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Merry Christmas to everyone



Festive Filipinos trying to save Christmas from coronavirus

Pandemic, typhoons dampens the festive mood, celebrations which started in September

MANILA -The Philippines boasts one of the world's longest Christmas seasons, kicking off in September with fairy lights and artificial trees

decorating malls, festive tunes on the radio and party-packed calendars. But the coronavirus pandemic looks set to be the grinch that spoils

the four-month-long celebration this year. Gatherings are banned, night-time curfews are in force, church

attendance is limited, and many are

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S Maison's elegant 35-foot blush pink tree is beautifully curated with sparkling gold and silver elements in snowflakes, Christmas balls, and angels' lamps. The tree is also accented by blush pink mini Christmas trees, and reindeer made of silver leatherette and metal frame in gold finish.



AFP: Robredo OK to use gov't aircraft



Vice President Leni Robredo returned to Bicol November 18 to visit the barangays of Amomokpok, Cale, and Poblacion Ilaad in the municipality of Ragay. Robredo checked the extent of the damage in the area after receiving requests for rescue. The Office of the Vice President also brought relief assistance to the communities.

MANILA - One of the false accusations hurled against Vice President Leni Robredo recently was that she boarded a government C-130 plane to reach typhoon-hit Catanduanes.

Chief Presidential Legal Counsel Salvador Panelo has since apologized for accusing Robredo of "free-riding." Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenza-

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MOVIEGOER: Vlogging is the new acting

COOKING AND VLOGGING: With one network closed down and the other slowing down on production schedule, our actors are

finding ways and means to keep themselves busy, income- generating, or

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Higher Remittances than September 2019; 'ber' months could see remittances increase

MANILA - The Philippines' estimated 10 million citizens abroad once more stepped in

to buoy the local economy in the middle of a crisis, driving a late third quarter surge in

dollar remittance that helped
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Duterte, surprised that Philippines is 12th in Safest Country List

‘FREE AKO’: Kris Bernal explains teleserye with TV5

MANILA, Philippines — Actress Kris Bernal clarified that her home network GMA-7 did not give her an exclusive contract, explaining teleserye with TV5. In her press conference as the new Corner-Entertainment, said exclusive contract with the Kapuso channel did not push through because of the coronavirus so she has to work with other network.

“Nag-extract ko na ire-renew because of kaya nagkaroon renewal. But nagkaroon ng tract with them, ako ng chance to work with different networks, lahat po ay pinalam ko,” Kris said.

“Since free ako, nakikita nila ko sa ibang net-

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Katelyn Mohan (SECOND FROM LEFT) is a member of StarCircle Entertainments' Mix'd Up band.

RIISING STAR WITH STAR CIRCLE

There has not been a shortage of up-and-coming young talents in the Filipino-Canadian community in Toronto over the years. This year, we are focusing on one emerging talent in our radar.

Katelyn Mohan is a 15-year old who has had numerous accolades bestowed on her, for one so young. She started singing very early on and her parents honed her talent by enrolling her at the Star Circle Entertainment. Here, she was coached on how to dance, act, play a musical instrument, model, and most importantly, the intricacies of singing through one-on-one vocal coaching. She is currently a member of Toronto's youngest band, the Mix'd Up Band.

Katelyn was the second runner-up in the

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Honey Shot

Mika is a member member of the Josie de Leon (JDL)Performing Arts. She is also part of the JDL singing group Cupid Arch. Her hobbies are Script writing, drawing, singing & dancing. She plays volleyball. She goes to school at Father Michael McGivney Academy. She loves travelling and watching Broadway shows. Someday, she wants to be a writer or be the owner of her my own business. She is the daughter of Philip & Jennifer Sy

We wish her all the luck in her future.

Mikayla Chloe Sy



Actors cooks in online Grocery

Piolo Pascual is actively promoting the AktoR initiative. Right: Frances Makil-Ignacio's Tantanmen for orders.

The initiative is meant to create different income streams which could help many actors in these times when working opportunities are lesser.

AktoR, or League of Filipino Actors, was founded in late May as a response to important issues concerning actors, especially

those threatening their livelihoods, their lives and their right to free expression. There was that signing into law of the anti-terror bill, for one, and the shutting down of ABS-CBN, the media company that provided jobs to a great many number

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Support-not-support SOGIE Bill



It has been a good one or two years since the Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Gender Expression (SOGIE) Equality bill was docketed at the House of Representatives, yet it's still nowhere near to being discussed in the Senate.

And President Rodrigo Duterte's constant flip-flopping statements make it even harder to gauge whether it will pass the committee level or not.

In a statement issued on Thursday, November 5, Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said the President doesn't support same-sex marriage, whether it's a church or civil wedding.

Roque also said the President has left the details of same-sex unions to Congress, as Duterte "believes the SOGIE bill promotes equal rights for all Filipinos."

This comes after Pope Francis' statements from the documentary Francesco made rounds on the internet once more. The Vatican has since explained that the Pope supports legal protection for same-sex civil unions but not same-sex marriages.

The Palace's statements are also in stark contrast to what Roque said

after the Pope's statements on same-sex civil unions went viral. "With no less than the Pope supporting it, I think even the most conservative of all Catholics in Congress should no longer have a basis for objecting," Roque said last month.

What makes this situation difficult is Duterte's statements over the years.

August 2019 had Duterte saying he will urge the 18th Congress, then led by Taguig-Pateros Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano, to pass the SOGIE bill, which isn't exclusive to the LGBT community.

Speaking on behalf of the President, Sen. Bong Go said so.

However, that sentiment would not last.

Less than a month later, then-Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo would "clarify" the President's statement, saying Duterte "was referring to an anti-discrimination bill, not SOGIE bill."

He also said the President wanted something similar to Davao City's anti-discrimination ordinance to be passed before the end of the 18th Congress.

Panelo even said that the LGBT community need not worry as "whoever Senator will be introducing it, they will be included in that."

These vastly different statements came after Duterte had a meeting with transgender woman Gretchen Diez, who was barred from entering a female restroom in 2019.

Coleen Garcia realizes that breastfeeding is "matrabaho talaga"



The actress said she was warned beforehand about the major changes that motherhood entails.

Coleen gave birth to Amari on September 10, 2020.

Out of all the things she had anticipated, breastfeeding was the one activity she considered "matrabaho talaga."

She said, "Nung una talaga, iyon nga, nanibago ako because of the diet also.

"Na parang every two hours kailangan talaga kumakain. Kasi breast milk stays the same, it's nutritious talaga no matter what.

"Pero kapag kulang, kinukuha talaga from my nutrition.

For Coleen, the effect of motherhood on her has been deeper and far-reaching.

"With him [Amari], siguro nag-change iyong perspective ko with life and I focus on things that matter now.

Dealing with mom-shamers

Days after Coleen Garcia gave birth to her son Amari, the new mom was surprised to see the rashes on her baby's face. Coleen immediately phoned her doctors only to be told that acne among newborn babies is common.

Still, the ABS-CBN actress "felt sorry" for Amari, so she thought of slathering his face with her breast milk.

To her relief and delight, it worked!

It seemed Coleen's hack created a brief "discussion" online.

Coleen said, musing, "Not really thinking of anything that they're saying kasi shine-share ko lang naman. Parang, 'Just sharing,' di ba?"

She stressed that it was not her intention to force her remedy on anyone.

"There might be somebody like me who's also looking at my profile and they might pick it up.

Accepting scrutiny

Coleen and husband Billy Crawford have both accepted that because of their work, they've opened themselves up to public scrutiny.

She remarked, "All I can say is, naiintindihan ko rin why other people don't post pictures of the baby.

"Because may mga tao din talaga na who can be very harsh and iyong so-brang, 'Saan ito nangagaling,' di ba?"

"Iba talaga. But for us, it's just a matter of acceptance.

"No matter what we say, no matter what we do, kahit ano pa iyan, kahit the smallest thing to the biggest, people will always have something to say.

"And it's not always gonna be something good. It's a matter of deciding who's opinion matter."



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Life's brighter under the sun



Naiwan ni Jamir nahihirapan

MAHIRAP ang pinagdadaanan ngayon ng long-time partner ng namayapang si Jamir Garcia, frontman ng Filipino heavy metal band na Slapshock na si Jaya Crisostomo.

Hindi lamang siya ang nawalan kundi maging ang tatlo nilang anak na ang eldest ay 15 at tatlong taon naman ang bunso.

Si Jamir ay natagpuang patay sa kanilang bahay i ng November 26. Maraming nag-surface na dahilan kung bakit umabot sa depression ang lead vocalist ng 23-year old Slapshock band na nauwi sa kanyang hindi inaasahang pagpapakamatay.

Magkaiba ang version ng partner ni Jamir na si Jaya at ng bassist ng band na si Lee Nadela. Ang tatlo pa nilang mga kasamahan sa grupo ay Jerry Basco, Lean Ansing at Chi Evora.

Bago pa man ang ginawang pagpapatiwakal ni Jamir (42) ay may mamumuo na umanong problema sa grupo. Pero anuman ito, sana'y isantabi na lamang nila para na rin sa ikatatahimik ng kaluluwa ng namayapang singer.

Reunion movie nina Piolo at Claudine 'di na pinag-uusapan

HINDI na pinag-uusapan ang reunion movie project nina Piolo Pascual and Claudine Barretto na may pamagat na "2gether Un4ever" na nakakda sanang idirek ni Cathy Garcia-Molina under Star Cinema at Spring Films (kung



saan isa sa may-ari ay si Piolo).

Sina Piolo at Claudine ay unang nag-tambal sa hit movie na "Milan" na dinirek ni Olivia Lamasan under Star Cinema in 2004. Ang nasabing pelikula ay siyang nakapaghatid sa dalawa lead stars ng kanilang Best Actor and Best Actress trophies mula sa FAMAS Awards.

Sam thinks Catriona is the One

In his recent guest appearance in the morning gabfest Magandang Buhay hosted by Jolina Magdangal, Karla Estrada, and Melai Cantiveros, Sam Milby expressed his current happiness brought about by his relationship with Miss Universe 2018 Catriona Gray.

"I'm so blessed. First of all, my heart is in a very happy state. My love life is blessed," he averred.

The appealing actor revealed that his ladylove has become his "go-to" person in the past months when the country has been under quarantine due to the pandemic.

"Well, of course, she's on top of my list of people whom I would talk to during those times. Then there's my sibling Ada."

For Sam, he considers Catriona as "The One" for him. This he admitted during the media con for his presently airing prime time soap Ang Sa Iyo Ay Akin opposite Jodi Sta. Maria and Iza Calzado months ago.

"Although it's too early to say but I do believe that she's the one. But I'm not in a hurry since of course, we have a ten-year age gap. I'm 36 while she's just 26. One more thing, her career has just taken off," he stated.



Absence makes the heart grow fonder

The proverb “absence makes the heart grow fonder” describes the feeling of greater affection between friends and lovers who are kept apart. It is a phrase that, in one form or another, can be traced back for millennia—the Roman poet Sextus is credited with the earliest version of the phrase.

We miss seeing our friends, our families, acquaintances, people we hate, people we love to hate, etc.

Let’s face it, we miss the physical interaction. As for those who say that ‘Work From Home’ will become the new normal, I do not agree with them. I don’t care if they

are some kind of scholars or billionaires or experts in some field or whatever. WFH, or teleworking, telecommuting, or whatever name you call it has been in existence for more than 10 years already. And almost all companies have done it on a small scale. No one has done it on a company-wide basis. The reasons range from technology, or logistic, we now know why it hasn’t taken off like hotcakes.

Nobody wants it.

Forget about this idiocy of calling this the new normal. No, it is not. The moment we beat this virus, we will be back to the old normal. Nobody

wants to wake up only to see his bedroom his kitchen, his living room 5 days a week. We just found out why we renovate, decorate our house with cheap stuff from Wayfair. So, we can show them only when we have visitors. But otherwise, hell no, we don’t want to be in our house 24/7/365.

Now, we know how prison is like. Except, we can leave if we want to. But, to go where?

Once it is safe to go out there, we will be eating at restaurants with bad food, bars with bad drinks, and paying their high prices and we are not going to complain.

That is normal.

Miss Universe Philippines 2020 Rabiya Mateo on biological dad:

“I think it was his plan to abandon us.”

Miss Universe Philippines 2020 Rabiya Mateo has no update about her biological her Indian father, Syed Mohammed Abdullah Moqueet Hashmi.

Her father left her and her Filipino mother at the age of 5 and for America.

“Actually, I was messaged by an Indian community, trying to ask for the name of my dad.

“But as of the moment, I still have no contact or any trace, where is he right now.

“Because the last time I heard, he’s in Chicago and he’s practicing as a doctor.”

“I think it was his plan to abandon us, ‘cause what happened was when he went back to the U.S., his two brothers are still here studying.

“And then all of a sudden, all of the connection were cut. And my mother went to the school to talk to his two brothers, but

unfortunately they also left for the U.S.”

“If there will be one advice that I would like to give, never try to plant any hatred or anger over your biological dad.

“Because it’s gonna ruin you. It’s gonna ruin your perspective in life always. Try to understand the situation even though it hurts you the most. Even though you think there is no acceptable reason to have that kind of situation.

“Always try to see things differently and always choose to be kind.”

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS
Mateo was open about grappling with poverty, as her mother raised her and her siblings as a single parent.

Nagtapos siyang cum laude sa kursong Physical Therapy sa Iloilo Doctors College ng 2018.



“Even if you’re suffering from poverty, it’s not a hindrance for you to become successful in your chosen field, because I was able to overcome everything with hard work and with prayers.”

RABIYA’S POST ABOUT HER FATHER

Noong June, ipinost ni Rabiya ang ilang naitabing larawan niya ng kanyang ama. Makikita rito ang sanggol na si Rabiya na karga-karga ng ama.

“I hope you still think about me because I always think about you. Happy Father’s Daddy and I miss you so much.”

Gab Pangilinan talks about working with Jameson Blake in ‘My Lockdown Romance’

In the new Star Cinema digital movie My Lockdown Romance, theater actress Gab Pangilinan plays the role of Jameson Blake’s close friend in the BL film.

“I was super happy na I was going to be working with Jameson because we knew each other for quite some time na and I guess it was easy na since we knew each other we didn’t have to break the ice or anything. We knew each other and we know what the story is about and I guess we did talk about certain things but at the same time, what really helped us a lot was how direk Bobby (Bonifacio) was always there supporting us and also guiding us through each scene,” she shared during the My Lockdown Romance mediacon.

After playing the role of female lead Joy onstage in the hugely

successful musical run of Ang Huling El Bimbo, Gab goes back to doing film work in My Lockdown Romance.

“Ultimate supporter kay Jameson ako in the film. I’m actually excited for people to see the film and see the kind of friend the role I play in the film. It was really a pleasure for me to be working with Jameson kasi and when it comes to love I believe in personally, to share love, spread the love, and react to the love that is given to you. I am human so when I love, I love completely. The moment na nag-commit ako, yun na yun,” she said.

With her versatility in acting and



singing on stage and in TV and movies, it’s no surprise she comes from the

celebrity Pangilinan clan as the niece of Angeli Pangilinan, wife of Gary Valenciano. She has also been in a low-key relationship for several years now.

“My dad is a Pangilinan sibling, one of the nine. But my parents are walang nag-showbiz sa kanila. Luckily my partner, he lives close to me so really the only people I’ve been seeing is my family and my longtime boyfriend. Let’s say official years four years pero longer than that pa,” she said.

Star Cinema’s My Lockdown Romance stars Jameson Blake, Joao Constancia, and Gab Pangilinan.



FCT Outstanding Student Award Event Postponed

Dear Members of the FCT-RCJOSA Committee,

I hope all is well with you and your family & staff.

In view of the recently- released announcement of measures by Toronto Mayor John Tory and City Medical Health Officer Dr. Eileen De Villa, refer below please, to protect the health and safety of Torontonians and visitors in the City, I am saddened and disappointed to inform you that the scheduled FCT-RCJOSA Awarding Day Event on November 22, 2020, is hereby postponed until further notice.

The RCJ-OSA Committee, instead, is planning and hoping that the Awards

Rites shall be conducted in March or June 2021 once the City of Toronto would have eased and lifted the COVID- 19 restriction guidelines on indoor social-private indoor gatherings.

We are hoping that a coronavirus vaccine will be available in early Spring to combat the pandemic. Accordingly, we would be informing you of any positive and promising development from our end regarding the situation.

Thank you for your understanding. Stay safe and well.

Best regards,
Tony A. San Juan
Chair, RCJ-OSA Committee

Ricky Cuenca – A new face at Action Honda



Ricky Cuenca with his wife, Irma .

Ricky Cuenca, a fresh new face at Action Honda is this car dealership’s newest Sales Consultant. For those who don’t know, Ricky’s illustrious career has come full circle, and what a joyful ride it was.

In 1976, armed with a BS Commerce degree major in Business Administration from the De La Salle University (DLSU) in Manila, Ricky plunged himself into the automotive and finance world, starting as a dealer coordinator with Filinvest Credit Corporation in the Philippines by facilitating floor stock financing to various car dealers and providing credit and leasing facilities to customers. He then moved up in 1980 to become General Manager of Legacy Motor Sales & Service, an auto dealership in Manila, where he honed his managerial and interpersonal skills while consistently achieving profit and budget targets. For over 16 years, Ricky demonstrated his exceptional aptitude towards combining sound business practices with solid human interactions and collaboration, an excellent trait that propelled him to the next chapter of his successful career.

In 1997, he and his family moved to Canada because he heard a calling to serve the Lord full time through Couples for Christ (CFC). CFC is an international Catholic lay ecclesiastical movement whose goal is to enrich marriage, strengthen family and Christian values. At CFC Canada, he became the National Director (1997-2008) where he delivered essential services such as providing aid and counselling to members, conducting formation and training seminars and organizing various outreach programs designed to promote the vision and mission of CFC. Ricky’s managerial and organizational skills didn’t go unnoticed as he later, from 2011 to 2014, was named Chairman of the CFC Global Mission, Inc. with headquarters in Manila.

It was not inconceivable therefore that in dispensing the humanitarian and spiritual

duties required in his varied roles with Couples of Christ, Ricky redirected his efforts to serve and help the poor through Ancop (Answering the Cry of the Poor). Since 2002, Ricky was the familiar, friendly face of ANCOP International Canada Inc., a charitable and cause-oriented entity whose dedicated goal is to uplift the lives of poor families in developing countries through child sponsorship, humanitarian relief and community development. It was within the auspices of ANCOP where Ricky’s talent and natural penchant to help his fellowmen truly shone. During his tenure ANCOP Canada raised substantial amount of funds that significantly alleviated the flight of needy families, not only in the Philippines but also in other poor, less-developed countries in Asia and Africa. Through sheer hard work, diligence and commitment, Ricky and the Ancop team accomplished many of Ancop’s humanitarian objectives by involving several communities and organizations through its annual charity walk events and other fundraising activities. Ancop was able to tap various companies , communities, groups and individuals for sponsorships and donations – funds that were used to build homes for the homeless, send poor children to schools and sponsor aspiring young men towards their vocation for priesthood.

After announcing his retirement Ricky realized he was not ready to fully retire and decided to return to his first love and come full circle – a career in the automotive industry. He opted to join the sales force of Action Honda Inc. in Scarborough. As a full-time Sales Consultant, Ricky will be the newest friendly face of this well-known and widely patronized Filipino-Canadian car dealership in the Greater Toronto Area. Similar to what he accomplished in his previous callings, Ricky would certainly extend the usual friendly, helpful and smart assistance to everyone that comes to him at Action Honda for vehicle advice and support.

Ricky can be reached through his phone (647-9811701) or via email at ricky@myactionhonda.com. Better still, meet him in person in his office at 4334 Kingston Road, Scarborough.

Yes, from his early stint with Filinvest Credit and Legacy Motor Sales & Service in the Philippines some four decades ago, to this recent appointment in Action Honda’s sales department, it is full circle indeed for Ricky!



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Zaijan Jaranilla is 'Boyette'

Make way for Zaijan Jaranilla as he topbills Star Cinema's new coming-of-age comedy film "Boyette."

After playing remarkable characters on television since 2009, including "Santino" of the hit series "May Bukas Pa," "Noah" in the series of the same title, and "Liksi" of 'Bagani,' Zaijan is now launched as a new movie actor to be watched out for as the film production arm brings "Boyette."

Directed by Jumbo Albano, the film follows the story of Boyette (Zaijan), a 17-year-old asthmatic gay boy who was forced to pretend as a straight guy in order to join the prestige dance club where his childhood crush, Charles, is star dancer. Problem arises when he was likened by Nancy, the girl that Charles likes.

Will "Boyette" ever get the right



steps toward his dream of dancing the world with Charles? Or his lies will tangle with his steps and cause his down fall?

Playing the characters of Charles and

Nancy are Inigo Pascual and Maris Racal, respectively. Known by their fans as "MarNigo," "Boyette" marks the first Star Cinema project of Inigo and Maris together.

"Boyette" also marks the directorial debut of Direk Jumbo who has been with Star Cinema as part of the creative team. He wrote some of the Vice Ganda-led blockbuster movies such as "Gandarrapiddo: The Revenger Squad" in 2017, "Fantastica" in 2018, and "The Mall The Merrier" in 2019.

Jericho Rosales, Kim Jones raise over P2 million for victims of typhoon 'Ulysses'

Actor Jericho Rosales and his wife Kim Jones have raised more than P2 million in two days to benefit the victims of typhoon "Ulysses."

"From @kimcamjones IG and my heart – HELLO BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!"

"We are at the 48-hour mark of our fundraiser and we are still accepting donations via BDO, BPI, GCash, Go Get Funding and PayPal, mentioned in my previous post.

"Thanks to you, we are now in the process of packaging relief goods that will go to 5000 families in



affected areas. This week's scheduled distribution efforts are in Cagayan, Quezon,

Albay, Isabela, Catanduanes, Marikina and Rizal.

"We are also still accepting the above donations in kind at the mentioned drop-off locations (thank you again to all who offered their spaces). Please just note the differences in open hours."

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Rich Filipinos Boosting Beach Home Sales

MANILA - Prices of seaside properties near Manila are rising, as rich Filipinos look for second homes away from the Philippine capital region, broker Leechiu Property Consultants Inc. said.

Land values in gated resort communities in Batangas, a province south of Manila, increased between 20% and 46% in October from year ago, the broker said in a report on Friday. Non-listed transaction values for 400 to 800 square-meter lots go as high as 50 million pesos (\$1.04 million).

"High net worth individuals tired of being cooped up in Metro Manila and looking for investment opportunities have been driving purchases," it said. They are also "seeking healthier environments" away from business districts amid high daily infections in the capital.

Properties in gated villages in sub-



urbs in the capital and surrounds are also getting a boost, said Joey Bondoc, senior research manager at broker Colliers International Group Inc. in Manila. The rich are buying prime real estate to "preserve wealth," he said.

Prime property in beach and suburban communities is among the few real estate segments to see an upside amid the pandemic. Manila's high-rise residential condominiums, office and retail

have been beaten up by the recession.

Leechiu said it sees increasing demand for resort properties in Subic and La Union, north of Manila, as new expressways are built and Internet connectivity improves. "Popularity of second homes and resort properties are not just impulse buys," it said. "The pandemic has merely re-focused attention on these seaside havens."

Jane de Leon wows American singer Austin Mahone with drumming skills



Combination photo shows Kapamilya actress Jane de Leon and American singer-songwriter Austin Mahone. Instagram/imjanedeleon, austinmahone

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MANILA, Philippines — American singer-songwriter Austin Mahone praised the drumming skills of Kapamilya actress Jane de Leon.

In her Instagram account, the "Darna" actress posted a video of her playing the drums.

"It's been a while since I last tried doing this. Nakakamiss din talaga. #HighSchoolHobby #Drumbeating," she wrote in the caption.

The "Say Somethin" singer commented on Jane's post.

"Wow so talented!!" Austin wrote.

In return, Jane thanked the American singer.

"Thanks! still learning tho..." Jane replied.

Jane was supposed to suit up as the new Filipino heroine Darna but it was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"The rights to 'Darna' remain with ABS-CBN as it decides to postpone the film production indefinitely after careful deliberation on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on movie production and cinemas," a statement from ABS-CBN read.

Jillian finds new set up hard but fun

JILLIAN Ward and her co-stars in "Prima Donnas" have reason to celebrate because the return of their show, which was halted by the corona lockdown, was greeted warmly by its loyal viewers. The story continued in the fresh new episodes they taped in a lock in location and the show's fans are happy to see what has happened to the Donnas, with Jillian playing the eldest one, Donna Marie or Mayi.

"Nakakatuwa po basahin ang comments at feedback nila kasi it shows na na-miss nila talaga kami," says Jillian. "Ngayon daw, masasagot na ang questions na naiwang nakabitin after

biglang maputol noong March ang show."

Wasn't it difficult to get back to their characters after being idle for so long? "What I did is I watched past episodes of 'Prima Donnas' on youtube to reconnect with my character and the story again," she replies. "Tapos, with the help of each other and our director, Tita Gina Alajar, it became easier for all of us para makabalik and internalize the characters na aming ginagampanan."

Since the show's rating continue to soar higher, they are now about to do another lock in taping for two more weeks. "The episodes we will be taping is until for December na po. We don't know yet kung matatapos na ang story kasi it all depends sa reception ng viewers. Sana patuloy na mataas ang ratings namin para ma-extend pa kami at may trabaho until dumating ang New Year na 2021."



Ruffa advices two daughters to be wiser

RUFFA Gutierrez has this piece of advice to her two lovable daughters, Venice and Lorin. "When the time comes that you fall in love, pumili kayo ng lalaking mamahalin kayo. Yung mabuti at God fearing para when you get married, your marriage will be forever."

Her two daughters have decided to pursue their college studies in the USA. Ruffa and former husband Yilmaz Bektas legally separated in 2012. Showbiz-wise, Ruffa is still very much around and is in the cast of the Kathryn Bernardo-Daniel Padilla starrer digital series, 'The House Arrest of Us', which premiered October 24 on iWant and KTX.PH.



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Philippines is 12th safest country; Duterte ‘surprised’



PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte expressed “surprise” at survey that placed the Philippines among the safest countries in the world.

“I was really surprised. We are on the top 50 and we are lumped with countries

that are really ideally peaceful,” Duterte said.

According to the Washington-based Gallup Global Law and Order 2020 index, the Philippines ranked 12th among the 144 countries surveyed in 2019.

The Philippines scored 84 and is tied with Australia, New Zealand and Serbia.

The poll gave out questions to respondents, which asked, among others, about their confidence in their local police force and whether they feel safe walking alone at night.

Duterte credited “the police and the military and the other uniformed services

of the government who have toiled to make this country at least very peaceful.”

Local Government Secretary Eduardo Año, during the meeting, said the result of the survey was proof that the fight against criminality and drugs of the Duterte administration was successful.

“So, it shows that people appreciate and recognize the effort of the Philippine National Police and other law enforcement,” Año said.

Malacañang thanked the public for recognizing that it was the priority of the President to maintain peace and order in the country.

It said the result of the survey meant that the government has to continue restoring peace and order in communities.

Effective call

PNP Chief Camilo Cascolan said their call for “respected, disciplined, responsible police” proved to be effective.

At the same time, Cascolan said the PNP looked after “the morale and welfare of the policemen first” to ensure that “they will do their jobs.”

He said the Gallup poll result was also proof of the President’s guidance to policemen.

Angono police chief clears cops in killing of EJK survivor in hospital

MANILA, Philippines — Angono police officers were not involved in the Nov. 4 fatal shooting of an alleged survivor of an extra judicial killing (EJK) inside a hospital in Angono, Rizal, the town’s police chief said.

“Actually sa police station, walang kinalaman po ang police station natin dahil kami po ang nagdala sa biktima sa hospital mula doon sa area kung saan siya nakita at noong nalaman na buhay pa, dinala namin sa hospital. Tumawag kami ng ambulansya,” said Police Major Richard Corpuz, Angono, Rizal police chief, reacting to social media users’ suspicions on possible police influence in the killing of Vincent Adia at the Rizal hospital. The Angono police chief added that the killing of Adia in the hospital was an isolated case.

“Medyo isolated case ito, parang sa pelikula nga. Napakaraming tao sa loob ng hospital. Maraming nagpapacheck-up during that time and then sa emergency room, maraming pasyente,” Corpuz said.

Reports on Wednesday showed that Adia was shot twice by an unidentified gunman while being treated at a hospital in Angono.

A health worker first reported the shooting incident on Twitter, which was later confirmed by police.

Journalist killed in Philippines in second attempt



Virgil Maganes was a DWPR radio commentator. Authorities said the motive for his killing was not clear.

MANILA - Virgilio Maganes shot outside his home in what NUJP says is 18th such killing under Duterte

A Filipino journalist who survived a previous attempt on his life by pretending to be dead has been killed outside his home, police have said.

Virgilio Maganes, 62, who was a commentator for DWPR radio station in the northern province of Pangasinan, died instantly after he was shot six times by motorcycle-riding gunmen, Major Christian Alucod told AFP.

The National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP) condemned the murder, which it said was the 18th such killing since Rodrigo Duterte became president in 2016.

“His death is an indictment on this government’s empty boast that press freedom is alive and well in the country,” the union said.

Police said the motive for the killing

was not clear.

The NUJP said Maganes had survived a 2016 shooting by “playing dead” after being hit. A note left at the scene during the first attempt on his life said: “I’m a drug pusher, don’t emulate me.”

Such messages were common in extra-judicial killings during the height of the government’s campaign against illegal drugs that has resulted in thousands of deaths.

The Philippines is one of the most dangerous countries in the world for journalists and most of their killers go free.

Activists are another target.

On August 17 in the central Philippine island of Negros, unidentified gunmen fatally shot Zara Alvarez, a legal worker for the human rights group Karapatan. Alvarez, 39, was the thirteenth human rights defender killed in the Philippines in the past four years. A week earlier, unidentified assailants killed peasant leader Randall Echanis, 72, inside his home in Quezon City.

The victims shared similar backgrounds. They both worked in leftist, grassroots organizations that authorities allege are linked to the communist insurgency. They had also been subjected to “red-tagging,” a form of political harassment against activists in which authorities label them “communists” – a label that often results in death.

‘Darna’ to take flight in 2021?

Looks like Jane de Leon will be able to strut her stuff as Darna after all.

Maybe.

Reports have it that de Leon is set to don the komiks heroine’s famous red two-piece for a planned TV series set to air early next year.

Supposedly, the “Darna” series will first be seen on ABS-CBN’s streaming platform, iWantTFC.

There is also the possibility it will be shown on free TV via A2Z Channel 11.

ABS-CBN is yet to confirm the report as of this writing but many fans are rejoicing.

Anyway, the actual movie version that has long been delayed due to numerous debacles is also reportedly pushing through next year with de Leon again playing the title role.

It isn’t known if Jerrold Tarog would still be at the helm of the project.





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Phl Scraps South China Sea Fishing Militia

MANILA -The Philippine government has reportedly backed down on a plan to deploy fishermen as militia forces in disputed parts of the South China Sea, citing concerns about the potential for conflict with China.

President Rodrigo Duterte’s National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon said that the plan, designed to beef up its defenses after years of Chinese intimidation in disputed areas, had not been “finalized” due to worries that the action could be “misconstrued.”

Philippine defense officials said they were considering recruiting fishermen into seaborne militia units similar to those used by Beijing to assert its claims over the resource-rich seaway. The plans prompted one prominent Filipino observer to predict a “‘gray zone’ arms race in Southeast Asia.”

On October 12, Navy chief Vice Admiral Giovanni Bacordo told a senate finance committee hearing about the navy’s plans to assemble “maritime CAFGUs,” or Citizen Armed Forces Geographical Units, in order to protect the nation’s interests in adjacent waters including within

its 200-nautical-mile Exclusive Economic Zone.

Bacordo later said that such fishing militias would serve as “force multipliers” in the West Philippine Sea, as Manila terms its portion of the South China Sea, during periods when the Philippine Navy or Philippine Coast Guard were on patrol or otherwise unavailable. But the Filipino plan came under immediate criticism. Former Senator Antonio Fuentes Trillanes IV, a retired navy officer, told the South China Morning Post that a maritime militia “would only create more problems than it intended to solve,” leading to an increased “probability of miscalculations, which could trigger a shooting war.”

In announcing the suspension of the plan on November 5, however, Esperon cited a similar desire to avoid “actions that would be misconstrued as miscalculations.” He expressed “a preference for forces that are better equipped rather than ragtag forces,” and added, “we are not at



Fishing Boats in Puerto Princesa, on the Philippine island of Palawan.

war with China.” The Philippines announcement came as China said it would allow its coast guard to use weapons against foreign ships involved in illegal activities in waters it claims, if they fail to obey Chinese orders.

The decision reflects the fraught China policy of the Duterte administration, which tries to stave off Chinese incursions in disputed parts of the South China Sea, while also leaning on Beijing for financing for infrastructure development.

The decision comes after the government lifted a ban on offshore oil and gas exploration in disputed parts of the South China Sea. While one official said that the Philippines could begin drilling for oil and gas in Reed Bank without China’s participation, others have raised the possibility of joint resource development with Beijing. In 2018, the two nations signed a memorandum of understanding about joint resource exploration, four years after the ban was imposed due to maritime tensions.

More of Cesar’s children

Cesar Montano with 5 year old son of former beauty queen Sandra Seifert



MATAGAL nang annulled ang kasal ng dating mag-asawang Cesar Montano at Sunshine Cruz nun pang September 2018, limang taon after their separation in 2013. Ikinasal sila noong September 14, 2000. The former couple has three daughters, sina Angelina, Samantha Angeline at Angel Francheska.

Kaya, libre na ang dalawa na magpakasal sa kanilang present partners kung nanaisin nila. Cesar is in a relationship with a non-showbiz girl, si Kath Angeles kung kanino umano may tatlong anak ang actor, director, producer painter at dating government official.

Si Sunshine naman is into a relationship with Macky Mathay, who is Ara Mina’s half-brother.

Si Buboy (Cesar) ay may dalawang anak sa kanyang unang misis na si Marilyn Polinga na sumakabilang-buhay nung 1993. Nagkaroon sila ng dalawang anak, sina Angela at ang namayapang si Christian Angelo.

Nagkaroon din siya ng anak sa singer-actress na si Teresa Loyzaga, ang young singer-actor na si Diego Loyzaga.

Technically, may sampung anak si Buboy. Kung noon ay hindi gaanong bukas si Buboy na ipakilala ang kanyang younger children sa publiko, ngayon ay unti-unti na itong nalalantad sa pamamagitan ng mga ina ng mga bata, tulad ng dating beauty queen na si Sandra Seifert.

Samantala, marami na rin ang nagtatanong kung kailan daw siya magbabalik-pelikula o telebisyon.

This Tita loves you

His real name is Mark Averilla. He has more than a million followers on Facebook and he is popularly known as Macoy Dubs. He created his Macoy Dubs video page way back in December 2017 and shortly after, created a character named Aunt Julie. He got the inspiration to call his character Aunt Julie since he was the president of the Jolina Magdangal fans club, Cavite chapter way back in 2001.

Aunt Julie was born from Macoy’s experiences going to numerous reunions with his mom and observing all the “Titas of Manila” with their distinct accents and similar way of squinting!

Because of Aunt Julie, Macoy got more engagements and a platform to take a stand on social issues and advocacies like mental health and sex positivity. Brightlight Productions also noticed and invited him to be part of its noontime show Lunch Out Loud on TV5. Macoy is grateful for the opportunity.

But Macoy takes his vlogging seriously and responsibly. Before he uploads anything online, he thinks of a concept and makes an outline. He realized that injecting comedy is even more vital during the pandemic when people have more time to consume content. He also asks his closest friends to tell him about current trends and asks them to check his content before he uploads it.



But how did he gain over a million followers?

What is his advice to aspiring vloggers?

“Anyone can be a vlogger. First, you must choose your content category. Find your top interest.

“Second, identify which platform you want to use: Facebook is for everyone and it’s easy to gain followers there so I recommend that you create your page first. If you’re craving for snackable content, then create TikTok since all content categories are there. If you’re highly visual, go Instagram. And finally, YouTube if you’re into long-form content.”

But Macoy cautions vloggers: “Be responsible. We’re free to say the things we want, but always be mindful of your followers. You must protect their interests as well. As long as you stay true to your online personality and authenticity are there, brands will trust to collaborate with you.”

LOOK: KathNiel joins relief efforts for calamity victims

Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla are among stars extending help to those affected by typhoon Ulysses.

In a photo posted on Instagram, the young stars could be seen repacking relief goods for distribution to victims along with their families.

On Facebook, Daniel reiterated people should



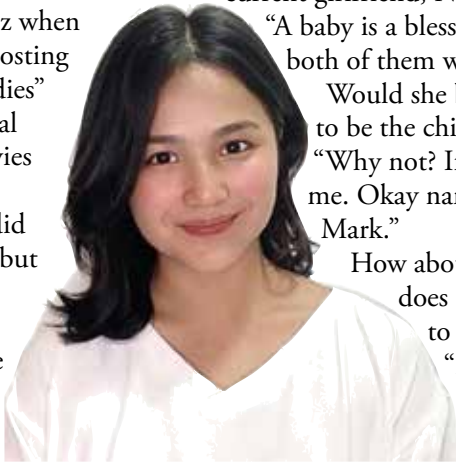
always be helpful. “Always find ways to help. Hindi lahat ng tao nabibigyan ng pagkakataon para tumulong. Maliit man o malaki,” was how he put it.

Ynna gets big break, changes impression on Geoff

YNNA Asistio joined showbiz when she was 15 years old in 2006, hosting the youth-oriented show “Candies” for GMA-7. She then did several shows with them and even movies with GMA Films. In 2013, she moved to ABS-CBN and also did a number of shows with them, but she was never given a lead role.

Now, she finally gets the chance to play the lead in Eagle Broadcasting Net 25’s first drama series, “Ang Daigdig Ko’y Ikaw.”

“Pinag-pray ko po talaga ito,” Ynna says at the show’s launch at the Iglesia ni Cristo Museum where the presscon



was held. “And I’m so thankful God answered my prayers.”

How is it working with Geoff? “At first, nailang pa ako kay Geoff. Kasi ‘hi, hello’ lang kami noon sa ‘Party Pilipinas’ ng GMA. I thought aloof siya, but my first impression was wrong, kasi he’s so easy to work with. First day pa lang, he tried to bond agad not just with me kundi sa lahat ng kasama namin sa set. And Direk Edong Roy says we have good rapport and chemistry on screen, lalo na kapag nagkukulitan kami, so I’m really grateful na siya ang nakapareha ko. He’s very professional at napakagaan katraba-ho.”

Going back to Ynna, how does she feel now that her ex-boyfriend, Mark Herras, is about to be a father again with his current girlfriend, Nicole Donesá?

“A baby is a blessing so I wish both of them well,” she says.

Would she be willing to be the child’s ninang? “Why not? If they’d ask me. Okay naman kami ni Mark.”

How about her? When does she intend to have a baby?

“Dream ko rin ‘yan, lalo na nga 29 na ako. But I

have to find the right man first. I trust God na lahat naman, darating sa tamang panahon, with Him guiding me.

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Pagiging malapit ni Atty. Topacio sa mga babaeng kliyente tinatawanan ng misis

NABIBIGYAN ng ibang kahulugan ang pagiging extra close ng cosplayer, singer-actress, celebrity endorser at Big Winner ng PBB Teen Edition na si Myrtle Sarrosa sa celebrity lawyer na si Atty. Ferdie Topacio who produced her very first virtual concert na pinamagatang “Myrtle Sarrosa: Still Love Me” which was pre-taped live nung November 21 sa Teatrino in Greenhills, San Juan and was streamed last night.

Kung first virtual concert ito ni Myrtle, first time naman ni Atty. Topacio mag-produce ng concert at isa rin siya sa mga special guest ng Kapuso singer-actress along with Gerald Santos.

Si Atty. Topacio rin ang producer ng “Mamasapano” movie kung saan kasama rin sa cast ang singer-actress. Pero kapag tinatanong ang mahusay na abogado tungkol sa isyung ito ay



natatawa lamang ito.

“Myrtle is a friend and I believe in her talent,” simpleng sagot ng abogado.

Sabagay, hindi ito ang first time na nali-link ang celebrity lawyer sa iba’t ibang celebrities at kasama na rito sina Claudine Barretto at ang Kapuso actress na si Bea Binene na naging mga kliyente niya bilang lawyer.

Apart from being a good lawyer, si Atty. Topacio ay isa ring singer, movie critic, a good writer and entertainment columnist ng isang kilalang broadsheet and is married to Judge Dinnah Aguila-Topacio ng Regional Trial Court of Manila.

Ayon kay Atty. Topacio, tinatawanan lamang umano ng kanyang misis kapag may nali-link sa kanya. Ilan sa mga prominent personalities na naging kliyente ni Atty. Topacio ay dalawang dating pangulo, sina former President Joseph ‘Erap’ Estrada at dating Pangulong Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and former First Gentleman na si Atty. Mike Arroyo maging ang namayapang dating mayor ng Maynila na si Alfredo Lim. Siya rin ang legal counsel ng “Mamasapano” victims’ wives.



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Life’s brighter under the sun



Bianca Gonzalez: ‘To anyone suffering from acne, know you are not alone’



Bianca Gonzalez took to social media to show she can very much relate to those suffering from acne problems.

The television host shared a no-filter selfie of her breaking out as well.

“I know this might raise eyebrows or make some people say ‘yuck’, but I shared a picture of my skin breakout a few days ago on stories and got overwhelming messages from so many of you,” she wrote.

Her past post on her Instagram story said: “I know there are much bigger problems in the world right now, but to anyone suffering from acne, know that you are not alone.”

The mother of two explained that she wanted to share this to anyone experiencing the same thing to know that their feelings are valid despite the “bigger things” going on in the world.

“Again, yes, napakaraming mas malaking problema, but I feel you na nakakababa talaga ng self-esteem kapag nag-breakout, lalo at mandalas sa WFH, mukha talaga nating ang nakikita ng iba,” she said.

She then shared her short skincare routine for her followers who asked for it. She said she has been using her “no-fail”

skincare steps since she couldn’t go to the dermatologist because of the pandemic.

“So, to anyone suffering from acne, don’t think ‘you’re not supposed to feel bad’ about such a ‘small’ problem. Your feelings are valid,” she reminded her 2.4 million followers on the platform.

Marvin Agustin, biglang umatras sa project nila ni Jolina Magdangal

Hoy! Love You! ang pamagat ng iWant TFC project nina Jolina Magdangal at



Marvin Agustin.

Lock-in shoot ang mangyayari bilang pagsunod sa ipinatutupad ng Inter-Agency Task Force On Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) na health and safety protocols laban sa COVID-19 pandemic.

Pero nagkaroon ng problema ang production dahil sa diumano’y hindi pa malamang dahilang last-minute decision ni Marvin na huwag nang gawin ang project.

Ikinagulat ng lahat ang pasya ni Marvin dahil matagal na niyang tinanggap ang Hoy! Love You! at kung kailan malapit na ang taping, saka pa siya umayaw.

Naghahanap pa ang production ng aktor na ipapalit kay Marvin bilang leading man ni Jolina sa Hoy! Love You! na tatampukan din nina Dominic Ochoa,

Winnie Cordero, at Pepe Herrera.

Hindi lamang ang pagkawala ni Marvin sa cast ang naging problema ng production staff dahil nagkaroon din ng aberya sa set na gagamitin nila.

Kukunan ang mga eksena ng Hoy! Love You! sa isang beach resort sa Lobo, Batangas.

Naperhuwiso ang beach ng katatapos na Super Typhoon Rolly kaya ipagagawa pa ang structure na nasira ng malakas na bagyo.

Nagpadala ng mensahe ang Cabinet Files kay Marvin para sa kanyang panig, pero at press time ay hindi pa siya sumagsot.

Gretchen Fullido thanks loyal Kapamilyas for supporting TV Patrol sans ABS-CBN franchise



In a throwback photo, Gretchen Fullido (second from right) calls Noli de Castro (left), Korina Sanchez (second from left), and Ted Failon (right) as “best news anchors.”

aadsfa “It’s such an honor & privilege to be working with the best news anchors...”

Ito ang bahagi ng appreciation post ng TV personality na si Gretchen Fullido sa kanyang Instagram noong November 8, Linggo.

Sa post ni Gretchen, ibinahagi niya ang isang throwback photo sa kanyang unang araw bilang Star Patroller ng TV Patrol ng ABS-CBN noong November 8, 2010.

Kasama niya sa litrato sina Noli de Castro, Ted Failon, at Korina Sanchez.

Caption ni Gretchen, “Would you believe this photo was taken 10 years ago? “November 8, 2010—TV Patrol was relaunched with @kabayannolidecastro @korina joining Manong Ted Failon & @kuyakim_atienza.

“This was my first day as Star Patrol anchor too. Wow, it’s been a decade. What a blessing.”

Dagdag pa niya, isang malaking pribilehiyong makatrabaho ang mga katulad nina Noli, Ted, at Korina na tinawag niyang “best news anchors.”

Sabi ni Gretchen, “It’s such an honor & privilege to be working with the best news anchors, news gathering reporters, producers, editors, cameramen, behind the scenes peeps, RNG & more.

“It literally takes a village to produce a newscast.”

“WE ARE GRATEFUL”

Malaki raw ang pasasalamat ng pamunuan ng TV Patrol dahil hindi pa rin bumibitaw ang loyal viewers ng programa kahit sa online at cable na lamang sila napapanood.

Ito ay matapos hindi i-renew ng Kongreso ang franchise application ng ABS-CBN Corporation.

Lahad niya, “Even if the franchise was turned down & we lost a lot of shows, colleagues and friends... we are grateful that TV Patrol is still around to deliver the news to Filipinos worldwide.

“Thank you for your unwavering support mga Kapamilya. #tvpatrol #starpatrol #kapamilya #10years”

Sa ngayon, wala na si Ted sa TV Patrol dahil lumipat na ito sa TV5 at Radyo Singko.

Hindi rin nabigyan ng bagong show si Korina sa network kaya lumipat din ito sa Kapatid network.

Ang ilang shows naman ng ABS-CBN ay napapanood na sa free TV sa pamamagitan ng blocktime agreement sa A2Z Channel 11.

What will you write in the society page?

Just as Filipinos in the Philippines are not trying to let covid19 kill Christmas, there are still things happening in our community that we never covered before. The New York Times slogan “all the news that’s fit to print” becomes “all the news we can find” here at LMC.

Somewhere out there, there are still people doing something different, and / or worthwhile amidst this pandemic, this lockdown. It may not be easy, or exciting as we are used to but they are

carrying on bravely. After all, life must go on, even in little steps. Raymond Santos has been busy this November. In the middle of the month, he was busy selling his collectibles at the Burlington Toy Convention

at the Holiday In Burlington Hotel. When not selling his collectibles, Raymond is available for hire as a photographer. Before the Toronto lockdown,

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Star Hunt Academy’s new rookie girl group ‘BINI’ takes on the P-pop scene

New rookie girl group BINI, Star Hunt Academy’s bet for P-Pop-stardom has arrived in the local music scene.

From the 250 hopefuls, eight vibrant young individuals who embody the idea of a modern Filipina—sweet, fierce, independent, and informed—have emerged to become the faces and voices to watch in the growing musical genre.

Comprising BINI are: Aiah (19), Colet (18), Maloi (18), Gwen (17), Stacey (17), Mikha (16), Jhoanna (16), and Sheena (16).

BINI was trained by Filipino voice coaches Kitchy Molina and Anna Graham, and Austrian-born dance coach Mickey Perz. They were also trained under esteemed South Korean training group MU Doctor, which has already helped launch successful idol careers of K-Pop stars who have trained under MU Doctor are Mino (WINNER), Hye-bin (Momoland), Hyojung (Oh



My Girl), I.M (Monsta X), Changbin (Stray Kids), and Kim Sohee (Produce 101).

Star Hunt Management head Laurenti Dyogi said BINI will perform a mix of original songs and classic revivals for the upcoming singles of Bini.

For its pre-debut single, BINI just dropped “Da Coconut Nut,” an electro-pop remake of the Smokey Mountain classic and National Artist Ryan Cayabyab composition. Listen to it on BINI’s YouTube Channel.

MU Doctor collaborated with Korean musical producer VO3E to

transform “Da Coconut Nut” from novelty to a dance ditty worthy of the P-Pop scene. Korean dance coaches Moon Yeon Joo and Kwan Seong Chan, who have worked with big names such as BTS, Twice, Red Velvet, and Seventeen, helped with the group’s choreography.

Watch out for the debut of the song’s music video on November 20 on BINI TV, the group’s YouTube channel.

Keep your eyes peeled for BINI. Follow BINI_ph on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tiktok, and YouTube.



Markus Paterson ignites kilig posting sweet photo of him with Janella Salvador

Talk about young couple Janella Salvador and Markus Paterson has lost its steam following the onslaught of several typhoons.

It didn’t help that the two still insist on keeping mum about them supposedly being parents already.

As if only too eager to maintain their relevance while in faraway UK, Markus recently posted a sweet photo of him with Janella.

He captioned it, “(M)iss being your goofball.” In for the ride, Janella replied: “I miss you so much booba.”

Janella and Markus revealed the real status of their relationship only last September.

‘Sinabi kong No’: Ogie Diaz refuses to feature celebrity who said ‘Yes to ABS-CBN shutdown’

Ogie Diaz remains firm with his decision not to feature those who said yes to the shutdown of the Kapamilya network.

Talent manager and comedian Ogie Diaz shared how he refused to promote in his vlog a movie star because the latter said yes to the shutdown of ABS-CBN.

In his “I-chika Mo Na, Dali!” vlog on his Ogie Diaz Showbiz Update YouTube channel, Ogie relayed that a promo coordinator of the said movie approached him to guest the movie star in his vlog but he said no to the request.

Ogie explained, “Hindi mismo ‘yung artista ‘yung lumapit sa akin kundi ‘yung promo coordinator para sabihin sa akin na baka pwede mo i-guest ito sa vlog mo, itong artista na ito. So derechahan kong sinabi sa kanya, ‘No. Yes to ABS-CBN shutdown siya. Sorry.’”



Myrtle topbills virtual show, celebrates showbiz anniversary

The pandemic indubitably stirs up intense internal reflection about what is most important in life. In the case of Myrtle Sarrosa, her priorities definitely changed and she saw the value of each and every waking day.

“Since the pandemic, I truly learned a lot while being here at home because suddenly, I have all the time to meditate,

to read, to learn and to understand life,” began Myrtle as she ruminated on life during the height of the pandemic. “My grandmother and stylist-friend died because of COVID



so it taught me a lot of lessons about life na parang nothing in life is permanent.”

Myrtle admitted that pre-pandemic, she would always focus on her career achievements. “What’s

important to me now is my health, my parents, the health of family and my relationship with my friends.”

“That’s why, I only accepted work recently when swab tests became available. At least now, I could also assure the safety of my family.”

Speaking of work, Myrtle returned with a virtual concert titled ‘MYRTLE: Still Love Me’ last month.

It was her concert director who suggested using the song as title for its fitting meaning to the show theme. Myrtle agreed as she looked back to all that she had been through in her career for the past eight years.

In the concert, Myrtle sang her own compositions in most parts of the concert.

“Mas naging vulnerable ako in sharing the songs that I wrote to other people. Seventy percent of the songs (in the line-

up) are my compositions.”

For those not familiar, it was Myrtle who composed Haplos released as Maja Salvador’s single and Magkaibang Mundo for Jennylyn Mercado.

Myrtle stressed that music can elevate an individual’s mood, resulting in a more positive outlook and happy mood.

“Music has the healing factor, especially these days that people are confined at home most of the time and for me, personally, music calms me at night. When I cannot sleep, I listen to meditation music and when I wake up in the morning and I’m not feeling good, nakikinig ako ng BTS (laughs) and then parang ang happy na ng mood ko. So, music really affects our mood and helps us during this time.”



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A still from a video featuring Julia Barretto and a man. Julia is on the left, wearing a black top, holding a glass of amber liquid and a lit cigar. The man is on the right, wearing a patterned shirt, holding a bottle of amber liquid. They are both looking at each other. The background is a solid pink color. In the bottom left corner, the text "#JustJulia" is written in a cursive font. In the bottom right corner, there is a red YouTube play button icon followed by the text "Julia Barretto".

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Sa kasalukuyan, si Gerald Anderson

TABLE 1

Summary of the Data from the Study

Variable	Mean	SD	Range
Age	68.7	9.0	50-85
Gender			
Male	50.0		
Female	50.0		
Marital Status			
Married	50.0		
Single	50.0		
Widowed	50.0		
Divorced	50.0		
Educational Level			
High School	50.0		
Bachelor's Degree	50.0		
Master's Degree	50.0		
PhD	50.0		
Occupation			
Retired	50.0		
Professional	50.0		
Managerial	50.0		
Technical	50.0		
Service	50.0		
Unemployed	50.0		

Maraming OPM songs ang napa-sikat ni April Boy tulad ng “Umiiyak ang Puso,” “Paano ang Puso Ko” and his biggest hit song na “Di Ko Kayang Tanggapin” in 1997. His other hit songs include “Kahit Kaibigan Lang,” “Pag-ibig Mo, Pag-ibig Ko,” “Mahal na Mahal Kita,” “Esperanza,” ang “Madelyn, Nag-iisang Ginto” dedicated to his wife na si Madel and a duet son with his son, JC sa awiting “Hanggang Sa Dulo ng Aking Buhay”.

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ZAIJIAN Jaranilla

Actor Zaijian Jaranilla is all grown up and ready to break free from his child star image. Zaijian, who we met a decade ago as orphan boy Santino in his breakout teleserye “May Bukas Pa,” is now 19 years old. He has since dedicated his talents to nailing his first-ever lead role as the titular star of “Boyette: Not a Girl Yet.” In the Star Cinema comedy film, Zaijian plays college freshman Boyette who pretends to be straight to get closer to his crush.

Is he the next Dolphy?

playing a gay character to demonstrate his range. “I agreed to do the project because I wanted to change my image. I want people to know that I can portray different roles. Boyette has given me an

opportunity to prove myself to people,” Zaijian told Philstar.com and other media during a recent virtual conference. He said he is grateful for his roots as an actor, but maintained that he has matured since then. “It’s just Santino that got stuck in the minds of people... That was a long time ago. Zaijian is different now. I’ve done so many other projects,” he said. To immerse himself in the role, Zaijian would consult director Jumbo Albano on his character, as well as his gay co-stars to adopt certain mannerisms. He took cues from the late comedy legend Dolphy by adapting relevant elements of the film “Facifica Falayfay.” “I’m capable of doing so much more,” Zaijian said, with his new film as a testament to his growth.



Sunshine Cruz hands-off on ex-husband Cesar Montano’s affairs

Sunshine Cruz was quick to react to a post of veteran showbiz scribe Lolit Solis concerning her and ex-husband Cesar Montano. The actress made clear she has nothing to do with Cesar anymore given that their marriage has been annulled. “My ex-husband is none of my business. Annulled na po kami. I’d rather focus sa mga anak ko at trabaho,” the 43-year-star, who’s currently in a four-year relationship with businessman Macky Mathay, said.

Lolit’s post read: “Bakit parang walang katapusan iyon ‘gulo’ between Cesar Montano and Sunshine Cruz. Hanggang ngayon na meron na sila mga bagong partner para bang every now and then meron pang intriga between them. Sana naman matapos na, lalo pa at 3 babae ang anak ni Cesar kay Sunshine na parang hindi maganda tuwing meron lumalabas pang mga issue tungkol sa magulang nila. Puwede naman hindi na sila nagbibigay ng statement, o sumagot sa issue, basta tinanong, smile na lang para tapos na, huwag ng pag usapan pa. Hindi matigil tigil, para bang umaandar bawat araw, walang katapusan. Kanya kanya na sila, kaya hintuan na ang issue. Dapat wala na silang pakialam sa isa’t isa. Dapat iyon communication nila para sa mga anak na lang nila. No more hot words. Peace.”

Derek Ramsay declares: ‘Sticks and stones can break my bones but words will never hurt me’

Derek Ramsay is receiving quite a huge amount of brickbats following his breakup with Andrea Torres. Is he bothered in any bit? Well, maybe. Recently on Instagram, the actor posted a photo of his parents. He wrote as caption: “Thank you lord for my parents who are always there for me and love me unconditionally. Mum and Dad thank you for everything you have done for me and the family. Thank you for keeping me strong, thank you for believing in me and thank you for protecting me.” The hashtag he used? Here: #sticksandstonescanbreakmybones-butwordswillneverhurtme.” Is he smarting or is he mocking all his naysayers? Your guess is as good as ours.

ng dating matinee idol na si Mark Anthony Fernandez at apo ng actress at dating politician na si Alma Moreno at namayapang action star na si Rudy Fernandez. Siya’y pang-apat na henerasyon sa pamilya Fernandez. Great grandfather ni Grae ang yumaong actor-director na si Dr. Gregorio Montemayor-Fernandez.

Kokoy goes straight and mainstream

KOKOY De Santos is touted as the breakout star of the pandemic era after his online BL (Boys Love) series, “Game Boys”, hit it big worldwide and is now even going to be shown streaming on Netflix. His star really shone brighter and he now has so many fans clubs who keep on posting his latest photos and activities in various social media platforms. After “Game Boys”, he was featured in another BL series on a streaming channel, “Oh Mando”, but we’re glad that he now has a new project where he is paired with a female co-star. This is in TV5’s “Stay-in Love”, where he is paired with Maris Racal, directed by Rod Marmol of the movie “Cuddle Weather”. We’re happy for Kokoy as this project will help him to be not just identified with gay shows but with more mainstream projects. How does he feel about this?

“Happy kasi, kumbaga, kailangan natin ng bagong flavor,” he says at the show’s zoom presscon. “Nagpapasalamat ako at tanggap ng fans ‘yung Elikoy love team from ‘Game Boys’ but then, dapat, mag-try ng ibang putahe naman. I’m thankful sa lahat ng kasama ko sa ‘Stay-in Love’, lalo si Maris, at ang director naming si Direk Rod kasi malaking tulong sila para gabayan ako kung paano ko titimplahin nang tama ‘yung character ko as Mon. It helps na lock in ang taping namin. May actual set. ‘Yung ‘Game

Boys’ kasi, via zoom kami na work from home, at ang ‘Oh Mando’ naman was taped noon pa. Dito, magkakasama kami lahat sa isang set lang for our own safety.” He doesn’t want to reveal much about his character as Mon. “Ayoko



namang ma-spoil ang show sa inyo. Basta ibang-iba ang character ko rito sa ibang shows na nagawa ko na before. Panoorin nyo para makita nyo kung ano ang pinanggagalingan ni Mon at bakit ganun siyang klaseng tao.” He feels so blessed that other actors are jobless but he is always busy with one project after another. “Sobrang thankful talaga ako. Feeling blessed, ‘yun talaga yung salitang best na makakapag-describe sa nararamdaman ko ngayon. It’s overwhelming nga, kasi sino ba naman ang makakaisip na kung kailan may pandemya, doon pa ako magkakaroon ng maraming proyekto. Kaya marami talagang salamat kay Lord. Ibang klaseng blessings ang ibinibigay niya sa akin. Thank you po.”

Willie gustong maging Santa Claus kahit bina-bash

GUSTONG maging Santa Claus ngayong Kapaskuhan ng Wowowin host na si Willie Revillame. Ibinalita ni Willie sa kanyang programa na tutuparin niya ang mga Christmas wish ng kanyang mga matatawagan sa ‘Tutok to Win’ upang mas maipadama sa ating mga kababayan ang diwa ng Pasko. Aniya, “Magkakaroon tayo dito ng portion, ‘yung ‘Christmas Wish’ dahil [darating] itong Pasko. Tatanungin ko ‘yung wishes ninyo, baka kayang ibigay, ‘di ba? Titingnan ho natin, basta sa abot-kaya po ng programang ito. ‘Yung mga wish ninyo nitong Christmas, ipagkakaloob namin basta kaya po namin. ‘Yun namang hindi po sobra, tama lang. Basta gagawa tayo ng paraan.” Kahit naba-bash sa kanyang hayagang pagtulong, ang mahalaga kay Willie ay ang makapagpasaya ng mga tao na matagal na niyang ginagawa.



Benjamin na-starstruck kay Nova

HINDI mapigilang ma-starstruck ng actor na si Benjamin Alves sa veteran actress na si Nova Villa nang maka-eksena niya ito sa ginagawa nilang lock-in taping para sa upcoming rom-com series ng GMA Network na ‘Owe My Love.’ Natulala raw siya nang slight habang ginagawa ang kanyang first scene with Nova. “Grabe kasama ko legend,” bigla raw niyang nasabi. “I quickly realized that I had a lapel and turned to our audio-man who nodded and smiled in approval. Starstruck ako kay Ms. Nova Villa.” Gaganap si Nova bilang si Mama Eps, ang lola ni Lovi Poe sa serye. Si Benjamin naman ay ipo-portray ang character ng doktor na si Migs Alcantia.



Tambalang Kira at Grae niluluto

MUKHANG `niluluto’ ngayon ng ABS-CBN ang bagong tambalan nina Kira Balinger (20) at Grae Fernandez (19) na napapanood ngayon sa sinu-subaybayang primetime TV series sa Kapamilya Channel na “Ang Iyo ay Akin” na pinangungunah-

an nina Jodi Sta. Maria, Iza Calzado at Sam Milby. Maganda ang chemistry nina Kira at Grae at kung maalagaang mabuti ang team-up ng dalawa ay malamang na tanghalin ang dalawa bilang isang mainit na loveteam balang araw. Kira was in a relationship before with another Kapamilya young actor na si Ryle Santiago pero

nag-drift apart ang dalawa bago man lamang tumatak na naging sila. Since pareho pang bata sina Kira at Grae, dapat mag-focus muna sila sa kanilang respective careers at ayusin pa lalo ang kanilang acting para magtagal sila sa industriya. Si Grae ay panganay na anak





TOP, Arielle Fina Abrazaldo and Peyton Garcia had a photo session with Neil Garcia. ABOVE, Althea Justine's first single "So Fine" became available on all Streaming Platforms

Andrea's cousin reacts to her breakup with Derek

IT was on November 16 when netizens had taken notice of Derek Ramsay and Andrea Torres' photos together deleted on their respective accounts on Instagram. To further bolster talks about their breakup, Andrea had unfollowed



Raised in the USA on Filipino roots

The 2021 Ginebra Calendar Girl is imported from California, U.S.A.

Christelle Abello, 26, may look familiar since last month she finished a semi-finalist in the 2020 Miss Universe Philippines pageant won by Rabiya Mateo.

The 2021 edition of the calendar is very timely as it captures today's "new normal" at home in six different layouts. With the theme "Ganado sa Bahay," the calendars feature Christelle being "ganado," working from home.

"More than just a pretty face, Christelle personifies our latest campaign 'One Ginebra Nation.' We charmed by her intelligence, optimism, her courage, her never-say-die spirit, her heart for others and love for her kababayan," said Ginebra San Miguel, Inc. (GSMI) marketing manager Allan Mercado.

For Christelle, being a Ginebra calendar girl is an opportunity of a lifetime. "I'm so thrilled. I'm so proud and honored and I'm so grateful to be a part of such an iconic and historical brand," she said.

Christelle made sure she was physically and mentally ready.

"I've been doing a lot of weights and cardio workouts."

Christelle, at the start of the pandemic put up a fund-raising effort called Kapit-bisig Tayo to assist healthcare workers.

Christelle was born to Filipino parents. Her father is from Aklan (which she represented in the Miss U Philippines pageant) while her mother is from Cavite. While she spent most of her life in the US, Christelle has

always been in touch with her Filipino roots.

"My mom heavily enforced Filipino culture and values at home. She wanted my sister and I to learn Tagalog, and we learned by watching teleseryes and movies. So, I grew up watching KathNiel's Got to Believe, and A Very Special Love," revealed Christelle who dreams of starring in her own teleserye or movie. Christelle admitted that the never-say-die story of Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach also inspired

her to pursue her other dream — to become a beauty queen.

"Back in the day, my dad would tell me about (Robert) Jaworski and that even if the team was falling behind in a PBA game, people would still cheer them on, confident they would come back and win the game because of their never-say-die attitude. I

think Barangay Ginebra resonates with Filipinos so well with who we are as people, resilient despite the adversities that come our way."

Among those who became a Ginebra calendar girl were Pia, Arci Muñoz (2018), Kim Domingo (2017), Marian Rivera (2009 and 2014) and Sanya Lopez (2020).



the 43-year-old Fil-Brit actor.

Derek confirmed no third party involved. Andrea asked the public to respect her decision for not sharing the details surrounding their separation.

"I want to give our breakup the same amount of respect that I had for the relationship," she pleaded.

Andrea's cousin Ging gave a comment.

Like most showbiz folks, Ging is saddened by the news that the couple broke up, "But it's their decision, so we just have to respect that." She can only relish the few times her family (and

Andrea's, too) had bonded with Derek.

"Derek was here last December for our small family reunion. Then only last month Andrea tagged us along to Derek's new house in Ayala Alabang," Ging told Vignettes.

"With their breakup, I can honestly say there's no third party that got in

the way. And let's leave it at that. But I must agree with Ada (Andrea's pet name) when she said that it meant so much to her," she said of her cousin's relationship which came four years after the actress broke up with her first boyfriend.

Ging lauds both Derek and Andrea who, unlike most erstwhile showbiz couples, don't speak ill of each other, "Maybe because they're both mature individuals. After all, may pinagsamahan naman sila."

Ging, however, declined to comment if she sees the possibility of reconciliation in the offing. "It's they who will decide. Ours is moral support, always."

She promised us a one-line from Andrea's mom on how she's helping her daughter cope with the breakup. The "mag-titas" often talk over coffee in the morning. Despite our repeated direct messages, Ging had yet to engage Andrea's mom for a serious talk.

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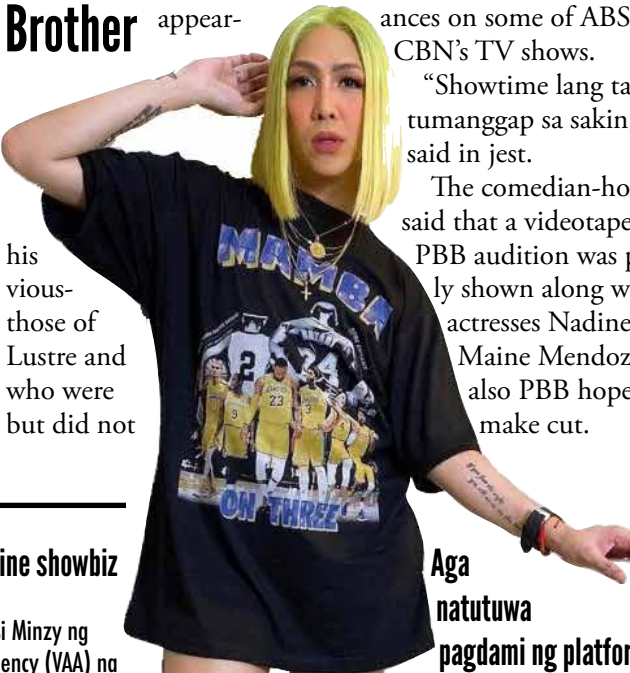
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Laglag si Betla

Comedian-host Vice Ganda recently revealed that he once tried his luck at ABS-CBN's Pinoy Big Brother audition. In the Tuesday episode of noontime show It's Showtime, Vice Ganda shared that he auditioned for the first celebrity edition of the reality television series back in 2006. During that time, Keana Reeves was declared the winner while John Prats was runner-up. Bianca Gonzalez and Zanjoe Marudo were also finalists of the show's first celebrity

Vice Ganda recalls auditioning for Pinoy Big Brother

edition. Vice also recalled queuing long lines and being asked personal questions during the auditions. "Tell me about yourself puro ganun. Tapos mga tanong tungkol sa buhay mo ganyan, ganyan, tatay mo, kung anong kinamatay ng tatay mo, yung mga ganyan. Lahat, pina-describe sa akin, Lord," said Vice Ganda. His co-host Teddy Corpuz then asked, "Hindi ka natang-gap?" "Hindi, laglag si Betla," said Vice Ganda who shared that he was already a stand-up comedian at that time and made



his vious- those of Lustre and who were but did not

ances on some of ABS CBN's TV shows. "Showtime lang ta tumanggap sa sakina said in jest. The comedian-ho said that a videotape PBB audition was p ly shown along w actresses Nadine Maine Mendoz also PBB hope make cut.

'Encantadia' stars venture into movie production

IT was in the fantasy TV series ng GMA na "Encantadia" na dinirek ni Mark A. Reyes naging close na magkakaibigan sina Sunshine Dizon, Iza Calzado, Karylle at Iza Calzado. Sa kabila ng paglipas ng mga taon at paglipat sa Kapamilya network nina Iza at Karylle ay hindi naputol ang komunikasyon ng apat. Si Sunshine ang gumanap sa papel ni Sangre Pirena, Sangre Amihan naman si Iza, Sangre Dayana si Diana habang Sangre Alena naman si Karylle. Ang apat ay nagbuo ng kanilang sariling production company na kanilang tinawag na Sangre Productions. Despite their respective busy schedules, they make it a point na may oras sa isa't isa lalupa't meron na silang unang project, ang romantic-comedy series na pinamagatang "B & B: The Story of the Battle of Brody and Brady" na tinatampukan nina Iza at Ian Veneracion mula sa direksi-



yon ni Mark Reyes with Sunshine as assistant director and co-producer. Ang nasabing project ay isa sa originals na nakatakdang ipalabas sa newly-launched online streaming hindi lamang sa Pilipinas kundi maging sa buong Asia, ang WeTV. Ang unang local movie na nakatakdang i-stream sa WeTV ay ang local adaptation ng Korean movie, ang blockbuster movie na "Miracle in Cell No. 7" na nakatakdang ipalabas sa darating na November 27, Friday. Ang nasabing pelikula ay tinatampukan nina Aga Muhlach, Xia Vigor, Bela Padilla, Tirso Cruz III, John Arcilla, Joel Torre, Jojit Lorenzo, Soliman Cruz, Mon Confiado, JC Santos at iba pa na dinirek ni Nuel Naval under Viva Films. Mapapanood din sa WeTV ang mga pelikula na magmumula sa iba't ibang Asian countries including China, Korea, Thailand at iba pa. Sa gitna ng 'new normal' situation na wala pang mga bukas na sinehan, ang mga tao ay nakatutok ngayon sa iba't ibang online streaming para mapanood ang kanilang mga paboritong pelikula at series tulad ng Netflix, Iflix, iWantTFC at ngayon sa WeTV.

K-Pop star Minzy to invade Philippine showbiz

Last November 13, 2020 ay lumagda si Minzy ng management contract with Viva Artists Agency (VAA) na siyang mamamahala sa career ng Korean star sa Pilipinas. Ni-launch November 20 ng Viva Records ang local version ng Korean pop artist na si Minzy, dating member ng K-Pop all-girl group na 2NE1 (na kinabilangan din ni Dara or Sandara Park) ang kanyang Tagalog version ng sariling song sa Korea as an independent artist na pinamagatang "Lovely". Excited na si Minzy na makatrabaho ang ilang local actors, talents and performers at makita ang kanyang Filipino fans. Aware si Minzy (who is Gong Min-ji in real life), 26, na ang dati niyang kasamahan sa 2NE1 na si Sandara Park ay sa Pilipinas unang sumikat bago ito nakilala sa Korea. Katunayan, Sanda- considers the Philippines second home kaya pab-lik-balik ito ng kapag meron time. Ito rin ang mangyari ni Minzy heard so much about the Philippines and the Filipinos sa kanyang kaibigan at dating kasamahan sa grupo na si Dara Park.



Aga natutuwa pagdami ng platform

SAMANTALA, natutuwa ang bi ng "Miracle in Cell #7" na si A Muhlach na parami ng parami iba't ibang platform kung saan papanood ang mga pelikula sa pandemya. Umaasa rin ang mi lene Gonzales na sana'y mabu tinatawag na network para trabaho ang mga siyang madalas work war'. During virtual ng WeTV, wa si dahil naki niya roon sina Sunshine Dizon at Direk Mark Reyes n parehong identified sa GMA. Naroon din sina Iza Calzado at Karylle na dating Kapuso talents pero nasa bakuran ngayon ng Kapamilya channel gayundin si Direk Perla Brinas na identified din sa Star Cinema at ABS-CBN ga din sina Bela Padilla at childstar na si Xia Vigor.



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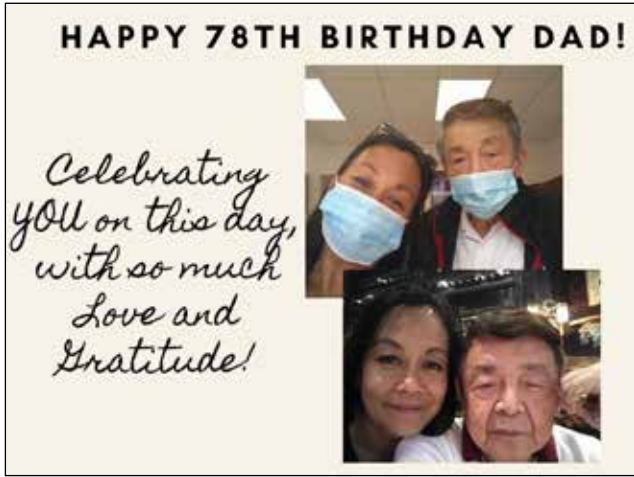
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ABOVE, Francia "Cha" Maria-Dacara greets Rafael Nebres with a collage. RIGHT, Maria Nebres greets her dad Rafael Nebres last month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sir Rafael Nebres



Nadine Lustre defends friend seen with James Reid: **'We don't welcome hate in our house'**

Nadine Lustre denounced comments made against a friend simply because James Reid joined her for dinner.

Artist Lucy Fisch shared this weekend a photo of her "friendsgiving" gathering that included James, his sister Lauren and her boyfriend Gab Banal.

Instagram users, supposedly fans of Lustre, thought that the actress-singer was left out of the dinner and wrote comments against Fisch.

Though the said comments appear to have already been taken down, Lustre's straightforward responses are

still on Fisch's post.

"Uhm... I was actually invited #jokesonUlol #2020namagbagokana," she said. "Haters who use fake accounts don't have balls. #sadlyf."

"Also, if you sh*t on other people, you are NOT my fan. No exceptions," she wrote. "We don't welcome hate in our house."

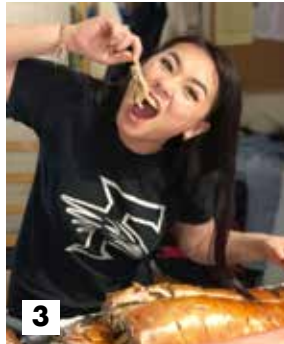
"[The] goddess has spoken," Fisch replied, to which Lustre said, "[Love] u forevs."

Lustre and James announced their breakup in January 2020. Some fans hope they have reunited, as the two have continued to spend time together and work on music under James's label Careless. However, both have stayed mum on their relationship status.



Norman Balbuena aka Boobay greets Audrey Lyn "Happy happy birthday to youmah super beautiful and talented friend!! ♥♥♥♥♥ wishing you nothin' but the best!!! miss you!!!! ♥♥♥♥♥"

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



1&2, Junita Desautels gets her birthday cake. 3&4, Krystal Castillo gets her lechon and gets to eat it.

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he had a mother and daughter pro-traiture session of Emma and Grace at Studio Bon Soleil.

Halloween trick or treat has been cancelled this year. Raymond dropped his kids to school and he did not see other kids in halloween costume.

While parties are definitely gone for this season, charity is still in the heart.

Battered by back to back typhoons in the Philippines, Filipinos all over the world went into action to raise funds and collected relief goods to

help out. Different organizations and individuals in Toronto went online to rally Filipinos into helping in any way they can.

Just recently, a group of community leaders and concerned kababayans initiated bangon Bicol to help out.

It just goes to show that despite the difficulties brought about by this pandemic, like social distancing, we will find a way to help those who believe that nobody cares. They might start thinking that they have been forgot-

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Luis at Jessy malapit nang ikasal, sabi ni Ate Vi

JUST yesterday, pinag-usapan ang post ni Jessy Mendiola



kung saan may suot itong diamond ring which looks like an engagement ring. Kaya agad nag-speculate ang netizens na engaged na sila ni Luis Manzano. Hindi naman ito nakapagtataka

dahil kung ang estranged parents ng TV host-actor at entrepreneur na sina Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto at Edu Manzano ang tatanungin, gusto na umano nilang mag-settle down ang kanilang anak at magkaroon sila ng apo.

Luis is turning 40 on April 21, 2021. Ang paniwala namin ay mag-aasawa na ito when he turns 40.

And what do you know? Nadulas si Ate Vi sa guesting niya sa Usapang Real Life ni Luchi Cruz Valdez. Nang

tanungin siya ng TV host kung kailan nga ba ang kasal nina Luis at Jessy, mabilis na tinugon ito ng Star for All Seasons ng: "Soon, soon."

Kapag nagkatuluyan sina Luis at Jessy ay magiging pamangkin na rin si Luis ng original 'Miss Body Beautiful,' ang veteran actress at Director General ng Film Academy of the Philippines (FAP) na si Vivian Velez dahil pamangkin nito si Jessy. Jessy's mom Didith Garvida-Tawile is Vivian's cousin.



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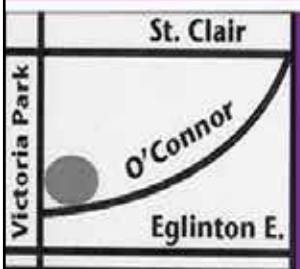
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Antoinette Jadaone sorts out the Love triangle

Did you know that on Netflix you can run a search for “Filipino Love Triangle Movies?” I realized how the genre has become quite popular in the last five years. There are give-away titles on the menu like: “The Unmarried Wife,” “No Other Woman,” “The Mistress,” “The Love Affair” and “The Third Party.”

I remember “Etiquette for Mistresses” too but that’s not on the menu.

What is it with our obsession for this genre? Is it because we’re the only country in the world, and The Vatican, to not allow divorce? The discussion on the topic will definitely open several cans of worms.

Antoinette Jadaone’s “Alone / Together” got my attention, classified under the “love triangle” category.

However, it’s probably the least tawdry, complicated and melodramatic of the bunch (it might be the least tawdry compared with real-life stories too). Writer-director Jadaone’s main inspiration for this movie is the Russian proverb that goes, “We love just once in our lifetime and spend the rest of our lives looking for something similar.”

Raf (Enrique Gil) and Christine (Liza Soberano) fall



in love as students in UP — with all their idealism and dreams of what to do after they graduate. The real world catches up though and the two go on their separate ways, with separate partners. But

“We love just once in our lifetime and spend the rest of our lives looking for something similar.”

fate has them meeting again.

What this film has done is make me more curious about director Jadaone’s work, and all of them practically made her a brand in the romance / rom-com genre.

Her latest film, “Fan Girl,” was

Love screened at the Tokyo International Film Festival and is already being discussed by the Hollywood Reporter.

Jadoane now writes the script for TV5 and Brightlight Productions’ rom-com series “I Got You” (with boyfriend Dan Villegas as director), which, albeit presenting a love story is essentially focused on women empowerment.

So indeed, given Jadoane’s

filmography, one element stands out in the love triangle. It will only work today if there is something more compelling in its telling — the respective realities of the individuals in play, which goes beyond the one’s mere attraction for two.

Bea Alonzo exits Star Magic after 19 years

Actress Bea Alonzo left ABS-CBN’s talent management arm Star Magic after being with them for almost two decades.

This was confirmed by ABS-CBN.

“After a series of consultations, Bea Alonzo has decided to pursue her professional goals under a new talent management. Bea has subsequently advised ABS-CBN that she has appointed Ms. Shirley Kuan to represent her as her manager. We re-her decision,” ABS-CBN said.

“ABS-CBN has full confidence that Ms. Kuan, an industry veteran, will manage Bea with the same attention and care that Star Magic has devoted to Bea’s professional career. Star Magic is coordinating with Bea and her new management to ensure a smooth and seamless transition,” the company said.

ABS-CBN maintained that they will always consider Bea part of their family regardless of her move.

“Even if Bea is no longer with Star Magic, she will always remain a Kapamilya.”

Rumor has it that Bea will revive her blockbuster love team with John Lloyd Cruz in TV5 since former Star Magic Head Johnny Manahan is already with the rival network, but this has not been confirmed.



Regal producer says MMFF online a big challenge

ROSELLE Monteverde says showing the entries in the Metro Manila Filmfest online, instead



1 & 2, Josie de Leon of her namesake JDL Performing Arts School and singer Maria Panaligan joins the fundraising drive Bangon Bicol to raise money to help survivors in the bicol region. 3. Ace Alvarez (FACEBOOK 2019 PHOTO) celebrates his birthday. 4. Agnes celebrates her birthday with husband Bing Mariano and their sons.

of the usual movie theaters, will truly be very challenging for producers like her because it’s something very new.

“But with the absence of theaters for the cinema, for the film industry to start getting income, we need to embrace online streaming,” she adds. “But even online streaming should be promoted well as it’s also something new for our viewers.”

As in the past, ang MMFF sa

taong ito ay magsisimula sa araw ng Pasko, December 25, 2020 at magtatapos on January 7, 2021.

Instead of the original eight official entries ay ginawa itong sampu sa taong ito na kinabibilang ng “Coming Home,” “Fan Girl,” “Isa Pang Bahaghari,” “Mang Kepweng: Ang Sikreto ng Bandanang Itim,” “Pakboys: Takusa,” “Suarez: The Healing Priest,” “Tagpuan,” “The Missing,” “Magikland” and “The Boy

Foretold by the Stars”.

Sa halip na mapanood sa mga sinehan, ay mapapanood ng mga tao ang sampung kalahok na pelikula sa MMFF at the comfort of their homes at a premium price. Ang maganda pa nito, hindi lamang sa buong Pilipinas mapapanood ang sampung official entries kundi maging ng mga Filipinos all over the world.

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works but it doesn’t mean na exclusive talent ako ng TV5. Kahit nasa TV5 ako, hindi ako property o hindi ako hawak ng TV5 kaya pwede pa rin akong lumabas sa GMA, sa ibang channels kasi nga hindi ako exclusive with any network,” she added.

Spending her first 13 years with GMA, Kris said she would sign with the network any time if given a chance.

“Of course pag mayron silang offer, pipirma ko sa GMA but habang wala pa silang offer, magtatrabaho po ako sa iba. Alam naman po nila ‘yon so wala akong isyu with my bosses sa GMA. Kasi may naririnig na ko na attitude na daw ako, nagpapataas ako ng presyo, wala pong ganon. Ang talagang isyu lang ay hindi ako nabigyan ng exclusive contract so libre akong magtrabaho,” she said.

The actress also admitted that she felt sad for not being signed by the network but she needs to move on.

“Totoo na na-depress ako, nalungkot talaga ko. Kasi after so long exclusive contract ako ng GMA, talent nila ko for so long. Sa tagal kong nagtrabaho sa GMA, 13 years ako sa kanila, pero sa mga ganitong isyu at nasa gitna tayo ng pandemic so just accept na lang kung ano ang maibibigay sayo at hindi maibibigay sayo,” she said.

Kathryn praises SMC for stray dogs rescue in Bulacan airport site

AS a fur mom to eleven dogs, actress Kathryn Bernardo is elated that San Miguel Corporation (SMC) is now taking care of the stray dogs that were stranded in the town of Bulacan.

“I’m proud of the San Miguel family for taking care of the dogs that were stranded in Bulacan,” said Bernardo, who aside from being a brand ambassador of the company’s own Nutrichunks brand of dog food, is also an endorser of well-known San Miguel Corporation brands San Miguel Foods’ Magnolia Ice Cream and San Mig Coffee Crema White.

After learning that these dogs were left behind, SMC initially sent Nutrichunks dog food to feed the estimated 70 dogs scattered all around at Barangay Taliptip,



future site of SMC’s Manila International Airport project.

With the help of Animal Kingdom Foundation, a total of 53 dogs have been rescued since November 16 and transferred to the AKF facility in Capas, Tarlac. Around 20 dogs are set to be rescued in the coming days.

The dogs that were brought to the AKF facility in Tarlac will undergo spaying, neutering, and veterinary treatment before AKF and SMC will start finding new homes for them.

Bernardo earlier thanked SMC, headed by its president and chief operating officer Ramon S. Ang for helping create jobs and business opportunities in Central Luzon, including her home province Nueva Ecija with the construction of the Manila International Airport and the Bulacan Airport City Freeport Zone.

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Taste of Manila Singing Contest in 2017, a Finalist in the Long & McQuade Singing Competition in 2018, and a semi-finalist in the CNE Rising Star Singing Contest in 2019.

She is no stranger to being in Filipino-Canadian entertainment events. With her peers, she has performed in Toronto shows of Filipino entertainers, like Boobay, AJ Tamiza and Le Chazz. She was also with a group who did a number in a Sharon Cuneta event. She has sung the Canadian National Anthem at a Raptors Game at the Air Canada Centre, with other Star Circle Entertainment kids and the Toronto’s Finest Artists. She was also a part of Filipino fashion designer John Ablaza’s Fashion Show. A consistent honour student, she goes to the Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts.

We support Katelyn in her endeavors and look ahead to see her blossom as a Singer/Entertainer!



New normal way of Producing Shows

She has been leading Star Cinema in telling well-thought-out and culturally-rooted films. Olivia Lamasan, the film company's managing director, and her team have through the years successfully invited audiences to converge and commune in theaters. Star Cinema fulfills its calling to present entertaining and relevant narratives with or without pandemic.

"We never thought, although we prayed for it, that it was going to be a great success," said Olivia of the performance of The House Arrest of Us, starring Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo, in digital platforms during a

presscon via Zoom. "It's a first for us.

The digital movie series is among the blessings Star Cinema feels grateful for in these challenging times. The company acknowledges its audiences, who appreciate the content, and people (like Daniel and Kathryn and their moms Karla Estrada and Min Bernardo, respectively), who made this particular endeavor possible.

"We were thinking of ways and means to connect with our audience," said direk Olivia of how the KathNiel starrer came about. "Sabi namin walang pelikula, hindi makalabas." One day,



Star Cinema received a call from Min, who informed the former that Daniel and Kathryn were asking about ways they could help the film company. "That generosity inspired the team to create something new for them and find a way to reach out and connect to the audience, na miss na miss silang makita," said Olivia. "That gave birth to The House Arrest of Us. (But) it's not the only thing we would like to celebrate."

It's true that working in the new normal or during a pandemic is challeng-



Jameson Blake and Joao Constanca on the set of My Lockdown Romance, which can be watched through Cinexpress sect.

ing, but according to the director, it pushed them to think out of the box to reach their audience.

With these blessings coming their way, direk Olivia and Star Cinema can't help but feel grateful and celebrate for God is good. "Every disaster presents an opportunity," said the film

company's head, who also encourages her team to "find joy in small victories.

Beauty queen Bea Rose Santiago undergoes dialysis five times a week



Some years after beauty queen Bea Rose Santiago shared about kidney failure story, the 30-year-old Miss International 2013 has updated her fans with new information about her battle.

According to her, amid the pandemic, she has been having a hard time with her protein intake and now has low phosphate, low hemoglobin, and having muscle aches.

"My doctors and nutritionist recommended many vegan options but after 2 months, I am now a pescatarian on the weekends and vegetarian on weekdays. I don't consume cow's milk and eggs but I do love oats milk and goat's cheese," she related.

Bea Rose revealed how she needed weekly Aranesp and Iron shots to help her since she dialyzes five times a week and each time is eight hours while she sleeps.

"Works like magic."

Then Bea capped off her post by recommending to her follower to live by a plant-based diet and make sure they eat proper nutrition.

In 2018 she revealed that she's been undergoing dialysis at Toronto General Hospital in Canada after her kidney failure.

"I was diagnosed months ago, I was in denial and that's why I left the Philippines to get a second opinion in Tokyo and when it turned out to be a confirmation. (I) Flew right away to be with my family and my potential live donors," she shared back then. "Yes, I will be needing a life saving transplant. I live because of a machine, my dialysis machine and the doctors and nurses at Home Hemo Dialysis centre in Toronto General. I am blessed and I will continue to spread positivity to the world."

Senior actress Chanda back to work

CHANDA Romero is just one of the many veteran stars who were allowed to do lock in taping. Chanda is now actually on the second leg of her lock in taping for "Prima Donnas", where she plays the wealthy matriarch, Lady Prima. "I was told pwede raw ako basta mag-submit muna ako ng health and medical records ko to show that I'm fit to work. So I did." "I enjoy the company of the teen stars who play my apos. Feeling bagets din akong nakikipagkulitan sa kanila. Nagti-Tiktok pa kami."

So she didn't find it difficult to do Tiktok taping? "No. Hindi siya mahirap at all."

She says she actually feels safer while in lock in taping than when she's outside. "It takes a bit of getting used to but it's doable. What's more challenging for me as an actor is not being able to be more expressive, like touching my son, played by Wendell Ramos, while we're doing a dramatic scene, like if he is distressed and I'm trying to calm him, or not being able to hold my apos, the Donnas, to comfort them when they're crying. Kasi nga, kailangan ng social distance even on cam."

How about her husband, Jose Alejandrino? Don't they mind being far apart from each? "Hahaha! We've been apart longer than this so sanay na kami. Besides, we're not clingy and he has his own work to attend to."





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KRIS BERNAL

No longer GMA7, will star in TV5 soon

Freelance actress Kris Bernal will be the lead actress of a new TV5 weekly series Ate Ng Ate Ko.

Her co-stars in the TV5 show are Isabelle de Leon, Joem Bascon, and Jake Cuenca—who are identified with ABS-CBN.

A teaser was posted on TV5’s Instagram account today, November 16, 2020.

It showed Kris and Isabelle’s characters calling each other “ate.”

Ate ng Ate Ko will premiere on November 23, and will be shown every Monday at 9:30 p.m.

Ate ng Ate Ko is Kris’s first regular project outside GMA-7 after her management contract with GMA Artist Center expired during the quarantine.

Kris revealed in her vlog that GMA-7 did not offer to renew her contract, and she has been scouting around for a talent manager since then.

SNL GUEST APPEARANCE

Kris was also set to appear on TV5’s noontime variety show, Sunday Noontime Live (SNL), which was supposed to air on November 15.

But a technical glitch caused the cancellation of the show’s live episode.

Kris wrote in her Instagram post on November 14, “In unfamiliar territory making friends. And, staying neutral, holding my breath, with Papa P around.”

KRIS: FROM GMA-7 TO TV5

Kris had been an exclusive talent of GMA-7 since 2006.

She started in StarStruck: The Next

Former GMA-7 actress Kris Bernal will be seen in a TV5 show titled Ate ng Ate Ko where she had this shot taken with the show’s host Piolo Pascual together with its line producers Erickson Raymundo (in gray jacket) and Jeff Vadillo (in black jacket) of Cornerstone Entertainment



Level, where she won the Ultimate Love Team title with Mart Escudero.

However, their team-up did not flourish after their win as Kris was paired in several projects with her batch’s Ultimate Hunk, Aljur Abrenica.

Dubbed as AlKris, their love team did several shows that registered good ratings: Dapat Ka Bang Mahalin? (2009), All My Life (2009), The Last Prince (2010), Coffee Prince (2012), and Prinsesa ng Buhay Ko (2013).

In 2019, Kris got her star in GMA-7’s Walk of Fame in the walkway of GMA Network.

Kris commented on this, “Bawal na akong umalis ng GMA! Charing!”

In September 2020, Kris appeared in an episode of TV5’s talk show, Chika, BESH!

In her YouTube vlog titled Back to work... in TV5 Network? | BTS and the TRUTH, Kris revealed that she is currently a freelancer after the expiration of her contract.

She also said that GMA-7 did not renew her contract.

Even then, she continued to do guest appearances in GMA-7 shows All-Out Sundays and Wish Ko Lang!

KC Concepcion raises P200,000 for Bicol fishermen hit by typhoons

KC Concepcion raised P200,000 to provide boats for fishermen in Bicol who were severely affected by Super Typhoon Rolly and Typhoon Ulysses.

The actress raised the amount through her jewelry line, Avec Moi by Kristina, which dedicated its sales from Nov. 17 to 27 to the fishing communities. Concepcion then handed over the money to the World Wildlife Fund for Nature Philippines’ (WWF Philippines), as per her Instagram post yesterday, Nov. 27.

Using the donations, the group will purchase 2,511 fiberglass boats for the fishermen as part of its Project Sulong campaign.

Along with the monetary donation, Concepcion will also provide 200 packs of relief goods to communities in Cagayan Valley. Each pack is worth P500 and will be sent to the typhoon-hit region through the Office of the Vice President’s Kaya Natin! Movement.

Concepcion has been actively taking part in various relief efforts since the recent typhoons ravaged parts of Luzon. Aside from donating a portion of her jewelry line’s proceeds, she is auctioning off some pre-loved gowns as well to raise more funds for fishing communities in need.

Winwyn nanguna sa marine reservist training

NATAPOS na ng Kapuso actress na si Winwyn Marquez ang kaniyang marine reservist training sa ilalim ng Philippine Naval Reserve Command. Pinabilib niya ang kaniyang fans dahil isa siya sa top trainees sa kaniyang klase.

Sa isang Instagram post, ibinahagi ni Winwyn na isang karangalan ang maging parte ng nasabing training. “The training was no easy feat as I was expected to experience hardship just like everyone with no special treatment or privileges. I was seen not as ‘Winwyn the actress and beauty queen’ but as Cadet Marquez – a fellow Filipina and sister to my batch mates. Thanks to the support of my batch, family, and other like-minded people around me, I have completed the course with realizations I never knew I would learn and also a new set of classmates-turned-family. Through this breakthrough, I will be able to exemplify that anyone, regardless of the field of expertise, gender, or age can join and be someone they thought they can never be as long as they have the heart to serve.”

Ngayon naman ay naghahanda na si Winwyn sa upcoming rom-com series ng GMA Public Affairs na ‘Owe My Love’ kasama sina Lovi Poe at Benjamin Alves.



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at least, visible to keep fans and followers interested.

If they’re not cooking and selling food online, they’re vlogging. Both can be money-making ventures in the age of Covid-19 pandemic.

Vlogging takes actors one step higher than being just a talent for a TV network. It allows them their own personal space in cyber world, their own channel, so to speak.

MONETIZING: The beauty of vlogging, says talent manager Ogie Diaz, is that it can allow vloggers to make money. Those on YouTube get paid in dollars.

The process of earning from your vlog is called monetization. One achieves it when he has reached a certain number of views or followers, say, 500,000 or more.

Bea Alonzo
VLOGGERS: I saw a recent vlog



by Bea Alonzo where she gave viewers a tour of her house.

I notice it is quite a movie star home, large yet elegant, with carefully chosen art pieces.

Now, Bea is normally the very private type of person. During interviews, she lets out measured answers that are really nothing more than icing on a cake.

Vlogging has changed that side to Bea, so that she has even allowed the public, anyone for that matter, to get a glimpse of her bedroom.

I also got to view, inside and out, the new home of Vice Ganda. It is



an imposing structure, quite modern and masculine in design. The

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Patricia Javier convince Giselle Sanchez to join beauty pageant

Patricia Javier made sure the December 20, 2020 virtual coronation of the 2nd edition of the Noble Queen of the Universe with 15 candidates from around the world, will push through.

Patricia is the reigning Noble Queen of the Universe and she’s ready to crown her successor.

Host and comedienne Giselle Sanchez is a candidate and she is the official representative of Visayas. Patricia convinced Giselle to join because she saw the potential of the comedienne to be a beauty queen.

For Giselle, it’s an honor to be the official delegate ng Visayan people sa beauty pageant para sa mga misis.

“I was hesitant to accept this position at first, but when I saw the advocacies of Noble Queen of



the Universe and how they sincerely helped a lot of people especially during this pandemic and typhoon disasters, I agreed to join this pageant mainly to raise funds to be

able to help my fellow Filipinos.”

Hinihingi ang suporta ng mga kababayan niya sa Visaya para sa kanyang unang beses na pagsabak sa isang beauty contest.

Hindi lamang ang koronasyon ng bagong titleholder ng Noble Queen of the Universe ang magaganap sa December 20. Pararangalan din ng organisasyon ang Prominent Women Empowerment awardees na pangungunahan nina Sharon Cuneta, Dyan Castillejo, Regine Tolentino, at Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla.



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'Happy Time' hosts Janno Gibbs (left), Kitkat (center), and Anjo Yllana

Janno Gibbs admitted that he's happy with the turnout of his new noontime show on Net 25 called Happy Time with Anjo Yllana and Kitkat.

'We're glad about the viewers' reception of the program,' he said. 'So far, the feedback is encouraging.'

Does he feel the competition? 'Yes, it will always be there. But personally, I believe that we're not really part of the main competition because we're just a small production. We're new. I guess, the prime competitors are Eat Bulaga and It's Showtime then comes our show and TV 5's Lunch Out Loud,' the host comedian said.

'In fact, we mention our competitors in our show. We say hi to Tito, Vic, and Joey. We believe we're not a threat to them.'

Despite this scenario, Janno is proud of the strength of Happy Time in other aspects.

Net 25 is known for its wholesomeness, does it mean his humor is controlled or limited in the show?

'Well, for the record, I never resorted to doing green jokes on-air all these times. So, I'm happy that young viewers get to watch and enjoy the program.'

In 'Happy Time', he has his own segment called 'Janno Gives' which he truly likes.

'I enjoy doing one-on-one interviews in there then, I'll engage in a jamming session with my guest celebrities.'

He is noted for coming late in his showbiz commitments. It's good that he makes it on time in their noontime show.

'Actually, I've already changed a long time ago. Even in shooting schedules, I arrive on time now,' ended Janno.

Jessy Mendiola's love affair with diamonds

Did Jessy Mendiola just dismiss gossip about her

"We're not part of competition" says Janno

alleged engagement to Luis Manzano?

A netizen recently asked the 27-year-old actress about the diamond ring she was seen wearing recently, which prompted speculations about her and Luis as already engaged to be married.

Jessy responded that she is just a "fan of diamonds."

She went on to explain, "Ever since I was young I aspired to be a diamond collector. I didn't come from a well-off family and I had to work hard and put my family first because I was a breadwinner. When things started getting better and opportunities were coming my way, by the grace of God, I was able to save for myself and little by little my sparkly dreams came true."

She then went on to say how it's "okay" to want nice things for yourself especially if you worked hard for it.

"Giving yourself a reward is a form of self-love," was how she put it.

"It could be anything, as long as it makes you happy and it inspires you to work harder."

She then posted several photos of her wearing different styles of rings, among them the "huge ring" that fueled the engagement rumor.

Beauty Gonzalez embraces romantic comedy

An empowered female character on television is not limited to women portrayed as a leader or someone who does stunts usually done by male action stars or someone who possesses superpowers.

For actress Beauty Gonzalez, an empowered female character can be an ordinary person who is not bounded by the situation she's in, a person who is also bold to chase her dreams. She is someone who has the ability to make her own choices and the courage to stand up for her values.

Beauty is one of the lead stars of I Got You. Beauty Gonzalez plays an empowered woman in 'I Got You.'

"I want people to see my character as an empowered woman. Although she's a single mom she shows us that you can still pursue your dreams. And yeah, it's nice to portray a role that teaches

single moms na marami pang pwedeng mangyari sa'yo," the actress told Manila Standard Entertainment in a virtual interview.

In the series, the 29-year-old actress plays a therapist named Del who returns from Spain after 17 years. She crosses paths once again with ex-boyfriend Louie (RK Bagatsing), an ex-soldier suffering from PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder). He has a fiancée played by Jane Oineza.

"It's not easy to make people laugh. I feel empowered that I can still make people fall in love through the character I portray and be in a romantic comedy," Beauty related.

The romance-drama series featuring the former Kapamilya talent is among the first of six shows produced by block timer Brightlight Productions. Included in the cast are Chantal Videla and Kych Minemoto.

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Phoemela Baranda is five months preggy at 40



Model-actress Phoemela Baranda recently surprised many revealing she's pregnant.

The 40-year-old made the announcement on social media sharing a photo of her showing her baby bump. Phoemela described the pregnancy as "truly a blessing" and something "to be thankful for." She is mum as to the gender of the baby as of this writing.

The father of the baby is her longtime partner, professional race car driver Jason Choachuy. Jason is the ex-boyfriend of Rhian Ramos.

The baby is Phoemela's second. She gave birth to a daughter, Kim Nichole, now 21, when she was 19. Kim was a housemate in the 2014 "Pinoy Big Brother: All In" edition.

"This time the only difference is that I'm more mentally prepared but same amount of excitement and love, especially that my partner and Kim are beside me for support," Phoemela related.

Wala pa silang sini-share na planong pagpapakasal.

Netizens namamangha sa kaseksihan ni Jillian

HINDI raw inasahan ng Prima Donnas star na si Jillian Ward ang mabilis na pagdami ng kaniyang social media followers. May mahigit 6 million followers na siya sa kanyang official Facebook page, 2 million Instagram, at higit 500,000 sa TikTok.

Sa exclusive interview ng GMANetwork.com, ibinahagi ng teen actress ang kaniyang tuwa sa mga walang sawang sumusubaybay sa kaniyang career, "Ine-expect ko lang po is lagi kong gagalingan pero hindi ko po ine-expect 'yung gaano po kadami 'yung followers na mage-gain ko, or ano po 'yung magiging ratings po namin."

Pinagpapasalamat din daw niya ang lahat ng nakukuhang blessings lalo na ngayong may pandemic at nagpapagawa siya ng bahay sa Pampanga. "Kumbaga, lahat 'to, parang surprises po ni God. Laging hindi po ako prepared sa mga binibigay niyang super big blessing sa amin so lagi po akong nagugulat."

Pero nagugulat din ang netizens sa mabilis na pagdadalaga ni Jillian at talaga namang nakamamangha ang kaseksihan niya ngayon.

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Hopia at BF engaged na rin

SPEAKING of engagement, hindi naging hadlang ang pandemya sa pag-iibigan nina Trina `Hopia' Legaspi (26) at ng kanyang non-showbiz boyfriend of six years na si Ryan Jarina. Nangyari ang engagement ng dalawa last Saturday, November 28 na may basbas ng kanilang respective

parents.

Si Trina ay nagsimula bilang child actress ng kiddie gag show na "Goin' Bulilit" at naging kapanabayan niya noon sina Kathryn Bernardo, Julia Montes, Mika de la Cruz, Nash Aguas at iba pa. Isa rin siya sa talents ng Star Magic.



Siya'y nagtapos ng Communication Arts sa Miriam College in 2016 at nagta-trabaho bilang financial advisor ng Sun Life.

After the engagement ay pinagpa-planuhan naman ngayon ng engaged couple ang kanilang wedding na nakatakdang mang-

yari sa isang taon.



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Other stars leave Star Magic

“Even if Bea is no longer with Star Magic, she will always remain a Kapamilya.”

May ilan na ngang stars ng Star Magic ang umalis na rin, magmula nang umalis si Mr. Johnny Manahan. Isa nga sa narinig namin ay ang Cornerstone na raw ang magha-handle kay Piolo Pascual, pero wala pa silang kumpirmasyon kaugnay dito.

Ang isa pa kasing usap-usapang

nakarating ay may mga ilang stars na rin daw ng Star Magic ang maaaring mabigyan ng programa sa GMA 7.

Wala pang mga pangalang nabanggit, pero ang Star Magic pa rin daw ang magha-handle kung sakaling magkaroon sila ng programa sa Kapuso network. Bukod sa GMA 7, ay marami pa raw ipu-produce na programa para sa GMA News TV.

May ilang programa na raw ang hindi

ma-accommodate ng GMA 7 kaya ipinasa ito sa GNTV. Kaya kailangan na rin ng mga bagong programa sa naturang istasyon dahil sa padamang commercials na pumapasok.



Direk Joel can work at Net25

Tuluy-tuloy ang pag-produce ng Net 25 ng mga bagong programa. Bukod sa bagong drama serye nilang Ang Daigdig Ko’y Ikaw na magsisimula na sa Sabado, November 28 ng 8 ng gabi, may mga binubuo pa silang drama series. Nakatakdang magdirek si direk Joel Lamangan ng isang drama series na pagbibidahan ng dalawang young stars.

Binanggit naman ng director for sales and marketing ng Eagle Broadcasting Corporation na si Caesar Vallejos na mas marami pa silang mga gagawing programang pang-millennials.

Kung napapansin, medyo pang matured audience ang mga nauna nilang programa, pero meron naman daw silang pambata, kaya nga merong Net 25 Kids.

John Lloyd Cruz reveals why he left showbiz ‘indefinitely’

On-leave Kapamilya actor John Lloyd Cruz revealed why he left showbiz for an indefinite time.

In an interview with Boy Abunda for Abunda’s Kumu show “The Best Talk.” John Lloyd said he needed to step back to clear his head.

“Nakakaubos iyang dine-demand ng ganitong trabaho,” he shared.

“And bilang creator gusto mong makapagbigay lagi ng something worth their time. And kung ubos ka, medyo mahihirapan kang ma-deliver iyon kasi wala nang bagong laman iyang utak mo — wala ka nang



maibibigay na tingin ko is worth their time. Kumbaga nakakahiya na lang din,” he added.

When asked if he’s happy now, John Lloyd said his son Elias is his little savior.

“Wala na yatang mas liligaya pa pagka mayroon kang maliit na anak, na two years old na ang kulit. Wala nang kasing saya. Ang lupet. My little savior,” he said.



Magpapahinga muna sa pag-ibig si Super Tekla—Romeo Librada sa tunay na buhay—matapos silang maghiwalay ng dating kinakasamang si Michelle Bana-ag.

Six years si Super Tekla at Michelle. Nagbunga ang kanilang relasyon ng isang anak, si Baby Angelo.

Sa The Boobay And Tekla Show, inusisa ng co-host niyang si Boobay at ng Mema Squad si Super Tekla kung magiging malamig ba ang Pasko niya.

Seryosong tugon ni Tekla, “Honestly, magiging malamig. Malamig na malamig.

“Pero hindi naman malamig na may lungkot, siyempre that’s normal, kasi ipapahinga ko muna yung puso ko.”

Paano niya ipagdiriwang ang araw ng Pasko?

Sagot ng 38-year-old comedian, “Isi-celebrate, kaya namang painitin ang malamig na Pasko sa pamamagitan ng mga tao na umaasa sa akin.”

Handa na ba siyang magmahal muli?

Saad ni Tekla, “Honestly, ayaw ko namang maging ipokrito, ayaw ko naman maging robot kasi I’m a human being.

“Pero sa ngayon, as in kasi pag ako magmahal, ako matatag, mahaba, no matter what.

“Kahit ano mang sakripisyo ang pagdadaan ko, susuungin ko as long as minahal ko siya, naitatawid ko ‘yan.

“Pero sa nangyari, talagang sobrang-sobrang double dead yung puso ko na. Sobrang nasaktan, sobrang nayurak.

“It’s time, healing process muna kasi, at saka naniniwala ako na ang gamot sa sugatang puso ay hindi pag-ibig.

“Mahirap kasi iano mo uli ang puso mo na sugatan pa, nasa healing process ka pa, ‘tapos papasok ka na uli ng [relasyon], so another adjustment.

“Ipalagay ko muna ang puso ko na maging matibay siya ulit kahit sugatan pa siya.

Boy and John Lloyd also talked about the actor’s upcoming film with director Lav Diaz, “Servando Magdamag,” an adaptation of an award-winning short story written by Ricky Lee.

“Karahasan, kasamaan —wala ka pa palang nakita, wala ka pa palang alam,” he said of the film.

Star Cinema revealed recently that John Lloyd is also set to make a reunion movie with Bea Alonzo under the direction of Cathy Garcia-Molina.

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ward off a worst case scenario earlier feared by the central bank.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said personal remittances from overseas Filipinos amounted to \$2.888 billion in September 2020, which was higher by 9.1 percent than the \$2.648 billion recorded in the same month in 2019.

“This is better than the original forecast of a 5-percent full year decline,” BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno said in a mobile phone message to reporters.



Remittances nose-dived from March to May as more OFWs were displaced in host countries due to uncertainties brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as lack of mobility as the entire Luzon was placed under enhanced community quarantine in mid-March.

Ruben Carlo Asuncion, chief economist at Union Bank of the Philippines, said the latest figure may result in an average drop of one to 1.5 percent instead of 10 percent in OFW remittances this year.

“Expect remittances to do better from here onwards, with seasonal upticks in the next coming months,” Asuncion said.

OFWs usually send more money during the ‘ber’ months in preparation for the Christmas holidays.

Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. chief economist Michael Ricafort said the lowest levels for OFW remittances have already been seen in April and May during the height of the lockdown in many host countries around the world.

“Remittances could still pick up especially within the fourth quarter for Christmas season spending as some affected OFWs could also tap on their savings, while some laid off OFWs could also tap part of their separation pay,” Ricafort said.

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Actress at vlogger na si Ivana Alawi, bumisita sa Oriental Mindoro upang mamahagi ng tulong sa mga kababayan nating naapektuhan ng nakaraang bagyo, partikular sa bayan ng Mansalay. Maraming salamat at patuloy kang pagpalain ng poong maykapal!



Katrina Halili on ex-boyfriend Kris Lawrence: “Hindi naman ako bitter. Happy naman ako for him.”

Walang problema kay Katrina Halili na maging malapit ang loob ng anak na si Katie, hindi lang sa amang si Kris Lawrence kundi pati kay Baby Lyric.

Sina Katrina at Kris ay dating magkasintahan.

Naghiwalay sila noong 2014, pero nanatiling civil sa ngalan ng anak nilang si Katie. Si Katie ay walong taong gulang na ngayon. Si Kris ay mayroong one-year-old son, si Baby Lyric, sa non-showbiz girlfriend nito. Nasa poder ni Katrina si Katie, pero hindi raw niya ipinagkakait kay Kris ang pagiging ama sa kanilang anak.

Noong January 17, 2020, ilang buwan bago ang enforced quarantine, nakapasyal pa sina Kris at Katie sa Manila Ocean Park. Bumisita si Lawrence sa bahay niya noong eight birthday ni Katie noong September 18. Pero hanggang sa garahe lang daw si Kris.

“Actually, nung birthday niya, pinuntahan siya ng papa niya. Sabi ko, nag-swab test kasi ako, hindi ako pwedeng tumanggap ng bisita.

Hindi raw mapapasok ni Katrina si



Kris dahil nasa quarantine mode ang aktres bilang paghahanda ng balik-taping nito sa Prima Donnas.

“Siyempre iniwasan natin yung palapat-lipat yung bata. Ayoko rin

ng ganun.”

Joseph Marco shares experience in working for an int’l series

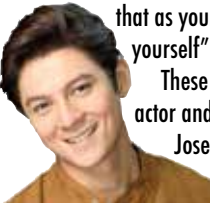
“You know, the pressure that you get, you use that as your fuel to be the best version of yourself”

These were the words of international actor and “Ang sa Iyo ay Akin” star Joseph Marco shared about his key-points in acting and future plans.

Joseph openly shared about his experience in Kuala Lumpur, when he worked for “The Bridge,” an International series for HBO Asia.

“Yung discipline talaga... talagang pinaghandaan ko and you know the pressure that you get, you use that as your fuel to be the best version of yourself; yun yung ginamit ko.”

“The moment that I got there, nakita ko na ang paggawa ng series is about teamwork talaga and the way they did it? Talagang nag collab sila. They make suggestions and nakaka-inspire talaga.”



Marco also said that he will apply his learning in the Kapamilya TV series.

Joseph, 32, was asked about his thoughts on working with Jodi Sta. Maria once again.

“With jodi naman effortless na eh ‘coz she is super nice, she’s pretty

in every eksena; I’m in awe... yun lang ginagawa ko to be there and to be respectful; they have to feel that way na ‘wow I feel special’ gusto ng mga girls yun”

Asked about his take on joining the likes of Arci Munoz and JM De Guzman who went through military training this year, he said that he is ‘open’ to this possibility.

“I’m actually open to it and to try it kasi nakikita ko sa mga post nila and I’m interested.”

“Sana, one day magkaroon ako ng opportunity and I would love to try it.”

Are Barbie Imperial, Diego Loyzaga dating?

Many were downright excited seeing the viral photo of Barbie Imperial and Diego Loyzaga dining together somewhere.

Note the two are rumored to be in a relationship with fans noticing them constantly exchanging sweet nothings on social media.

But are they really an item? Alas, Barbie already belied the suggestion maintaining they are merely “good friends.”

Of course, we’ve heard that before but Barbie is adamant.

She said: “Siguro po dati nagpaparam-

dam pero, magkaibigan lang talaga kami.”

The Bicolana hottie also noted, “Before pa super close na talaga kami. Tapos ‘yung mga friends namin gusto nila, ‘Try n’yo kaya mag-date ni Diego.’ Tapos kami parang, ‘Huwag na, huwag na.’

Kasi noong 2018 ang dami kong pinagdaanan sa love life and si Diego din. So parang ako, hindi kami perfect for each other no’ng time na ‘yon.”

Around that time, Barbie just broke up with Paul Salas.

She was romantically linked to JM de Guzman but that didn’t prosper either.

Isn’t it time she gave Diego a chance?

Barbie replied in the negative.

She explained, “Kasi kaibigan ko siya at alam ko ang pinagdaanan niya. Ayaw ko ‘yung ako ‘yung babae na ibi-break ‘yung heart ni Diegs.

She added, “Kapag alam mo kasi ang pinagdaanan ng tao parang ayaw mo siyang ibalik sa sitwasyon na ‘yon ulit.”

And that’s that.



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broke after measures to contain the virus devastated the economy and left millions jobless.

Philippine crooner Jose Mari Chan, whose song “Christmas In Our Hearts” heralds the start of the festivities when it hits the airwaves on September 1, summed it up: “Sadness surrounds us.”

Family get-togethers, karaoke parties and lavish spending on gifts, which usually mark the countdown to Christmas, have been upended.

But despite the bleak conditions, fiesta-loving Filipinos say they are determined to stop the virus from stealing all their Christmas cheer.

“With or without COVID we have to celebrate Christmas whatever it takes, this is a Filipino tradition,” said Cecilia Moore, wearing a mandatory mask as she paid 2,500 pesos (\$52) for festive lights to decorate her home. Her husband temporarily lost his job on an oil tanker when the country went into lockdown in March, hurting the family’s finaafsdnces.

But Moore said she needed something colorful to dispel the gloom hanging over her family.

“Even though times are hard, we still buy lanterns to make us happy,” the 32-year-old said.



ABOVE, A vendor of Christmas ornaments keeps his mask on his chin to smoke a cigarette at a market amid the pandemic in Quezon City, October 14. LEFT, A seller displays his Christmas lanterns in different styles and sizes being sold for up to PHP1,500 in Las Piñas City. BELOW, Taken on October 6, a worker stands beside lanterns and lit ornaments, including several shaped in the likeness of the Eiffel Tower, for sale during the festive season at a shop in San Fernando town in Pampanga province.



It is not clear why Filipinos start celebrating Christmas in September -- months before most other countries -- but sociologist Yellowbelle Duaqui said it could be cultural: they love to party.

“Filipino hospitality is known to be the best in the world... we love to entertain,” she said.

Jeffrey Lopez, who makes festive lights in San Fernando near Manila, said he has been flat out since reopening in August after a two-month shutdown. Sales reach 40,000 pesos a day and more than twice that on weekends -- similar to pre-pandemic levels.

“It feels as though COVID has not hit us,” Lopez said at his workshop, where

colorful lights in the shape of reindeer, Santa Claus and his sleigh, and even the Eiffel Tower are lined up outside.

“Nothing, not even the pandemic, can stop the coming of Christmas.”

‘Generosity and kindness’

But many retailers are suffering this season.

Normally packed shopping malls -- the center of community life -- are quieter than usual as people stay home for fear of catching a virus that has infected nearly 400,000 in the country.

Some shops are boarded up and many of those that are open offer steep dis-

counts of 50-70 percent.

“A lot of people lost a lot of money and it’s not that easy to recover that,” said Roehlano Briones, a senior research fellow at the state-run Philippine Institute for Development Studies.

Christmas festivities during the so-called “Ber months” -- which refers to the September-December months ending in -ber -- normally drive up consumer spending by about 12-18 percent in the fourth quarter compared with other quarters, Briones said.

The trend will continue this year “but it will be subdued”, he added.

Many household budgets have also been drained by the loss of monthly remittances from relatives working abroad after they lost their jobs due to the global health crisis.

The crooner Chan, describing himself as a “little drummer boy who heralds the advent of the Christmas season”, said the pandemic served as a reminder to Filipinos of “what really matters”.

“There are a lot of our brothers who are out of work, who are hungry,” he said. “These Ber months should awaken in us that sense of generosity and kindness towards them.”

Director laments sorry state of PH shows vs K-drama: We’re stuck with stereotypes

MANILA, Philippines — A renowned local writer and director has lamented the sorry state of Philippine movie and television shows in comparison to the country’s Korean neighbors, saying that the country has been stuck with storylines revolving on worn out stereotypes.

Movie and TV director Jose Javier Reyes, the different K-drama series being watched by Filipinos right now — “Start-up” or the psychological drama “It’s Okay to Not be Okay” — has overtaken the plot of local shows.

Local shows still revolve on similar, uncreative, and overused stories, even before the 1990’s.

“START UP is about setting up businesses. IT’S OK NOT TO BE OK is about mental health. LIFE is about health care and business. ITAEWON CLASS is about dignity in ambition. SKY CASTLE is about parents and education. RECORD OF YOUTH is about choices in life and the sacrifices you make,” Reyes said in a Facebook post. “THIS is KDRAMA TODAY,” he noted.



Meanwhile, he stressed that Philippine movie and television stereotypes still exists.

“Eh, tayo nagkakapalitan pa rin ang mga babies sa ospital, may nawawalang diary, may kabit na kampon ni Satanas , kulot pa rin ang buhok ng kontrabidang babae habang banat ang inaaping martir na bidang babae, laging late pa rin ang pulis sa krimen,” Reyes continued.

“Palpak ang lahat ng kidnappings, alagad ng kadiliman ang lahat ng mga mayaman, hindi nilikha ni Lord ang mabait na biyenang babae at stepsister at laganap pa rin ang hindi magamot-gamot na amnesia na mas masahol pa sa COVID19. DIYOS KO, ‘DAY!’ he exclaimed.

Not all directors share his viewpoints. Last August, director Erik Matti drew controversy over his observations that

the local entertainment industry is in peril because Filipinos are falling for “faux-cinderella” stories.

K-drama fans stood up against Matti, saying that not all Korean shows are simply about love, saying that there are more behind the love plot of the stories. Also, some individuals said that Matti should not blame viewers for finding more interesting stories as Philippine movies and shows have become dull.

Television shows in the country have become the subject of memes as they point out funny plot holes and outrageous show titles which range from being a laughing stock to outright crazy.

People commented on Reyes’ post. Actress Ina Feleo — daughter of director Laurice Guillen and late famed actor Johnny Delgado left a comment which appeared as a light-hearted admission of guilt.

On a more serious note, most of the reactions agree with what Reyes said: that the Philippine entertainment industry needs a reboot, and has to think outside the box if it does not want to lose its viewers.

“Showbiz will always be a part of me” JULIA CLARETE

Absence makes the absentee grow fonder for wgat she left behind.

Julia Clarete will agree. She quit co-hosting



Eat, Bulaga! a few years ago after she married Gareth McGeown (the CEO of Coca-Cola Beverages Philippines, whom she simply calls “G”) and lived in Kuala Lumpur (KL). Last month, she surfaced on Bulaga not as co-host but a guest. We’ll be seeing more of Julia in Paano ang Pasko. They are in Manila for two years before moving to another city.

Did you do any showbiz-related activity in KL? “I wouldn’t say showbiz, more the ability to support the Filipinos in KL and specifically the Philippine Embassy for OFWs, supporting fund-raisers, through Forex.

What do you find interesting in your role in the Christmas series Paano ang Pasko? “That ‘Love,’ true to her name, is a mysterious woman who can bear a lot of pain for the ones she loves, but can also be heartless when provoked. Simply, to help in a time of crisis...when optimism is needed at these times more than ever is actually a privilege. This for me was inspiring.”

Paano ang Pasko mo this year compared to your Christmases in KL?

“I grew up in the Philippines, so para sa akin, wala nang mas sasaya pa sa Paskong Pinoy at sa Pilipinas. Home will always be home.

What are the challenges of making a comeback in a field where absence doesn’t really make the fans grow fonder?

“Great question but...tt is not a come-

back. I have been blessed with a job and career that has been so good to me. It’s been a blessing that has made me great friends and fans I will always treasure, who always pushed me to be better, try new things and to be honest and authentic...and for that I am truly grateful.”

Any regrets about quitting showbiz?

“None. I have been blessed with great times, great supporters, fans and friends. Marriage is a new chapter of my life, but it doesn’t mean I am turning my back on all previous chapters, including show business. It will always be a part of me.

“In my mind and heart, I never really left.

Rachel Peters saves drowning man



Camarines Sur Governor Migz Villafuerte couldn’t help but feel proud with his fiancée, former Miss Universe Philippines titleholder Rachel Peters, saving a drowning man, recently.

“So proud of my girl @rachel-petersx for saving this guy’s life who got caught in a strong riptide earlier,” he wrote on Instagram a few days ago. According to him it was a “very close call.”

“The ocean is a whole different world and learning surfing the right way, with the right people is the best way to know the ocean! Sige na papayagan na kita mag-Siargao ng mag-Siargao pa more babe.”

Rachel made public her engagement to Migz last year.

Speculations on Andrea-Derek split grow

ANDREA Torres has been missing in action in social media since she and Derek Ramsay admitted that they’ve parted ways. Now, after a two-week ab-

sence, she’s back in her IG account with a photo of herself looking so beautiful, as if saying she’s doing just fine, moving on and still looking good after the breakup.

The response to her photo is very positive,



not only from the general public but even from her

showbiz friends like Max Collins, LJ Reyes, Ruru Madrid, etc. who all said she’s so “maganda” and Ruru even said she is now his girlfriend, but we all know it’s a joke since he’s very much into Bianca Umali, even if they have yet to admit their relationship.

But her fans are even more vocal in writing such favorable comments as: “You look so gorgeous after the breakup.” “Glad to see you back and looking ravishing. Yan ang pinakawalan niya. Magdusa siya.” “Sa ganda mong yan, you will later find a new love that you truly deserve!”

Because she and Derek both refuse to reveal the real reason of their split, there are now many speculations about what the cause could have been. There are those who wrote they’ve already seen Derek with a new girl in tow.

And someone said the real reason is it’s because Andrea won’t go to bed with Derek before a wedding and Derek said he’s not yet ready to get married. A kibitzer says this proves that Derek is not just the marrying kind, which is not true since he was married before to Mary Cristine Jolly, the mother of his teenage son, Austin. As for Andrea, life goes on for as she’s now back to work in “Legal Wives” with Dennis Trillo.

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word industrial comes to mind.

Google says Erich Gonzales, Toni Gonzaga, Jennylyn Mercado, Kim Chiu, Solenn Heussaff are among the top actor-vloggers in the Philippines. Other most watched vloggers are Alex Gonzaga, Ogie Diaz, Scarlet Snow



Belo, Drew and Iya Arellano.

Heart Evangelista

There’s also Heart Evangelista, fashionably chic everywhere, at all times, even when she’s merely going to buy



some condiment at the neighborhood sari-sari store.

What is the most popular YouTube channel in the Philippines? It’s the squeal show hosted by Raffy Tulfo, which recorded approximately 1 1.8 million subscribers in June 2020.

Wil Dasovich is another popular channel.

LAHAT SILA: Every other actor runs his own vlog.

We can’t mention all their names, but trust me, all the big stars are out there, holding court, broadcasting from their own channels, in their own homes.

It’s as if the stars’ vlogs are their own teleseryes, their diaries made public.

It’s where they tell their stories, their life unscripted.

Time was when people made a record of their daily activities, trivial or significant, on notebooks called diaries. They were later called journals.

People would guard these with their lives. Some would even put them under lock and key, literally, in a vault, so that no one could see them.

In this highly digital age, diaries have come out of the closet for all the world to read.

MYSELF ON EXHIBIT: Social media has allowed actors their own platform to promote themselves, either positively or negatively.

It used to be that both established and rising actors depended on print and broadcast media to make their activities known to the public.

Now, they have been equipped with their own channels to trumpet whatever it is they are doing—good or bad—to get noticed. This new media has eclipsed the popularity of entertainment talk shows that eventually led to their downfall and closure.

Former child star Lyca Gairanod is now ready to make a showbiz comeback after she took some time off from the spotlight.

According to Lyca, it was her coach, Popstar Royalty Sarah Geronomo, who inspired her to join Viva.

“Sinabi po sa akin ni ate Sarah na kung gusto ko raw po mag-Viva, magsabi lang daw po ako sa kanya. ... Siyempre po malaking opportunity na po ‘yun sa akin na sinasabi niya po [na] gusto niya rin po akong maging part po ng mga concerts niya. So parang mas naengganyo po ako na bumalik po talaga,” she added.

Lyca, who previously acted on the big screen and on TV with MMK. “Gusto kong mahasa sa pag-acting at sa pagkanta,” she said. “Gusto kong mas ma-enhance ang career ko ngayon na nandito na ako sa Viva.”

Lyca said she considers joining the stable of Viva talents a big break for her. “Hindi ko akalain na magkakaroon pa ako ng ganitong opportunity sa Viva,” she said. “Gusto kong maipakita ang best ko. Magsisimula po ako ulit.”

Rita Avila's memorable encounter with Maricel Soriano



Maricel Soriano (left) and Rita Avila

But in contrast to what most people see is the kind and gentle nature of the Diamond Star, in which Rita shared last night, in an online media conference.

bagong kontrobersiya na naman ang kinaharap ni Mystica sa lock-in tapping ng bagong TV drama-romance-come-



"Mag-kaibigan kami, mabait siya sa 'kin at alam 'kong magkaka-basahan kami bilang mga aktres."

MARAMI ang nagsasabi na mahihirapan nang makahanap pa ng anumang project sa showbiz ang controversial singer-actress na Mystica dahil sa pagiging reklamador umano nito.

Kung matatandaan pa, nanawagan sa telebisyon ng tulong kay Coco Martin na tinupad naman ng “Ang Probinsyano” lead star and director. Sandaling naging bahagi si Mystica sa long-running TV series pero parang bula rin itong nawala sa serye. Past forward to November 2020,

Winwyn Marquez at
pa. Dapat umano'y
magkasama sa isang
kuwarto sina Mys-
tica at contract



Naglabas na rin ng official statement ang GMA na may kinalaman sa bagong kontrobersiya na kinasasangkutan ngayon ni Mystica.

Ang obserbasyon ng marami, dapat pa nga raw na maging thankful si Mystica na nabigyan siya ng trabaho samantalang mas marami ang walang hanap-buhay ngayon dahil sa pandemya.

Very happy ang Filipino-Greek singer-actress-dancer na si Kara Madrid (Mitzki) dahil magkaroon siya ng virtual concert sa February 6, “Kara Madrid: In Love,”

Very hands-on si Kara pagdating sa magiging repertoire ng kanyang concert at magku-collaborate rin



"It will be a total package," proud na pahayag ni Kara.

May isa ring magandang movie material na ibinahagi si Atty. Topacio which will have Kara as the female lead na dini-develop na umano ngayon ng award-winning writer na si Eric Ramos na siya ring sumulat ng "Mamasapano" ng Borracho Films at ang award-winning movie na "Rainbow's Sunset" ng Heaven's Best Entertainment. Kung kinu-consider ng dating Tanduay Girl na si Kara na very challenging year ang taong 2020, looking forward naman siya to a better and fruitful 2021 for everyone.

"Sana po mawala na ang Covid-9 sa buong mundo at bumalik na sa normal ang pamumuhay ng lahat,"
aniya.

Bilang actress, si Kara ay huling napanood sa top-rating and longest-running action-drama series na "FPJ's Ang Probinsyano" where she played the role of a policewoman.

CONTROVERSIAL ngayon ang nag-resign Miss Earth Philippines in 2016, ang Filipino-German beauty queen, singer-songwriter and composer na si Imelda Schweighart (22) dahil sa pagiging straightforward sa kanyang mga komento on social media.

Si Imelda ang nagsalita noon na sumailalim umano ng surgery ang pumalit sa kanya. Nariyan din ang kanyang pagiging vocal sa pag-ayaw sa K-pop. She claims na nawawalan umano ng (sariling) identity ang mga Pi-nov dahil sa pangagaya sa



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ten, we will show them that we are still here to lend a helping hand. No matter how small or how big, every help we give makes a difference to those in need.

Photo on right show Raymond Santos (RIGHT END) posing with other sellers.





GEOFF Eigenmann started with ABS-CBN, then moved to GMA-7, then returned to ABS-CBN, but as of now, he is with Eagle Broadcasting's Net25 playing the male lead in their first romantic drama series, "Ang Daigdig Ko'y Ikaw".

"Ganun naman, e," he says. "You go kunsaan may trabaho. I can't stay idle, lalo na ngayon, my family is growing and I now have three kids."

Geoff told by mom Gina ‘Three kids are ok’

His partner is singer Maya Flores and their three children are Beanie, 3 years old; Angus, who's 1, and a newborn, Pepper, who was just born October 31.

"I'd like to have more kids sana. But the doctor said it's best magpa-ligate na si Maya kasi our three kids, puro by caesarian section."

His mom, respected actress Gina Alajar, also advised him not to have a very big family. "She said okay na 'yung tatlo kasi it's hard to raise kids sa panahon ngayon. Anyway, we already have two girls and one boy. So our next project is to have a formal wedding. But dahil may pandemic pa, it would have to

wait. We want something simple lang, not a big wedding."

As of now, he's just thankful that Net25 got him for "Ang Daigdig Ko'y Ikaw". "I feel so blessed kasi 'yung iba, walang work. I play the role of a seaman who'd be the love interest of Ynna Asistio."

How is it working with Ynna Asistio? "Nagkikita kami noon sa GMA, but this is really the first time we get to act together."

"We're just praying na magustuhan ito ng viewers para ma-extend kami. Kasi, as of now, one season lang ito, 13 weeks, so sana mag-click para mas humaba."



‘FUNDkabogable Donation Drive’ of Vice Ganda for typhoon victims raises more than Php 800K

Vice Ganda’s donation drive was launched on November 14 and aims to help the victims of Typhoon Ulysses.

Vice Ganda shared an update about his donation drive for the victims of Typhoon Ulysses on Tuesday, November 17.

The It's Showtime host and his team expressed their gratitude to those who extended monetary help.

Dubbed as the FUNDkabogable Donation Drive, the said initiative has already collected more than Php 800k in cash donations.

"Maraming maraming salamat po sa lahat ng mga nag-donate! Malaking tulong po ito para sa ating mga kababayan na nasalanta ng bagyong Ulysses," Team Vice added.

Vice launched the donation drive on Saturday, November 14, after Typhoon Ulysses brought massive floods in several areas in Luzon.

"Samahan nyo kong makalikom ng pantawid krisis para sa ating mga kababayan. Anumang halaga ay buong puso kong pasasalamatan. Ngayon pa lang MARAMING MARAMING SALAMAT!!" Vice posted on Novem-

ber 14.

Vice himself witnessed the devastating effects of the typhoon when it made a landfall in Balesin where he was vacationing with his team last week.

"Sadyang nakakatakot ang karanasan naming ito noong mga oras na 'yung dahil ang mata ng bagyo ay nasa lugar na kinaroroonan namin," he said in his latest YouTube vlog titled "Bangis ni Ulysses."

"Ngunit nagpapasalamat kami sa Panginoon dahil lumipas ang ulan at nanatili kaming ligtas hanggang makabalik sa Maynila. Nakikiramay kami sa lahat ng mga kababayan natin na lubhang naapektuhan ng bagyong ito," he added.

PopCom moves to curb rise in teen pregnancy

MANILA, Philippines — The Commission on Population is moving to stop the rising prevalence of teenage pregnancy in the country, with 75,000 young women likely to become first-time mothers next year.

PopCom yesterday launched the Philippine Challenge Initiative (PCI) in a bid to significantly reduce the growing number of young Filipino mothers. The population agency has partnered with the Zuellig Family Foundation in bringing the initiative of the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute that provides high impact family planning solutions to the poor.

"The battle begins in many cities and municipal hospitals where adolescents become first-time mothers, and we encourage mayors



to address this phenomenon with programs for first-time young mothers with services and support extending beyond hospitals," PopCom executive director Juan Antonio Perez III said during the virtual launch.

According to Perez, about 75,000 more girls are likely to add to the alarmingly high number of teenage pregnancies in the country in 2021 unless measures are immediately taken.

"In 2018, an average of 62,000 children below 18 years became first-time mothers. This could increase by 20 percent in 2021 and if we do nothing, our communities will be caring for 75,000 Filipino minors who are both mothers and single heads of families," Perez said.

"Indeed the state of early pregnancy in the country is a growing population and development concern," Perez said while noting that the problem hampers efforts to curb poverty incidence.

Perez said Filipinas who give birth in their adolescence, some as young as 10, are at gross disadvantage in terms of finishing school and lifetime earnings.

He said PCI departs from previous initiatives entered into by the Philippines because it allows local government units (LGUs) to implement their own programs for adolescent health.

"Traditionally, the assistance from our partners abroad has focused on the provision on providing (reproductive health) commodities. This initiative sets itself apart because local leaders are encouraged to take up the challenge and to commit in addressing adolescent health," Perez explained.

The short term goal of the initiative, Perez said, is to reduce repeat pregnancy among first-time teenage mothers in the country. He said 10 to 15 percent become mothers again after first pregnancy.

Perez said three LGU have already accepted the challenge, but more city mayors, particularly from Metro Manila are expected to join the initiative.

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of performers in the country. It has been a long time since actors had a unified voice in the industry, or a stand in policies that affect not only Pinoy show business but the country as a whole. It's about time they gathered together.

Involving actors from TV, movies and the theater, the group aims to represent their sector in industry issues and rally behind colleagues, like Liza Soberano and Angel Locsin recently, when they need support.

But the mission doesn't end there, it turns out.

Today, the group officially launched Akto Tindahan,

an online specialty grocery store where the merchandise are cooked, prepared, crafted by some of the most talented thespians in the country. Member Marlon Rivera tells ANCX that the project "was meant to create different income streams," which could help many actors in these times when working opportunities are lesser.

Browsing through the group's Instagram feed, one would have an idea of the variety on offer: there's stage actress Frances Makil-Ignacio's Tantanmen, there's a luscious-looking Banana Cinnamon Roll from Bubble Gang's Mikoy Morales, comedian Ces Quesada's chicken

wings, and theater stalwart Bart Guingona's Keto Strawberry Cheesecake. There's bottled laing, coffee drip bags, embotido, smoked pork longganisa and many more.

There's a lot more, of course, more to come in the coming weeks, from Piolo Pascual, Judy Ann Santos, and many others. The testing and vetting of dishes took awhile, says Marlon, that's why the offerings are in batches. There will also be artista memorabilia and personal accoutrements coming soon. Acting workshops given by actors certified to teach are also in the pipeline.



Aerial photo shows the aftermath of Typhoon Ulysses along Camarines Sur. President Rodrigo Roa Duterte conducted aerial inspections of severely affected areas in Cagayan Valley and Bicol Region on November 15, 2020. Rey Baniquet, Presidential Photo

Duterte spokesman says he can't recall Project NOAH

MANILA — President Rodrigo Duterte's spokesman said he could not remember Project NOAH, a warning system on storm hazards, which spawned online buzz over the weekend after typhoon Ulysses swamped vast swaths of Luzon.

Asked if the government had any plans to revive the system that folded in 2017 due to supposed lack of public funds, Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said, "Di ko na po maalala kung ano iyong Project Noah."

(I cannot remember what Project Noah is.)

"I will backtrack, but I really don't remember the details," he told reporters.

Launched by local scientists in 2012, Project NOAH or Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazard developed 3D maps to create wave surge models, and identify landslide-prone areas and where rescuers should be sent.

The project folded up in 2017 due to insufficient funding, though encountered funding problems even before the Duterte administration, said Project Noah executive director.

Project NOAH trended on Twitter over the weekend, as floods from Ulysses trapped people on their roofs, waiting for rescue.

China bars entry of Pinoys due to COVID-19

China has suspended the entry of Filipinos with valid visas and residence permits, due to the high number of COVID-19 cases in the Philippines.

Holders of diplomatic, service, courtesy and crew (C) visas issued by the Chinese Embassy are exempt from the temporary entry ban.

Non-Chinese nationals in the Philippines with visas issued after Nov. 3, 2020, will also not be affected, according to an advisory from the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA).

"The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Philippines has issued a notice temporarily suspending the entry into China of non-Chinese nationals in the Philippines holding visas or residence permits still valid as of 05 November 2020," said the POEA in an advisory dated Nov. 10.

Lawyer Gunned down

Lawyer Eric Jay Magcamit was gunned down in southern Palawan town of Narra on November 17.

Initial police report said he was flagged down by two unidentified suspects, when he was fired upon stepping out of his vehicle that resulted to his instantaneous



death.

Magcamit is the 52nd in the legal profession to be killed under the Duterte administration since 2016.

The Integrated Bar of the Philippines Palawan chapter condemns the killing of lawyer Eric Jay Magcamit, citing the incident as an "attack to the legal order and justice system by means of fear and violence".

Julie Anne ready for a new love?

MUKHANG handa na ang Asia’s Pop Diva na si Julie Anne San Jose na pumasok muli sa isang romantic relationship. Sa exclusive interview niya sa 24 Oras, ibinahagi niya ang kasalukuyang estado ng kaniyang love life. “Hindi naman ako naghahanap, e. It’s just around the corner. And kung sino man ‘yung dumating, ‘yung binigay ni Lord, ‘di ba? We are all capable of trying to love again and be loved.”

Ang huling nakarelasyon ni Julie Anne ay ang aktor na si Benjamin Alves na ang girlfriend ngayon ay ang magandang businesswoman, real estate broker na si Chelsea Robato.

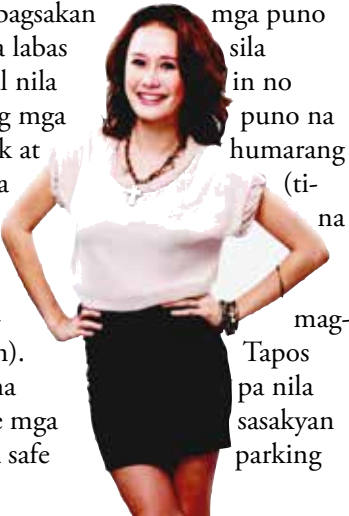
Thankful naman si Julie Anne dahil kahit loveless, marami siyang blessing na natatanggap sa trabaho, “I’m still very blessed that despite the pandemic and limited lang ‘yung pwede nating gawin, happy ako na I get to do the things that I love doing like making more music.”

Sa ngayon ay abala muna si Julie sa kaniyang music career at sa pagho-host ng ‘The Clash’ Season 3 tuwing Sabado at Linggo ng gabi at tuwing Linggo ng tanghali sa weekend variety show ng GMA na ‘All-Out Sundays.’

Chariz superhero ang mga security at maintenance personnel noong bagyong Ulysses

PINURI nang husto ng Kapuso comedienne na si Chariz Solomon ang mga security guard at maintenance personnel na tuluy-tuloy ang trabaho kahit sa kasagsagan ng Bagyong Ulysses.

Post ni Chariz sa Instagram, “Nagliliparan mga gamit kagabi sa labas, at nagbabagsakan mga puno pero nasa labas sila in no time yang mga puno na bumagsak at humarang sa kalsada (tinanlian na yan ng maayos prior bu-sak pa rin). mas inuna i-relocate mga namin sa safe parking



spots kaysa sa safety nila.” Dagdag pa ni Chariz, “Guys kung meron kayong superhero story kagaya nila manong guards namin, bawi tayo sa kanila. Alam kong trabaho nila ito pero aminin natin, it takes a really good person to brave a storm like that for other people na ni hindi mo kaano-ano. Kindness above all talaga. Thank God for them!” May bagong baby na inaalagaan si Chariz kaya medyo naging mahirap sa kanya ang makaranas ng ganitong situwasyon.

Beauty queen slams ‘PakBoys’ for allegedly making fun of transgenders

Miss Trans Global 2020 Mela Franco Habijan slammed movie director Al Tantay and cast members who allegedly made fun of transgenders in one of the scenes of the Metro Manila Film Festival 2020 entry “PakBoys: Takusa.”



Habijan’s full post: “Dear Direk Al Tantay, Viva Films, the creatives, and the main cast of “PakBoys: Takusa”, “Naiinsulto po ako! “I just saw the trailer of your movie. Hon-

estly, basing from the title, I already had an idea of what it would be about — toxic masculinity.

“True enough, the first 10 seconds of your trailer presents a trans woman peeing... while standing. And then Dennis Padilla is seen bothered and feeling victimized by sleeping with her.

“Nakakagalit dahil pinagtarawanan ninyo ang pagiging trans woman namin.

“I pity you, because as the world has evolved, you are still stuck in your discriminatory, slapstick, LGBTQIA-phobic comedy.

“At habang may galit at lungkot, may awa. I pity you, because as the world evolved, you are stuck in your trashy, slap stick, LGBTQIA-phobic comedy.

“Pero habang mukha kaming katawa-tawa sa inyo, as a trans writer and actress, I commit: Babawiin namin ang kuwento namin! Hindi niyo hawak ang katawan namin. Hindi niyo hawak ang komedya namin. Hindi niyo hawak ang pagkatao namin!

“We will fight back and end your toxic masculinity.

“PS. I hope the MMFF upholds their criteria on gender sensitivity and gender inclusivity. Given the transphobic scene, they will be sending a wrong message to the audience about us. Thus, this film must be disqualified from the festival.”

Patricia Javier & Rob’s Business is Growing



SA darating na December 27, celebrity couple Patricia Javier and American Doc Rob Walcher will be celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary. Ang mag-asawa ay ikinasal sa civil rites sa San Diego, California, USA nung December 27, 2005 and followed by a formal wedding on February 10, 2006.

Ano ang sikreto ng mag-asawa sa pagiging buo ng kanilang pamilya hanggang ngayon? “Compromise, respect and patience,” tugon ni Doc Rob na may anim na taon na ring naka-base sa Pilipinas with their two sons na sina Robert (12) and James (9). Ang ganda ng team-up ng mag-asawang Patricia at Doc Rob dahil they also work well as a business team. May apat na branches na ngayon ang Doc Rob’s Chiropractic Wellness Clinic. Bukod sa Quezon City ay may branches na rin sila sa Makati, Alabang at Cavite at kasunod na rito ang branch nila in Pampanga. “It’s amazing,” deklara ni Doc Rob na na-embrace na rin ang kultura ng mga Filipino.

Habijan was crowned Miss Trans Global 2020 during a virtual pageant held last Sept. 12

Erik Matti to fellow filmmakers: ‘Don’t give your films for free’

Seasoned director Erik Matti has warned his fellow filmmakers about the pros and cons of allowing their masterpieces to be uploaded online.

Matti pointed out that giving their films away for free on platforms does not guarantee any kind of profit deals.

“Seeing a lot of views for your free content can be instantly gratifying. But business-wise it’s like throwing away your films forever,” he said.

The 49-year-old co-founder of the production company Reality Entertainment also noted that if a film goes on a platform for free for even just a year, it totally “diminishes” the worth of the film for future sales.

“Find other ways to feel good. Please, just not at the expense of giving away your film.”

Erik is known for directing “On The Job,” “Honor Thy Father,” “Seklusyon,” “BuyBust,” and “Kuwares-ma,” among others.

Jerald wala pang balak pakasalan si Kim

AYON sa singer, dancer, theater actor and comedian na si Jerald Napoles, honored siya na mapasama sa MMFF movie na “Pakboys Takusa” na dinirek ng actor-director na si Al Tantay dahil sa kauna-unahang pagkakataon ay katrabaho niya ang tatlo sa hinahangaan niyang mga komedyante na sina Janno Gibbs, Dennis Padilla at Andrew E. na dati-rati’y napapanood lamang niya.

“Mga icons na sila, although they’re not that old yet” pahayag ni Jerald.

“Subok na silang tatlo.” Ngayong nasa bakuran na rin ng Viva si Jerald along with his girlfriend Kim Molina, hindi naging imposible ang kanilang pagsasamang apat sa pelikula. “Nakakatuwa lang kasi marami akong natutunan sa kanila (Janno, Dennis and Andrew E.). Parati kaming masaya sa set . Although nakatrabaho ko na si Direk Al bilang actor, first time ko siyang nakatrabaho bilang director,” dugtong pa ni Jerald

Samantala, sinabi ni Jerald na wala pa umano sa kanilang immediate plans ni Kim (Molina) ang lumagay sa tahimik dahil pareho pa umano silang may mga pangarap individually na gustong matupad.

Jerald is turning 38 on March 2, 2021 habang magtu-29 naman si Kim on July 1 next year.



Nagsimula ang relasyon nina Jerald at Kim nang gawin nila ang hit OPM musical play na “Rak of Aegis”. They both started as best of friends na nauwi sa pagiging magkasintahan.

Kung si Jerald ay may MMFF movie, si Kim naman ay napapanood every Saturday ng gabi bilang isa sa mga judges ng “Masked Singer Philippines” hosted by Billy Crawford. Ang iba pang tu-matayong judges ay sina Aga Muhlach, Cristine Reyes at Matteo Guidicelli.



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Piolo Pascual went through a rebellious phase

Paliwanag ni Piolo, nakakuha siya ng malalaking break sa ABS-CBN dahil kay Charo Santos, na naging confidante din ng aktor noon.



hinga muna kapag napa-pagod. ‘Tsaka siya bumalik sa trabaho kapag naka-pagpahinga na.

PIOLO ON CHARO
Nausisa si Piolo kung na-karanas ba siya ng burnout sa trabaho. Si Charo ang sumagot para kay Piolo.
“Oo, meron. Meron ‘yan na ano... Meron ‘yan na dinadaan na mga panahon na nagrerebelde,” pagbubunyag ng dating CEO ng ABS-CBN.
Sinundan agad ito ng paliwanag ni Piolo.
Aniya, “Siya kasi kausap ko noon, e. But Tita Charo would always put some sense to me.
Dinugtungan ito ni Charo, sinasabihan daw niya noon si Piolo na magpa-

PIOLO THANKS CHARO
“If not for Tita Charo, siguro hindi ako nagbida sa mga soap. Hindi ako nagbida sa mga pelikula. Muling nagpasalamat si Piolo kay Charo, na hinimok din ang aktor na mag-venture sa pagpo-produce ng mga proyekto.
Si Piolo ay isa sa founders at managers ng independent film production company na Spring Films.
Kabilang sa mga pelikula ng Spring Films ay ang Kimmy Dora movie series (2009, 2012, 2013), Northern Lights: A

Journey to Love (2017), ang blockbuster movie na Kita Kita (2017), at Meet Me in St. Gallen (2018).

THE RISE OF PIOLO
Si Piolo, isa sa mga pinakamalalaking artista ng ABS-CBN, ay nagsimulang sumikat sa Esperanza, ang teleseryeng pinagbidahan ni Judy Ann Santos.
Dito rin nagkasama sina Charo at Piolo.
Umere ang Esperanza mula 1997 hanggang 1999 sa ABS-CBN, at sinundan ng movie adaptation noong 1999.
Pagkatapos nito, nabuo ang tambalang Judy Ann at Piolo, na nakagawa ng blockbuster movies at mga primetime series sa ABS-CBN.
Isa si Piolo sa mga artista ng ABS-CBN na tumanggap ng trabaho sa TV5, matapos tuluyang ipasara ang kanyang home network noong Hulyo, 2020.

Bernadette Sembrano recalls how her broadcasting career began

MANILA – “TV Patrol” anchor Bernadette Sembrano recently bumped into former ABS-CBN reporter-turned-politician Gilbert Remulla, prompting her to look back on her beginnings as a broadcast journalist.
Posting a photo of them on Instagram, Sembrano said it was Remulla who interviewed her back in 1998 as she was a “fresh grad job hunting amidst the Asian currency crisis.”
“His cameraman, kuya Rolly, planted the seed in my head. [He said] ‘Puwede kang maging reporter.’ I was a Business Administration graduate, but how open I was then about all job openings and possibilities,” she said.
“Today, we are all reminded of that. Every day, God is opening doors. Every day is a brand new day full of possibilities and encounters. When something is tugging in your heart, say yes and go, go, go!”
“As another door opens for me, my journalist’s heart will stay true. It’s always about their story and always for God’s glory,” she ended.
Last August, Sembrano announced in a vlog that she has been retrenched as a field reporter of ABS-CBN, but remains an anchor of “TV Patrol” on weekdays.
She is now focusing more of her time on songwriting. A song she co-wrote, “Ang Sa ‘Yo ay Akin,” was recently performed by Aegis.



Alex Diaz recounts that moment he realized, “I don’t just like girls...I like guys too.”

Alex Diaz first opened up about his sexuality in October 2019 when his “indecent proposal” issue with a fitness coach named Miguel Chanco went viral on social media.
The 26-year-old Cornerstone talent said he just had to get it off his chest after struggling with his bisexuality for so long.
“Sa totoo lang, sa fans lang naman ako nagtatago because sa Philippines, they always tell you like, ‘Kapag nag-out ka, tapos na ang career mo.’” Alex said he just wanted the world to know so that he could be himself, but his father Michael McDermott and his management team advised against it.
SELF DISCOVERY
Speaking candidly, Alex said he learned more about himself when he was in college and after joining showbiz. The Filipino-Scottish actor told the press, “Nung high school ako, actually, wala pa akong karanasan or anything.
“So it happened at around sometime when I was 20 to 22. I just started



telling my friends like, ‘I think I don’t just like girls. I feel that I like guys, too.’” Alex said, “A lot of them were shocked... I wasn’t super shocked. I never really saw gender as a thing.
He named Barbie Imperial, his co-star in Oh, Mando!, “Parang si Barbie, alam niya lahat sa buhay ko sa maiksing panahon na nagsama kami, naging close kami.”
Barbie is also good friends with Alex’s former girlfriend of four years, Chienna Filomeno.
STAYING TRUE
Alex said it wasn’t easy for him to come out. However, Alex said it was a relief to learn that his confession, in fact, opened more doors to him as an actor. He continued, “When I was outed, the biggest feeling I felt was relief, like, ‘Ugh, finally!’
“After 25 years, I’m not holding my breath, matapos man ang career ko, bumalik man ako sa Canada, wala na akong tinatago. It’s no longer about protecting my image.”

Alexa Ilacad confident she can carry a Bea Alonzo

Stepping into the shoes of the great Bea Alonzo installs fear in the totality of young actress Alexa Ilacad.
Yet, she says she channeled that fear into an opportunity gained.
“Not every actress gets a chance to play a character originated by Miss Bea,” Alexa told an online mediacon for the movie, ‘Four Sisters Before The Wedding.’
She recounted what she told the staff when assigned the big role: “Kakayanin ko!”



The former child star has acted in several movies, including ‘Everything About Her’ in 2016. She has also essayed remarkable characters in teleseryes like ‘The Good Son’ and ‘The Killer Bride.’
Directed by Mae Cruz Alviar, Four Sisters is a prequel to the 2013 hit movie, ‘Four Sisters and A Wedding,’ directed by Cathy Garcia-Molina.
The movie gathered for the first time A-Listers Bea, Toni Gonzaga, Angel Locsin, and Shaina Magdayao.
The four Salazar sisters are now being played by promising young stars Alexa Ilacad, Charlie Dizon, Gillian Vicencio, and Belle Mariano.
The film captures them 10 years before the wedding of the family’s unico hijo, played in the original by Enchong Dee.
Three of the four sisters are in college while the youngest, Gabbie, is in high-school. Their youngest sibling CJ (played by Clarence Delgado) is in elementary.
The family’s blissful innocence is blurred when they discover that their parents (Carmina Villarroel and Dominic Ochoa) are on the verge of separation.
The romantic comedy, by Star Cinema, streams worldwide beginning December 11 via iWantTFC (iwanttfc.com), TFC IPTV.

ROBREDO
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na clarified that a Philippine Air Force helicopter merely transported relief goods collected by the Vice President’s office from Legazpi City, Albay to the island province of Catanduanes.
But what if the Vice President — as the second highest official of the land, would actually use a government plane for typhoon efforts? The Armed Forces of the Philippines sees no issue with it.
“The Vice President using naval, land or air assets, wala naman po tayong problema doon,” AFP spokesperson Maj. Gen. Edgardo Arevalo said. “Pwede naman po natin siyang tulungan.”
[Translation: The Vice President using naval, land or air assets, we have no problem with that. We can help her.]
“Wala pong issue diyan in so far as the Armed Forces of the Philippines is concerned... Kailangan lang inform us ahead of time sa atin,” he added.

[Translation: There’s no issue in so far as the Armed Forces of the Philippines is concerned. They just need to inform us ahead of time.]
Arevalo said the Office of the Vice President even has a pending request for security augmentation in areas ravaged by Typhoon Ulysses (international name: Vamco). He further explained that military aircraft can be used to airlift civilian disaster responders and volunteers, as well as relief goods, Arevalo said.
“Flight missions for the use of government officials in pursuit of their office and functions may be allowed,” the AFP spokesperson said.
Early this month, Robredo visited several areas in the Bicol Region which were hit hardest by Super Typhoon Rolly (international name: Goni). Less than two weeks later, she coordinated rescue efforts in flood-hit Cagayan province as cries for help flooded social media, due to Typhoon Ulysses.
President Rodrigo Duterte slammed

Robredo for “competing” with him and wrongfully claimed she was asking his whereabouts during the onslaught of typhoons when it was the public that made

#NasaanAngPangulo (Where is the President?) trend, as they sought accountability from the national government.

Candid SPOOF

(Pop-ups are not supposed to be taken seriously - EDITOR)



Toronto Mayor John Tory addresses the guests at last October’s Asialicious 2020 at Woodside Square.



1-2, Philip Beloso (RED JERSEY) celebrates his birthday with family.
3. Flora Ventocilla celebrated her birthday last month. Photo taken pre-pandemic shows her with her daughter Melissa Ventocilla.

'What is mine is hers,' says Matteo on sharing finances with his Popstar Royalty wife

"I believe in two people synergising and becoming one, in becoming better people together. I believe in sharing, so what's mine is hers. If I go to work today, whatever I bring home is now for my family, for our future. My number one priority today is my wife, not my parents anymore. It's very important to have that mindset when you're starting a family," he said.

Guidicelli also admitted that he and Geronimo have set some boundaries when it comes to their individual spending.

"We remind each other about life's realities. Together, we determine what we need and don't need," he said.

On the other hand, the singer also laughed when asked about rumours that their marriage is currently on the rocks, stressing that everything is great.

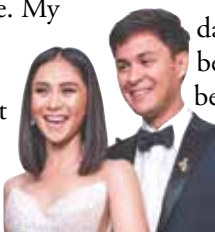
"Every day is a blessing. I'm grateful for the fact that I wake up every day with this beautiful person beside me. Now is a wonderful time," he said.

"We're extremely happy!" Guidicelli, 30, made the revelation to actress-singer Toni Gonzaga on her latest vlog, where Matteo got real and candid about his new life and how his wife changed his life.

There Toni gave Matteo a hypothetical scenario if, five years from now, he sees himself having dinner with Sara and her family in one table – having a good conversation, good meet.

"Oh my gosh! I imagine that all the time," he said. "Not just for me but obviously, of course, primarily for my wife but also for my family, my parents."

"At the end of the day, it was a beautiful day (their wedding



day). Two people synergize together, becoming as one — that was one of the best days of my life," he said.

Though it "wasn't perfect," Matteo still considered it as the "best day of my life."

How about Sarah?

According to him, the Pop Star Princess has always wanted a "private" and "solemn" ceremony with her family and loved ones. Unfortunately, it's not what happened.

"Of course, that would have completed my wife's dream. In God's time, in time, to be positive, things will heal, things will be better."

Matteo and Sarah tied the knot at a posh hotel in Taguig City on Feb. 20, 2020.

Anak ni Yorme na si Joaquin kini-kilig kay Cassy

Inamin ni Joaquin Domagoso yang kahit magkaibigan sila ni Cassy Legaspi ay kinikilig pa rin siya rito, lalo pa't si Cassy ang love interest niya sa upcoming GMA Teleabad series na First Yaya.

"I couldn't look her in the eye sa Zoom. I don't know, kinikilig ako kahit friends kami," kuwento ng anak ni Yorme Isko Moreno na si Joaquin.

Excited na rin daw siya na magsimula ng lock-in taping para sa serye. "I really can't wait 'cause like I've been waiting for this for like most of my career. Now to see how I can develop my character, where the writers will take it," aniya.

Bukod kay Cassy, makakasama rin ni Joaquin sa First Yaya sina Sanya Lopez, Gabby Concepcion, Pancho Magno, at Ms. Pilar Pilapil.

Carla ipinagdasal ang mga hayop

KILALANG animal welfare advocate ang Kapuso star na si Carla Abellana kaya naman ikinalungkot niya ang sinapit ng ilang mga

Hunk Shot

Mark is a member of the Josie de Leon (JDL) Performing Arts School. He is also part of the JDL singing group Cupid Arch. Multi-talented, he can sing, he can dance, he writes songs, he plays the piano and writes short stories. He can also do hosting duties. He plays live video games, minecraft. His sports are basketball, ice skating and Taekwondo. In 2017, he was the Junior Champion in Piano at New Conservatory of Music. In 2018, he won 1st runner-up in Junior Category in Piano and in Voice. He also received a scholarship in Piano and Voice at New Conservatory of Music for 2 years. In 2019, he was a semi finalist in Juvenile category of Long and Mcquade's Singing Contest by Jon Santos. He goes to Josie De Leon School of Performing Arts since 2018. He is a presently a member of JDL Cupid Arch, a youth pop group formed and mentored by Josie De Leon. He goes to Chief Dan George P.S. Someday, he wants to be an engineer. He is the son of Emerson and Marissa Rivera. We wish him all the luck in his endeavours.

Mark Ezekiel Rivera

hayop sa nagdaang hagupit ng Typhoon Ulysses sa iba't ibang lugar sa Pilipinas.

Gamit ang social media, nag-offer ng isang pana-langin ang aktres, "Lord, please bless all the animals affected by Ulysses too. They are helpless. I cannot imagine the amount of fear and suffering, especially for those who were locked doors, trapped in cages or left behind tied with a chain or leash. will they survive the rain and the flooding?" Dagdag pa ng

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'Love of my Life' actress, kung pupuwede lang daw sana ay siya na mismo ang tutulong, "I desperately want to be out there to help. Just like during the

Taal eruption early this year. But I can't this time and I'm having the same kind of anxiety again for the animals. Please send persons to help, them, Lord." services.

4-5, Arielle Perez become the cover of a Canadian magazine Can Kids November 2020 issue.
6-7, Arielle Perez is happy to be part of a commercial.



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