Angel says wedding with Neil a bigger challenge than career

Angel Locsin says her teleserye, “The General’s Daughter”, which ends this coming week, will forever have a special place in her heart. “Napakahirap gawin but I enjoyed doing it very much,” she adds. “I love my character as Rhian aka Arabella kasi nilalagay niya ang sarili niya sa huli. Ang priority niya is the greater good and

the people she loves na ipinagtatanggol niya. I want to thank everyone involved for the past nine months, from the big cast and the crew.”

She gives credit to their great teamwork. “We really had a great team and we’re already so comfortable with each other, so I’m sure we’ll all miss one another now that the show is ending. I want to thank all viewers na tumangkilik sa show at huwag silang bibitaw kasi the last few episodes are really so action-packed and exciting.”

What scenes are most unforgettable for her? “Isang eksenang tumatak sa’kin was when we’re taping sa cemetery. The whole cast was there, e biglang lumindol. Lahat very professional, walang bumitaw. E, nayuyugyog na ‘yung puno sa tabi namin so I told Tito Pip (Tirso Cruz III), halika na, let’s save ourselves first. Grabe din ‘yung karera ng bangka sa isla, we won ni Arjo Atayde at napataob namin yung isang bangka but muntik na silang malunod.”

“The General’s Daughter” is such a big show and it would be a tough act to follow. What are her next moves? “Meron akong pending movies sa contract ko sa Star Cinema, pero ayoko munang pag-usapan kasi, hangga’t wala pa sa harap ko, di pa tayo sure kung tuloy talaga. So after this, aayusin ko muna ang health ko kasi, kahit may back injury ako, I continued doing my own action scenes, na kinaya ko naman. Ilang beses akong bumagsak kaya magpapagaling muna ako and I will also attend to my coming wedding (to film producer Neil Arce.) I think ‘yun ang mas mahirap at mas malaking challenge na papasukin ko so, good luck na lang po sa akin.”

Kusina Ng Ating Bahay owners Frederick Lazaro, Rovina Lazaro and Jam Lazaro, celebrated the expansion of their restaurant with Philippine performers Heber Bartolome and Amay Bisaya (2ND 7 3RD FROM LEFT)



Barbie Imperial on romantic scenes with Paulo Angeles: ‘Kini-kiss ko talaga siya, paulit-ulit talaga’



Kapamilya stars Barbie Imperial at Paulo Angeles, willing gumawa ng daring projects together.

Sa special screening ng IWant series na Taiwan That You Love, isang rebelasyon nang maikwento ni Barbie Imperial ang pagkamahiyain ng co-actor niyang si Paulo Angeles.

Kahit na daw magtropa sila, ay nahihiya ang binata sa mga scenes kung saan nagki-kiss sila. “Si Pau naiilang pa din siya kapag may mga kiss, smack... Nahihiya po talaga siya. So ang ginagawa ko kini-kiss ko talaga siya, paulit-ulit talaga,” ayon sa aktres.

Nang tanungin naman si Paulo kung bakit siya nahihiya, sinabi nito na “shy type” at “torpe” talaga siya. “Hindi kasi ako yung type na i-kiss mo na lang agad,” umpisa ng aktor.

Malaking factor din daw yung kapag tinitingnan niya si Barbie, nakikita niya ang kaibigan niya. “Nahihiya ako kasi unang-una kaibigan ko e... yung pinagsamahang naming... Minsan nga kung magkulitan pa kami... kulang na lang magkapikunan pa kami... ‘Pag tinitingnan ko, kaibigan ko yan e,” paliwanag ni Pau.

May chance naman kaya ang chemistry nila onscreen ay madala nila sa totoong buhay? Hindi ito direktang sinagot ng dalawa pero giniit nila na mag-tropa sila. “Sobrang tropa talaga kami nito,” ayon kay Paulo.

“Pag off-cam, tropa talaga kami. And feeling namin yun yung reason kung bakit nagwu-work talaga kami onscreen,” sagot naman ni Barbie.

Willing naman kaya silang gumawa ng mas daring na projects? “Dahil nakagawa na po ako ng Araw Gabi, and may workshops naman... dun din siya mas nagiging okay e pag may workshops. Feeling ko kaya ko po. With Pau po lalo kasi close kami,” direktang sagot ni Barbie sa tanong.

Hindi rin naman nagpakipot si Paulo at sinabing game din siya kung sakaling may daring project silang pagsasamahan ng co-actress. “Kaya naman kasi unang-una, G! movie di ba? Daring din naman yun, nagpakita ako dun ng pwet ko. Kaya naman e, basta mag-toothbrush lang ako... tanggap lang nang tanggap, go lang,” sabi pa ni Paulo.

Kisses Delavin on leaving showbiz: ‘I will never do that’

“I feel like this is for me [and] I love what I do.”



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Kate Mohan, Samantha Esporas and mom Bonna Esporas check her daughter’s prizes at the Durham Filipino Festival.

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