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DepEd Online modules with questions like “How do Airplanes Sound” confuses mom and baffles Broadway actress and singer Lea Salonga

PHILIPPINES - Everyone seems to be struggling with blended learning, including parents who have had to

deal with confusing learning modules. Last month, a parent named Kristine Joy Rivera posted her child's

module because it asked this question: what do airplanes sound like?

The questionnaire, which has been

reposted online almost 18,000 times,

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Philippines starts national ID cards

Government hopes system will spur consumer adoption of electronic payments



The planned Philippine ID system could accelerate adoption of electronic payments in the Southeast Asian country.

MANILA-The Philippines began registering millions of citizens for its national identification system, hoping to promote electronic payments and make it easier for low-income earners

without bank accounts to access financial services.

All Philippine citizens and resident foreigners are required to register such

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Calida trying to unseat SC Leonen

MANILA, Philippines — The Supreme Court should thwart Solicitor General Jose Calida's effort to repeat history by unseating Associate Justice Marvic Leonen through his wealth declaration statements or the lack of it, a Senate leader said on Sunday.

Senate Minority Leader Franklin Drilon said Calida's

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Honey Shot

She sings, she dances, she composes songs. This girl is talented. It's not a surprise because she is also a member of the Josie de Leon (JDL) Performing Arts. She had her own successful concert recently called the Inspiration Birthday Concert. She also brought home the medal from the World Championship of Performing Arts (WCOPA). She is the proud daughter of Aileen and Timoteo. We wish her all the luck in her future.

Antoinette Targa



Kapuso actress-entrepreneur-fitness enthusiast Kris Bernal has long been a victim of body-shaming, with netizens calling her “sobrang payat,” “anorexic,” “parang maysakit,” “kulang sa sustansiya,” “tuyot,” and “losyang.”

Kris Bernal to body-shamers: “I’m no skin and bones! I’m skin and muscles!”

Pagod na si Kris Bernal sa kakadepensa sa kanyang sarili laban sa body-shamers. Kahit ilang beses nang naipaliwanag ng 31-year-old Kapuso actress-entrepreneur na fit and healthy siya, marami pa ring netizens ang pumupuna sa kanyang timbang.

Ganito ang nangyari nang mag-post siya sa Instagram nitong Sabado, August 22, ng mirror selfie pagkatapos niyang mag-workout.

Maraming Instagram followers ng aktres ang pumuri sa kanyang abdominal muscles at sa fit niyang pangan-gatawan.

Pero mayroon ding mga pumuna na “sobrang payat”

na raw ni Kris.

May tumawag sa kanya ng “anorexic,” “parang maysakit,” “kulang sa sustansiya,” at “losyang.”

Isang netizen ang nagpayo kay Kris na dagdagan ang carbohydrates sa kanyang diet dahil “tuyot ka na tingnan, parang lalakeng nagpalagay ng boobs.”

Sinabihan pa si Kris ng ilang netizens na bantayan ang kanyang pagkain, habang isa ang nagtanong kung

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Arielle Perez re-releases a new single “Find The Way”.



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♥Message from Arielle♥

“Find The Way” is about a friend of mine who was bullied her entire life. I was inspired to write this song not just for my friend, but to everyone around the world who feels this way. I want them to know that they are loved and beautiful.

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Charo, Boy lauded TV hosts-turned-streamers



AWARD-winning hosts Charo Santos and Boy Abunda successfully debuted as livestreamers with their newly launched programs “Dear Charo” and “The Best Talk,” as their pilot episodes garnered the most viewers on FYE on the Pinoy livestreaming app Kumu for October.

Charo thanked everyone who watched the premiere episode of “Dear Charo” last Monday (October 26), which earned over 384K likes and featured Kim Chiu and Bro. Eddie Villanueva as guests.

Co-hosting the show is ABS-CBN Creative Communications Management head Robert Labayen, who leads the team producing the Kapamilya

Christmas station IDs such as “Bro, Ikaw ang Star ng Pasko.”

Meanwhile, Boy’s new show “The Best Talk,” which featured comedy queen Ai-Ai delas Alas and young actress Kisses Delavin as guests, amassed over 544K likes during its first episode.

The King of Talk will be donating all his Virtual Gift earnings to charity, pledging the first episode’s gift earnings to Bakwit, a foundation committed to promoting the rights and welfare of Filipino children.

FYE livestreamers Bianca Gonzalez, Ces Drilon, Macoy Dubs, and MJ Felipe also graced the episode to welcome the seasoned host.

“Dear Charo” and “The Best Talk” are two of the newest shows on FYE, one of ABS-CBN’s offerings on Kumu, which streams various programs daily, ranging from talk, fashion and beauty, game, song requests, and comedy shows from ABS-CBN Books, ANCX, Cinema One, Jeepney TV, Metro, MYX, and Rise Artists Studio.

Geneva Cruz opens up about getting her nose done at 16



Geneva Cruz’s showbiz journey has not been without hurtful criticisms. On Monday, November 2, 2020, the 44-year-old singer/actress posted a collage of photos showing her transformation through the years.

In the caption of her post, she reflected on how joining showbiz took a toll on her self-confidence, prompting her decision to go under the knife at a young age.

Geneva wrote, “When I look at old photographs of myself, I seem to know how old I was based on how I looked: face, weight, outfit, and hairstyle.

“Growing up I was made to believe by my parents that I was beautiful in my own way. In short, I grew up confident in my own skin.

“I never lacked suitors, so I thought, ‘Hey! My nose is pretty wide but it is alright.’”

The former Smokey Mountain member revealed that she started to feel insecure about her looks because some people bluntly said her nose was “too big for the movie screen.”

The criticism made her decide to get a nose job at the age of 16.

Since then, Geneva has been bashed and bullied countless times for having a nose job she didn’t even want to do in the first place.

“Trolls loved to hurt me coz I was timid; they didn’t know how else they could hurt me so they made my old nose a target.

“They even said things like I looked like Melai Cantiveros daw when I was with the Smokey Mountain, & I was like ‘WTF is wrong with looking like her? I think she’s pretty.’

Nonetheless, Geneva has learned to brush off the negative comments about her nose and focus on self-love.

“Anyway, I’ve come to love the nose I’ve had for 28 years—same bridge, just narrower, kasi deep inside, pareho pa rin naman ako sa pang-loob, e.

She wrote, “To all my fellow Pinays/ Pinoys na Pinoy na Pinoy ang ilong... wala kayong kailangang baguhin sa mukha ninyo, dahil maganda na kayo kahit ano pa ang sabihin nila; pero

wala ring masama kung may gusto kayong baguhin, basta ito ay talagang kagustuhan ninyo at hindi ng ibang tao. [smile emoji]”

Geneva also reminded them to value themselves instead of seeking validation elsewhere.

Angel Locsin thanks Año for dismissing red-tagging; Parlade insists Angel’s sister an NPA

Kapamilya actress Angel Locsin turned emotional as she answered Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Southern Luzon Command Chief Lt. Gen. Antonio Parlade Jr’s allegation that she is allegedly connected to communist rebels.



Angel said she’s not associated with the New People’s Army (NPA).

“Kino-consider po ng legal team ko ang pagdedemanda rin po. Wala po akong masamang hangarin, wala po akong hidden agenda,” she added.

Angel thanked Interior Secretary Eduardo Año for saying that he believes Angel, Miss Universe 2018 Catriona Gray and Liza Soberano are not NPA members.

Año said “Angel Locsin, Catriona Gray, Liza Soberano, they must be respected and protected. I do not believe that they are in any way part of the NPA.”

Meanwhile, Parlade, said “Ella Colmenares ay talagang NPA,” Parlade said. Parlade’s statement was echoed by alleged former rebel Jeffrey Celis at the Senate hearing.

“Gen. Parlade is not lying. Ella Colmenares, the sister of Angel Locsin, was an NPA in Quezon, na-meet ko siya,” Celis told the Senate panel.

“Si Ella Colmenares, umalis ‘yan, ‘di na siya mapipigilan so bumalik siya sa open mass movement pero CPP pa rin siya, she’s operating underground at alam ko nasa MAKIBAKA (Malayang Kilusan ng Bagong Kababaihan) siya sa Gabriela,” Celiz added.

Coco at Julia tahimik pa rin

HANGGANG ngayon ay tahimik pa rin ang relasyon ng “FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano” lead actor-director na si Coco Martin sa kanyang rumored



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Philippine Media Giant Criticized by Duterte Returns to Free TV

PHILIPPINES - Philippine media giant ABS-CBN Corp. returned to free-to-air television October 10, three months after Congress denied it a new franchise.

The media company, in a disclosure to the stock exchange, said some of its entertainment shows and movies will be seen on Channel 11 -- now called A2Z Channel -- through an agreement with Zoe Broadcasting Network Inc. Channel 11 is on analog TV in Metro Manila and nearby provinces, it said.

ABS-CBN has stopped broadcast since May when the government ordered it to shut its free TV and radio stations after its franchise expired. President Rodrigo Duterte has often criticized the network, accusing it of biased reporting, which the media company has denied.

ABS-CBN’s shares slumped as much as 22%, reversing earlier gains and after a 50% rally.

girlfriend na si Julia Montes (25).

Coco turned 39 last November 1 na nataon naman na hinahambalos ng bagong Rolly ang iba’t ibang bahagi ng Pilipinas. Hindi naman nagpabaya si Julia ng pagpu-post ng isang jubilant photo ni Coco on his birthday.



Nagkapalagayan umano ng loob sina Coco at Julia nang kanilang gawin ang hit primetime TV series na “Walang Hanggang” in 2012 na tumagal hanggang 2014.

Sa pagkakaalam namin, nasa iisang subdivision nakatira sina Coco at Julia.

FV Foods 20th Anniversary Celebration



FIRST, Philip Beloso picks the lucky winner as FV Foods owner Mel Galeon and MH Talent owner Marky Hugh. Marky Hugh’s talents performs at the 20th anniversary of FV Foods.

Did Bernier ruin Tiangson’s chance

The race in York-Centre was tight. The gap between the incumbent Liberals and the challenger Conservatives was on a knife’s edge all night, at one point separated by just a single vote. In the end, the final polls pushed Liberal candidate Ya’ara Saks over the top by 701 votes, or 3.9 per cent.

It was a disappointing night for Conservative Julius Tiangson and his leader Erin O’Toole, but it was a remarkably strong showing in the riding. Did Bernier take the votes that have gone to Julius Tiangson? We’ll never know. This was not the first time an outsider ruined a Filipino

candidate’s chance. In 2006, a Filipino candidate Rowena Santos was running for Toronto council. Though there are no party affiliations on the city level, she is affiliated with the NDP. Her chances were high. But, Mayor David Miller parachuted Gord Perks to run. She finished second.

ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE

Out of the blue, President Duterte wants to create a task force to investigate corruption the the government. But the task force to investigate corruption is not even up and running and Duterte already

exempted two cabinet leaders. The President has voiced his confidence in Health Secretary Francisco Duque III, saying he cannot find a reason to suspend him. The President also described Public Highways Secretary Mark Villar as “an honest man,” adding that he needs his expertise in the Cabinet. Siya na pala ang task force. What are the chances that it will find corruption among opposition figures in the run-up to the Presidential election in 2022? Just wondering...

Kim Domingo nakaranas ng anxiety

HINDI napigilan ng sexy-turned-dramatic actress Kim Domingo na maging emosyonal nang mapag-usapan ang kanyang best friend na pu-dahil sa lung disease nitong Agos- Sa isang in-ter-



view ng 24 Oras, ibinahagi aktres na bis niyang dinamdam ang pagkawala ng kanyang matalik na kaibigan. Ikinuwento rin ni Kim na dahil dito ay nagkaroon siya ng anxiety at nakaranas ng clinical depression kaya’t kumonsulta siya sa isang specialist.

Sa tulong ng kanyang pamilya at mga kaibigan ay unti-unti

siyang nakabangon sa pinagdaanan. “Tuwing magkakaroon ako ngayon ng achievement, sabi ko pupunta ako lagi sa kanya. Dadalawin ko siya. Every achievement na mararating ko ngayon, sabi ko, alay ko ‘yon sa kanya. Ang dami naming dreams. At saka sa lahat ng pangarap ko sa buhay talagang kasama na siya dun kasi hindi ko siya itinuring na parang kaibigan lang kasi part of the family talaga,” say pa ng Bubble Gang mainstay.

Jeremiah eyes international competitions

JEREMIAH Tiangco says he’s not worried that the current “The Clash Season” will soon come up with a new champion and he might soon be relegated to the background with the coming of a new winner. “No need to worry kasi hindi naman po ako pinababayaan ng GMA-7,” he says. “Tuluy-tuloy ang exposure ko sa ‘All Out Sundays’. Hindi lang ako kundi pati ang Season 1 winner na si Golden Canedo. At kari-release din lang po ng first single ko titled ‘Titulo’ and I’m going to other shows on radio and TV to help promote it. Available na po siya ngayon sa iTunes, Apple,

Spotify and other digital music stores online and worldwide.” This year’s “The Clash” is really a big winner with the viewers, often getting a high rating of 20 per cent plus in the AGB ratings.



“We’re really proud of ‘The Clash’ dahil diyan kami na-discover ng iba pang kasama ko like sina Thea Astley and the rest from Season 1,” adds Jeremiah. Is he willing to try going into acting? “Kung mabibigyan po ng chance, why not? As of now, panay rin ang work out ko sa gym. Baka may mag-offer na magpa-sexy ako, e. Hahahaha! Di mabuti na yung ready na ako. Dream kong mapasama sa models ng Bench Body and okay lang sa’kin to do sexy pictorials.” He also wants to join a talent search abroad. “Yes, ang isa pong dream ko is ‘yung makasali ako sa international singing contests abroad like ‘X Factor’, ‘The Voice’, and ‘American Idol’. Sana nga, mabigyan ako ng chance na matupad ang pangarap kong ito. Palagay ko, kaya namang magpakitang gilas even to foreign audiences.”

Angelica Panganiban lambasts government officials absent during Rolly’s onslaught

MANILA, Philippines — Kapamilya actress Angelica Panganiban took a swipe against government officials who were not seen in the middle of the wrath of typhoon Rolly last weekend. In her Twitter account, Angelica asked what’s the plan of the government regarding the super typhoon, dubbed by experts as the world’s strongest storm this year. “Ano ng plano? Tulog na lang? Kilos kilos naman para sa sinumpaan para sa bayan at

mga Pilipino,” Angelica wrote. #NasaanAngPangulo trended on Twitter last Sunday as Pres. Rodrigo Duterte was absent at the government meeting called as response for the typhoon. Senator and longtime aide Bong Go, meanwhile, said that Duterte was on the top of the situation, monitoring the typhoon at the comforts of his home in Davao. “President Duterte is constantly monitoring

the status of the typhoon. The President wants all government agencies to be prepared in giving immediate assistance to places expected to be hit by the weather disturbance,” Go said.



Bill Gates: Rich world could be close to normal by late 2021 if vaccine works

LONDON - Rich countries could be back to close to normal by late 2021 if a COVID-19 vaccine works, is ready soon and distributed properly at scale, billionaire Microsoft founder Bill Gates said. “By late next year you can have things going back pretty close to normal - that’s the best case,” Gates, 64, told The Wall Street Journal CEO Council. “We still don’t know whether these vaccines will succeed,” Gates said. “Now the capacity will take time to ramp up. And so the allocation within the US, and between the US and other

countries will be a very top point of contention.” The vaccines developed by Pfizer/BioNTech and AstraZeneca/Oxford University are two of the leading candidates in the race for the first jab to get regulatory approval in the West to prevent COVID-19. Gates added that in the United States people should be thinking about ways to reduce hesitancy about having a COVID-19 vaccine when one is ready. Asked about Russian and Chinese vaccines, he said the Western companies were further ahead on Phase III studies. “The one Russian construct and six of the Chinese constructs are perfectly valid constructs actually with some similarities to what the Western companies are doing, but the Western companies are further ahead on doing these phase three studies,” Gates said.

Luis Manzano to Janine Berdin’s bashers:

“Wala kayong pakialam sa happiness niya.”



Actor-TV host Luis Manzano couldn’t help but share his two cents over the bashing that young singer Janine Berdin has been receiving after she had her nose fixed. In a recent episode of “I Can See Your Voice,” where Janine appeared as guest, Luis, who hosts the show, introduced the latter with nothing but good words. “Took social media by storm when she posted her beautiful transformation. Maraming bashers pero ito maganda rin, she took the high road, at matapang niyang hinarap ang lahat ng ‘yan. And for that, saludo tayo sa kanya. Please welcome Season 2 ‘Tawag Ng Tanghalan’ champion and New Gem of OPM, Janine Berdin.”

Luis went on to ask Janine what she discovered about herself during this pandemic. “Siguro, I found my way sa path ng self-love,” the 18-year-old answered. Luis then segued, “Eto lang ‘yan, sa lahat ng bumabatikos sa bagong pangyayari sa buhay ni Janine, wala kayong pakialam sa happiness niya. Kung hindi naman kayo naaagrabyado, ‘di ba? ‘Yun lang ‘yon.” Note that Janine, in her previous interviews, pointed out that her transformation is the end result of her wanting to do things that makes her happy.

Jameson at Joao bida sa isang BL film

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MUKHANG nauuso ngayon ang BL films. Ang pinak-

abagong sasabak sa ganitong genre ay ang 23-year-old na sina Jameson Blake at Joao Constanica sa pelikulang “My Lockdown Romance” na dinirek ni Bobby Bonifacio, Jr. Ang Film-Am actor-dancer na si Jameson ay produkto ng Pinoy Big Brother:737 in 2015 bago ito sumabak sa pag-aartista at pagiging isang miyembro ng #Hashtags all-make dance group ng “It’s Showtime” habang si Joao naman ay miyembro ng BoybandPH in 2016 at ex-boyfriend ng dating Kapamilya na si Sue Ramirez.

Sharon compliments Gabbi Garcia

Kapuso star Gabbi Garcia got flattered when Mega Star Sharon Cuneta gave her a positive comment on Instagram. Sharon commented: “You are so pretty/1 Kakie & Miel think so too.” In turn Gabbi responded: “Thank you so much Ms. Sharon!! Really means a lot.” Sharon told Gabbi that her family admired her “morena” beauty. Gabbi, 21, rose to stardom for playing the role of Sang’gre Alena in the 2016 remake of the hit fantaserye “Encantadia” with her co-star Ruru Madrid. The two became loveteams at the time, known to their fans as ‘GabRu’

Last week, it was announced that Gabbi and her boyfriend Khalil Ramos will topbill the upcoming mini-series ‘Love You, Stranger’.



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Angelica Panganiban opens up about almost getting into an illicit love affair

Kapamilya actress Angelica Panganiban revealed that she once loved a man who was already in a relationship with another woman.

In the latest episode of her new show "Ask Angelica," she was asked if she has already fallen in love with an attached man.

"Hindi ko alam kung aamin ako or hindi eh," Angelica said.

"Na-in love ako, na-in love kami sa isa't isa habang in a relationship kami pareho. Dumistansya naman. Mahirap ikuwento, masyadong personal and past na 'yun. Pero nu'ng nangyari 'yun, dumistansya kami sa isa't isa," she assured fans.

In the same episode, Angelica also opened up how her closeness to a male friend became an issue in his relationship.

"Kasi 'yung experience ko, malapit ako sa mga guy friends ko. May



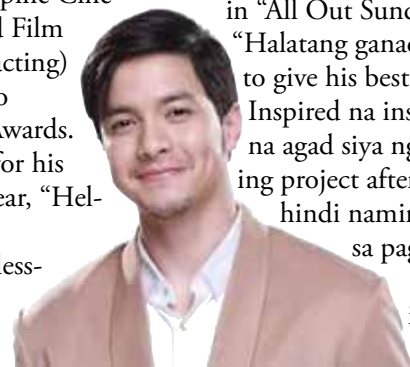
isang beses na pinag-initan ako nitong girlfriend ng isa kong kaibigan dahil more than friends daw kami. Ninakawan pa ako ng cellphone nu'n ah, para lang tignan 'yung messages namin," she claimed.

"Hindi ko na lang din pinalaki. As in sinisigaw niya sa bar 'yung pangalan naming magkaibigan, nababalitaan ko na lang. Kung alam mo 'yung totoo, siyempre maiinis ka, di ba? Napag-awayan na ako. Pero kapag alam mo naman kasi 'yung totoo na wala kang tinatago di ba, malinis 'yung kunsensya mo, hindi 'yun mag-ma-matter dapat sa 'yo," she enthused.

Why Alden is so inspired

ALDEN Richards has a lot to be thankful for. After winning best actor in Gawad Pasado, he now won as Phenomenal Star of Philippine Cinema (for box office) and Film Actor of the Year (for acting) at the recent Guillermo Mendoza Box Office Awards. He got all the honors for his blockbuster film last year, "Hello, Love, Goodbye".

"Sobrang dami ng blessings na dumarating sa akin kaya abut-abot talaga ang pasasalamat ko kay Lord at sa people behind these award-giving bodies," says Alden. "They really help inspire me to always do my best. Salamat din sa lahat ng nakagusto ng episode naming 'Love at the Balcony' sa 'I Can See You' which rated really well. Sa mga nagtatanong naman po kung kailan ako gagawa ng movie with Bea Alonzo, I hope makarating sa



mga kinauukulan ang request nyo para mabigyan kami nga ng project together kapag tapos na itong pandemya."

No wonder Alden feels so energized and encouraged these days when he does his musical production numbers in "All Out Sundays". As one fan says: "Halatang ganadung-ganado si Alden to give his best. Nagpapakitang gilas. Inspired na inspired. Sana, mabigyan na agad siya ng GMA ng bagong acting project after 'I Can See You' para hindi namin siya sobrang ma-miss sa pag-arte."

Right now, Alden is busy preparing for his 10th anniversary virtual online concert on December 8, "Alden's Reality". They will be using the latest in technology to give his fans the chance to interact with him directly during the show. Directed by Paolo Valenciano, tickets at P999 for general admission are now available at <http://www.gmanetwork.com/synergy>.



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All Filipinos will be Vaccinated

Duterte says he now has money for COVID-19 vaccines, wants all Filipinos immunized

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte declared that he already had the funds to buy vaccines to immunize Filipinos from COVID-19.

Duterte said that ideally all 130 million Filipinos would be given the vaccine against the deadly coronavirus.

"Nakahanap na ako ng pera. I have the money already for the vaccine, but hahanap pa ako ng maraming pera, because you know there are now 130 million Filipinos," Duterte said.

"And to me, ideally, all should have the vaccine, without exception. Lahat. Para meron kayong lifetime, whatever, para it can provide immunity. Pang laban ho. 'Yung body, 'yung armor mo 'yung sundalo mo sa katawan mo,

malabanan siya," he added.

The president said the poor will be given the virus first using the list from the government's Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program.

"Again, mauna ang mga mahirap na walang pera, hindi makabayad. Ang listahan 'yung doon sa Pantawid... may listahan 'yan. 'Yun ang sundin. Then, pagkatapos, to the public," Duterte said.

Duterte said military personnel and security forces will also be prioritized.

"But para walang taguan, I want my soldiers, pati 'yung security forces ng bayan mauna rin kasabay ng first batch. Kasi kailangan ko ng mga sundalo at pulis na ready, healthy, at walang COVID," Duterte said.

"They are really vital to the security of the state. For which reason they should be the first also. Tayo, kami,

mga civilian, puwede tayong last," he added.

The latest data from the Bureau of the Treasury showed that the government's debt has reached P9.6 trillion as of the end of August 2020.

In August, Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said the Philippines will sustain its P3-trillion borrowing program in 2021 with bulk to be financed from local sources.

Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque in June said the country has secured at least \$5.758 billion in loans to support government efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19.

The National Economic and Development Authority has also reported that the ratio of the Philippine debt to economic growth could likely hit 47% this year due to the increased borrowing.

Dominic Roque, Daniel Matsunaga share fresh experiences amid pandemic

While embracing a new normal, people at home began trying new things.

Actor Dominic Roque is the perfect example. He says he misses the racetrack, but he channeled his energy into his newfound love for photography – something he can surely use to help build his business.

"As for myself, I am continuously learning more about photography each day. When he started his company, Domo Caps, Dominic also learned that there's always a fresh experience waiting to be discovered.

Now the business has grown more than he ever expected it to, and he is exploring different ways to be productive.

Jumping on the fitness bandwagon, Brazilian model and actor Daniel Matsunaga decided to try a new workout routine, using the beer keg as workout weights. Camille Co also got

creative when working out. "No gym? No weights? No problem," she said.

All she needed was a 5L keg of Heineken to improvise her home workout. After consuming the keg with friends, she used it as a substitute for weights.

When one pushes oneself to keep learning, that's when a person becomes a better version of himself/herself.

Harlene masaya para kay Romnick at buntis na partner

AYON sa actress-producer na si Harlene Bautista na masaya umano siya para sa kanyang ex-husband na si Romnick Sarmenta at bagong partner na si Barbara Ruaro na malapit nang magka-baby.

Ayon kay Harlene, nakilala na rin umano ng kanilang apat na anak ang bagong partner ni Romnick gayundin ang bagong kasintahan ngayon ng actress-producer na si Federico Moreno, ang kaisa-isang anak ng yumaong star builder at Master Showman na si Kuya Germs (German

Moreno).

Sinabi rin ni Harlene na masaya ang kanilang mga anak para sa kanila ni Romnick.

Sina Harlene at Romnick ay nag-isue ng joint official statement nung October 2018 na may kinalaman sa kanilang paghihiwalay ending their almost 20 years of marriage.

Ang ex-couple ay may apat na anak na pawang babae – sina Zeke (20), Bo (14), Nirel (11) at Uela (7). Ang panganay na si Zeke ay kasalukuyang nasa Lismore, Australia at doon nag-aaral ng culinary course.

Binalikan din ni Harlene ang kanyang pag-aaral. She's currently taking up Master in Entrepreneurship sa Asian Institute of Management (AIM).

Si Harlene ang namamahala ng kanilang family business, ang Heaven's Best Entertainment, isang film company behind the award-winning and critically-acclaimed movie "Rainbow's Sunset" na pinagbidahan ng mga yumaong sina Eddie Garcia at Tony Mabesa kasama si Gloria Romero, Tirso Cruz Cruz III, Aiko Melendez at Sunshine Dizon. Ito'y mula sa direksiyon ng award-winning director na si Joel Lamangan at nakapag-uwi ng 11 out of 14 awards mula sa Gabi ng Parangal ng MMFF in 2018.

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Jose "Joey" Baking

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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Beauty always a Kapamilya at heart



BEAUTY Gonzales says she didn't have a hard time asking the permission of ABS-CBN to allow her to do the romantic drama, "I Got You", with TV5.

"Free lancer naman ako kasi wala na akong contract sa ABS," she says. "But still, nagpaalam ako nang maayos bilang respeto, at kahit wala pa silang bagong project for me, simply because I owe them my career."

"Everyone knows sa PBB Teens ako unang nakilala 12 years ago when I was just 17, and then they gave me my break in acting. Open naman sila and pinayagan akong mag-TV5. Sige, dyan ka muna while we are readying our next project for you. So thank you to them at alam naman nilang kailangan nating mag-work ngayon. Ang tagal ko na ring nagpapahinga, e. But my heart will always be a Kapamilya, that will never change."

Beauty admits that being a total newcomer from Cebu, she didn't really know how to act when she started.

"Tapos, may Visayan accent pa ako. But ABS was patient with me. They gave me supporting roles muna and it took a while before I was given a lead role opposite Zanjoe Marudo in 'Dream Dad' in 2014. Tapos noon, I did more lead roles in 'Ningning', 'Pusong Ligaw', 'Kadenang Ginto', so sila talaga ang naghasa sa akin sa acting."

She's happy to be helmed by top director Dan Villegas in "I Got You", which will run for seven Sundays.

"He's one of our best directors now at iba ang atake niya sa show namin. Hindi siya basta drama kundi may touch din

ng comedy so magiging endearing ang dating sa viewers. Kaya, lock in taping kami kaya na-miss ko ang husband and daughter ko, si Olivia."

What's her role in "I Got You"? "I'm Del and very challenging ang role ko as it's my first time to play the role of a psychiatrist. Naging pasyente ko si RK Bagatsing as Louie, a soldier na suffering from trauma from the war at ginawa ko 'yung bawal sa isang therapist, ang ma-in love sa patient niya."

But eventually, they had to break up. "Kasi I found out that he is full of secrets and lies. Then years later, I meet Jane Oineza na may problema sa boyfriend niya, and I didn't know it's RK, so we meet again. Ang daming magagandang eksena na malapit sa totoong buhay, so viewers can really relate at aabangan nyo talaga ang bawat episode every Sunday afternoon at 2 PM, after 'Sunday Noon-time Live'."

They're all happy in the cast as the show's pilot episode last Sunday got very positive reviews and many viewers say they can't wait what will happen next so they'll surely tune in again this coming Sunday afternoon.

Disaster response chief shields Duterte from criticisms

The public should not be worried if President Duterte is not seen before, during, and after typhoon "Rolly" — dubbed as the strongest storm in the world this year — ravaged the country.

Undersecretary Ricardo Jalad, executive director of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), said as he defended Duterte from critics who pointed out the latter's absence in top level post-Rolly assessment meetings.

"Dapat hindi mangamba ang ating mga kababayan kung bakit hindi nila nakikita si Presidente kasi the government is functioning from the local government units (LGUs) up to the national level "Functioning naman ang LGUs so there's no collapse of LGUs, no missing local chief executives, all accounted for sila



National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) Executive Director Ricardo Jalad

even before dumating si super typhoon Rolly. There is also no breakdown of peace and order," he said.

Some netizens expressed their sentiments on social media after they noticed the absence of Duterte ahead of typhoon Rolly's landfall last Sunday. #NasaanAng-Pangulo even trended on Twitter.

Roque had said that Duterte was closely monitoring the effects of Rolly while working from home in Davao City.

Bagong talk show Kris 'di na naman matutuloy

ANG inaasahang pagsasama sa isang online show nina Kris Aquino, Manay Lolit Solis, Cristy Fermin at Mr. Fu ay hindi na matutuloy.

Magkakasama na ngayon sa isang online show sina Manay Lolit, Cristy at Mr. Fu at maayos na ang takbo ng kanilang programa without Kris. Bakit nga naman ito hahaluhan pa ng isang Kris Aquino na may sariling demand?

Dapat siguro ay mag-focus na lamang si Kris sa sarili niyang online show na hindi nangangailangan ng ibang kasama para may control siya sa gusto niyang mangyari sa kanyang programa.

Ilang beses na ring naudlot ang pagbabalik-telebisyon ni Kris pero hindi matuluy-tuloy.



Pia pinuri matapos 'di patulan ang kapatid

MARAMI ang humanga sa 2015 Miss Universe na si Pia Wurtzbach sa hindi

nito pagpatol sa mga birada sa kanya ng kanyang nakababatang kapatid na si Sarah Alonzo Wurtzbach nung isang buwan. Sa halip ay nakiusap si Pia sa netizens na unawain na lamang daw ang kanyang kapatid na may pinagdadaanan ngayon.

Pia is in a relationship now with Beautiful Destinations CEO and businessman Jeremy Jauncey.

Bago si Jeremy ay naging kasintahan niya ang car racer na si Marlon Stockinger. Sandali rin niyang nakarelasyon si Dr. Mike Varshavski during her reign as Miss Universe in New York City, USA.

Before she competed in the 2015 Miss Universe in Las Vegas, Nevada, nagpadala sa kanya ng flower arrangement si dating Pangulong Noynoy Aquino as a sign of good luck.

Hiling ni Vilma kay Luis matutupad na

KAHAPON, 67th birthday kahapon ng Star for All Seasons and lone district of Lipa, Batangas representative (2nd term) na si Vilma Santos-Recto, misis ni Sen. Ralph recto at ina nina Luis Santos Manzano (39) at Ryan Christian Santos Recto (24).

Sa kanyang kaarawan ay wala siyang ibang kahilingan kundi ang tuluyang pagkawala ng coronavirus (Covid-19) hindi lamang sa Pilipinas kundi sa buong mundo at ang pagkakaroon ng apo sa kanyang panganay na anak (sa kanyang ex-husband na si Edu Manzano) na si Luis.

Although ayaw niyang pangunahan ang anak na si Luis, matagal-tagal na ring vocal si Cong. Vi na sana'y mag-asawa na ang kanyang eldest son para matupad na ang kanyang pagkakaroon ng apo. Luis has been in a long relationship with actress Jessie Mendiola.

May suspetsa kami na hihintayin lamang ni Luis na siya'y umabot ng 40 (in April 21) next year at dito lamang siya lalagay sa tahimik.

Between her two sons, mas gusto ni Vi na maunang mag-asawa si Luis who is 15 years older sa kanyang bunsong si Ryan.

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UK to donate £1-M for typhoon relief

MANILA - The government of the United Kingdom on Tuesday said it is allotting £1 million (around P62.8 million/\$1.2 million) to help victims of Typhoon Goni (Rolly) in the Philippines, as well as those affected by the recent flooding in Vietnam.

Nigel Adams, the Minister for Asia at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), announced UK's aid for the two Southeast Asian countries.

Typhoon Rolly, which struck the Philippines as a super typhoon on Sunday, killed at least 19 people and has affected hundreds of thousands in several provinces.

Vietnam has also recently been hit by four typhoons which caused flooding, landslides and damage to infrastructure.

The aid from UK will go to the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC), and will be sent to local Red Cross partners to be used to provide shelter, clean water, food and livelihoods for around 80,000 people in the Philippines and 160,000 in Vietnam.

“The typhoons that have hit the Phil-



Residents look at destroyed homes and debris left by Typhoon Rolly in Tiwi, Albay on November 3, 2020. Albay, along with Catanduanes, was struck by Rolly as a super typhoon Sunday morning, bringing strong winds and triggering floods and landslides causing at least 20 fatalities.

ippines and Vietnam have had a devastating impact on lives and livelihoods across the region,” Adams said.

The IFRC launched separate emergency appeals for both countries. In the Philippines, the IFRC, along with the government and other partners, is assess-

ing the damage caused by the typhoon. A week before Rolly ravaged the Philippines, Typhoon Quinta also struck the country, killing 23 people and affecting nearly 850,000 residents in Luzon and the Visayas. Around 20 storms hit the country on average.



No wedding plans for Gwen, Sam and twin partners

PAREHO nang engaged sina Gwen Zamora at Sam Pito sa twin brothers na parehong professional basketball players na sina David at Anthony Semerad pero wala pa silang sini-share kung kailan sila magpapakasal.

Meron nang more than one year-old baby boy sina Gwen at David na si Cooper John Semerad.

Sina Gwen at David got engaged matapos nilang i-announce ang pagbubuntis ng actress-model nung May 10, 2019 at sumunod naman ang engagement nina Sam at Anthony nung isang taon habang sila'y nagbabakasyon sa Australia.

Sina David at Anthony ay Australian-born Filipino-Czech.

Ang actress at commercial model na si Sam ay nagmamay-ari ng isang surfing resort in Baler, Quezon, ang L'Sirene Boutique Resort.

Dahil sa pandemya, ayaw munang magplano ng kanilang wedding sina Gwen at David gayundin sina Sam at Anthony.



'The House Arrest of Us' star Daniel Padilla shares where he and Kathryn Bernardo get their inner strength from during the pandemic.



Daniel Padilla on being mentally stressed after ABS-CBN shutdown: 'Parang nanalo ang kasamaan'

is maraming advocacy talaga yung tao na yun. I look up to him. Ganun dapat eh. Gamitin natin kung anong meron tayo ngayon to inspire people. Hindi yung kung anu-ano lang for the sake of money, for the sake of fame. We have to use this sa tamang bagay. Dahil nakikinig ang mga tao ngayon, bigyan natin sila ng ano ba dapat ang gawin ngayon. So tinatrabaho

dyo stressed ako mentally. Parang hindi ako sanay nung ganun. Siyempre naapektuhan ka nung lahat ng nangyayari, pandemic tapos yung nangyayari sa ABS-CBN. Parang oh my God what's happening? Ano na nangyayari sa mundo? Parang nanalo ang kasamaan. Bakit ganito di ba? So ang ginawa na lang natin is yes, nandiyan ang kasamaan pero kumbaga sabuyan ng positivity para sa mga tao. Ano bang puwede natin gawin para makatulong at mang-inspire ng tao sa dapat nating binibigyan

and The House Arrest of Us co-star Kathryn Bernardo have turned to their family for moral support and strength. “Kaming dalawa, kumukuha lang kami ng lakas sa pamilya namin. Yun lang naman talaga eh. Wala naman tayong iba, yung mga kaibigan mo hindi mo naman makikita. Maaaring nag-uusap tayo ng ganito, well it's nice to see you pero pagdating sa bahay kapag wala ka ng kausap sino bang kakausap sa 'yo? Pamilya mo at saka yung pinakamalalapit sayo. Kilalanin mo.

After the success of his first online concert this year Apollo: A Daniel Padilla Digital Experience, Daniel Padilla has kept a busy schedule with the promotion for his upcoming new series The House Arrest of Us. DJ said that even though he is busy with work, it doesn't mean that he does not care about what is happening with the rest of the world.

“The problem now is masyado tayong divided with our opinions na hindi na natin nakikita kung ano ba dapat ang pinagbibigyan natin ng pansin di ba? Now kailangan natin magkaisa sa ating mga beliefs at sa mga ipinaglalaban natin. Dapat pare-pareho tayo. It goes out hindi lang para sa Pilipinas kung di sa buong mundo. Masyado na magulo ang mundo and the problem is tayo, ang tao. Masyado na tayong makukulit with nature. Alam naman natin si Bono na singer ng U2

Parang oh my God what's happening? Ano na nangyayari sa mundo? Parang nanalo ang kasamaan.

natin yun ngayon. I'm not perfect pero I'm trying very hard para mailabas sa mga tao yun,” he explained. Just like any normal person, DJ revealed he also felt the pressure and emotional strain while doing lockdown during the Enhanced Community Quarantine period especially after the Kapamilya network's franchise was denied its renewal last July. “Alam ko yung feeling eh. Nagkaroon kasi ako nung time nung pandemic na me-

pansin? Kahit ako nag-aral ako kung ano ba dapat binibigyan ko ng pansin ngayon. Ano ba yung mga bagay na makakabigay ng pagbabago? Ano ba yung dapat kong inaalaan? Maraming bagay eh. Pero ang pinaka-importante, dapat may impact ito sa kapwa ko in a positive way. Hindi yung kung anu-ano na lang opinion mo. Alam mo, nanggugulo ka lang di ba? Bakit di mo tulungan kapwa mo? Yung ganun. Naka-kapagod lang,” he revealed. During this time, DJ and his girlfriend

Pag matagal na kayong hindi nag-uusap, balikan niyo. That's for me. Kasi para sa amin ni Kathryn, dun na lang namin tinitingnan na nabigyan kami ng pagkakataon na makasama yung mga pamilya namin, maka-bonding sila, magawa namin yung mga hindi namin nagagawa na nagagawa dati. Balikan yung happy times namin before kung ano na kami ngayon. Yun yung mga bagay na nagpasaya na lang sa amin,” he said.

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Federal government plans to bring in more than 1.2M immigrants in next 3 years

The Liberal government plans to bring in more than 1.2 million immigrants over the next three years, despite hurdles created by the global pandemic. Immigration Minister Marco Mendicino unveiled what he called an “ambitious” three-year immigration plan today that set targets for bringing skilled workers, family members and refugees into Canada. Canada aims to bring 401,000 new permanent residents in 2021, 411,000 in 2022 and 421,000 in 2023. The numbers — which represent an increase of about 50,000 for each year — aim to compensate for the shortfall this year due to the pandemic and represent about one per cent of Canada’s population. Last year’s plan promised to bring in more than one million immigrants over a three-year period, but the COVID-19 crisis and the resulting travel restrictions have slowed down the process. Mendicino said the government remains committed to welcoming newcomers as a means to keep Canada’s economy afloat. Mendicino said immigrants drive the population and economic growth that pays for vital programs such as health care. “Put simply, we need more workers, and immigration is the way to get there,” he said.

Mga artista nasasanay nang walang alalay

NASASANAY na ang mga artista, writers, directors, production and technical people sa tinatawag na ‘new normal’ health protocol during tapings and shootings na before and after ay kailangang magpa-swab test ang lahat para masiguro ang kaligtasan ng lahat ng involved sa production. Hindi na rin uso ngayon sa tapings at shootings ang mga personal assistant ng mga artista to minimize the number of people sa set kaya kani-kanya nang bitbit ng kanilang mga gamit and all their personal needs at kasama na rito ng kanilang mga sariling plates, spoons and forks, glasses, water jugs at iba pa. Ang iba sa kanila ay may bitbit pang rice cooker at microwave dahil inaabot ng sampung araw to two weeks ang kanilang lock-in period sa shooting o taping. In a way, natututong maging independent ang mga artista without being dependent sa kanilang personal aides.

Gardo signs up with Viva

MATAPOS ang sunud-sunod na paglagda ng talent management contract with Viva Artists Agency (VAA) nina Diego Loyzaga, McCoy de Leon at Julia Bar-

retto (na nagmula sa Star Magic ng ABS-CBN), ang 50-year-old actor namang si Gardo Versoza ang pinakabagong nag-sign-up with VAA noong October 21, araw ng Miyerkules. Sa rami ng iba’t ibang proyekto ng Viva both sa movies at telebisyon at iba pa nilang platform, Gardo (who is Mennen Torres Polintan in real life) is assured of projects.

Si Gardo ay nagsimula sa kanyang showbiz career in 1991 sa pamamagitan ng comedy film na “Onyong Majikero” na tinampukan nina Vic Sotto at Lorna Tolentino. But it was in mid-90’s nang sumipa ang kanyang career when he was signed up by Seiko Films at gawing sexy actor sa pamamagitan ng mga pelikulang “Machete 2,” “Kandungan,” “Kiro 2,” “Halimuyak ng Isang Babae” at iba pa. Binago rin ng Seiko Films ang kanyang screen name from Mennen Torres to Gardo Versoza. Pero mula sa mga sexy movies ay nagsimla na rin siyang gumawa ng mga action films tulad ng “Climaco,” “Mison,” “Ka Hector” at iba pa. Naging bahagi rin siya sa big-budget Marilou Diaz-Abaya film na “Rizal” kung saan siya gumanap sa papel ni Andres Bonifacio. Bukod sa iba pang sumunod na movies na kanyang ginawa ay naging in-demand din si Gardo sa mga TV series (both with ABS-CBN and GMA) tulad ng “Mula sa Puso,” “Sugo,” “It Might Be You,” “Katorse,” “Let the Love Begin,” “Onanay” at marami pang iba. After 13 years of being together with his long-time partner na si Ivy Vicencio, he proposed and married her in a simple ceremony nung May 20, 2019. Ang mag-asawa ay merong 7-year-old son na si Deity Uziel.

Unang PBB sa ilalim ng new normal

SA buwang ito ng Nobyembre magsisimula ang 9th season ng Pinoy Big Brother: Connect with Toni Gonzaga still as the main host (since 2005). Dahil sa pandemya, ongoing na ang online audition via live streaming app Kumu. Ang regular run ng PBB: Connect ay mapapanood sa Kapamilya Channel, A2Z at sa ibang digital platforms. Ito rin bale ang ika-limang edisyon kung saan ang mga aspiring housemates ay mapi-feature sa iba’t ibang batches mula sa teens hanggang adults. Ito rin bale ang unang edisyon sa gitna ng pandemya at itinuturing na ‘new



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normal’. Ang huling season ng PBB, ang “Pinoy Big Brother: Otso” ay nagtapos nung August 4, 2019 kung saan si Yamyam Gucong ang tinanghal na big winner out of 58 housemates at tumagal ng 268 days sa loob ng bahay ni Kuya. Si Yamyam na umabot lamang ng Grade V ay dating namasukang water delivery boy at house helper in Cebu para makatulong sa kanyang pamilya sa Inabanga, Bohol. Part ng kanyang cash prize ay kanyang ipinagpatayo ng bake show sa kanyang hometown na may pangalawa nang branch sa Ubay, Bohol. Bago ang pandemya ay napapanood dati si Yamyam sa weekly sitcom ng ABS-CBN, ang “Home Sweetie Home: Extra Sweet,” isa sa mga programang nawala sa ere nang ibasura ng kongreso ang prangkisa ng ABS-CBN in July 2020. VIVA contract talent and internet sensation Donnalyn Bartolome shared on her Instagram account ang kanyang paga-unbox ng mga item na isinauli sa kanya ng ex-boyfriend whom she did not mention the name. Ayon sa singer-actress, naging pribado umano ang kanyang lovelife dahil sa request na rin ng kanyang dating kasintahan na hindi taga-showbiz. Bukod sa mga returned items ng



kanyang ex ay may broken heart-shaped red cake din na ipinakita si Donnalyn na may over 5M subscribers sa kanyang YouTube channel. Tumagal din ng anim na taon ang relasyon ni Donnalyn sa kanyang dating kasintahan.

Ellie 9 years old na, Andi buntis uli

SA darating na November 23 ay magpa-nine years old na ang panganay na anak ng Siargao Island-based actress na si Andi Eigenmann na si Ellie (Adrianna Gabrielle Eigenmann) sa kanyang ex-boyfriend na si Jake Ejercito. More than one-year old naman ang kanyang second daughter na si Lilo sa kanyang present partner, ang surfer na si Philmar Alipayo habang ipinagbubuntis naman niya ang kanyang magiging third child, her second with Philmar. Magmula nang magdesisyong mamirmihan una sa Baler, Aurora then sa Siargao Island si Andi ay in-embrace niya ang simpleng pamuhay na gusto niyang mamana ng kanyang mga anak. Andi is co-parenting her eldest daughter na si Ellie with Jake.

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MH Talents performs at the 20th anniversary of FV Foods.



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FV Foods celebrated it's 20th Anniversary by raising funds for it's foundation charity, FV Cares. It did this by celebrating it the only way possible during this "un-social" times - a drive-in movie.

FV Foods celebrated it's 20th anniversary in subdued fashion. The return of Toronto to stage 2 quarantine during the pandemic forced FV to scale down it's celebra-

tion. Outdoor gatherings were limited to 25 so a lot of performers were cancelled. But, it must celebrate. So, it did. It was a 2-day celebration. They were able to figure out how to celebrate in a limited, but observing socially

distancing. They gave the performers what time they will be there so that not everyone will be present at one given time. Josie de Leon and her students

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'Hanggang makabangon': Kathryn Bernardo stays with ABS-CBN

MANILA — For Kathryn Bernardo, staying with ABS-CBN is a mission to help her home network hurdle its franchise denial and regain its footing as the country's top media company.

Bernardo spoke of her decision to remain with the Kapamilya network, following its forced broadcast shutdown that resulted in widescale retrenchment, during the Wednesday media launch of "The House Arrest of Us," her first acting project under ABS-CBN since the controversy.

Prior, her long-time boyfriend and onscreen partner Daniel Padilla confirmed that their tandem, popularly known as "KathNiel," had offered ABS-CBN executives their help to overcome the setback.

"Aside from ABS being our mother network, sobrang malaking bagay kasi sa akin ang loyalty," Bernardo told ABS-CBN News' MJ Felipe.

"Ito 'yung way ko para pasalamatan 'yung network sa kung ano ang meron ako ngayon. Lahat ng blessings na na-receive namin ni DJ (Padilla), dahil

sa kumpanya."

Bernardo, 24, and Padilla, 25, are both home-grown talents of ABS-CBN whose track record of successful film and TV projects have earned them superstar status in local showbiz.

"Ito 'yung panahon na pinakakailangan nila kami. Hanggang kaya. Nagstay kami, nakikipaglaban, hanggang makabangon ang ABS," she said.

Bernardo and Padilla have been vocal supporters of ABS-CBN amid the controversy surrounding its franchise, joining protest actions as well as starring in the network's "Tinig ng mga Nawalan" station ID.

Referring to starring in "The House Arrest of Us," Bernardo said: "Ngayon na meron kaming chance para mapasaya ulit ang mga tao, mabigyan ng trabaho ang mga crew, bakit ka mag-



Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo participate in a rally protesting the franchise denial of ABS-CBN in July.

no-no sa ganitong opportunity, 'di ba?"

Padilla earlier sang a similar tune, leading up to his digital concert "Apollo" last Sunday, saying he agreed to do the project to help provide jobs amid the pandemic, and usher in ABS-CBN's

migration to digital.

"The House Arrest of Us," like Padilla's concert, is seen as a high-profile digital release from ABS-CBN.

Padilla previously said he is open to co-starring with Bernardo in another project that would air on A2Z, the free-TV channel where ABS-CBN recently started airing some of its programs under a blocktime partnership with Zoe Broadcasting Network.

"Nandito kami, patuloy na naniniwala na babangon ang ABS-CBN," Bernardo said. "We're praying for that."



Bataan Nuclear Power Plant is now just an empty building –Marcos

The expensive reactor and processor and other materials inside of what was once a majestic \$2.3-billion Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP) in Morong, Bataan had been sold by past administrations.

Senator Imee R. Marcos revealed this, on the fate of the power plant that was built by her late father, President Ferdinand E. Marcos, in the mid-80s.

Marcos, chairwoman of the Senate economic affairs committee, said the building seems to have been built recently but the equipment are no longer there. "Wala na tayong mapapala dun," she added. (We won't get anything there.)

Senator Sherwin Gatchalian, chairman of the Senate energy committee, said he is thankful that President Duterte has affirmed the need to consult Bataan residents on the issue whether the nuclear power plant should be operated or not.

The BNPP is "not a simple power plant" and it takes expertise to operate it as it not a simple technology and the government needs to hire a pool of talented people to operate it," Gatchalian said.

Construction of the 621-megawatt BNPP started in 1976. It was completed in 1984 but was mothballed following the Chernobyl disaster.

Asked why the President wanted a public dialogue on whether the BNPP should be operated at all, Marcos said it is possible that the Chinese and Russians wanted to invest in the country's energy requirements.

Marcos said other sources of renewable energy such as wind and solar should be explored.

Although nuclear power is "very seductive," Marcos she is not sold on the idea because of her fears that Filipinos "kung minsan burara tayo sa maintenance at pag hindi natin naayos, peligroso pala." (We are not known for our maintenance proficiency and if this is not in order, it is very risky.)

Marcos revealed that she had a talk with Bataan Governor Abet Garcia on what to do with the BNPP.

"Ang sabi nga nya gagawin na lang nyang Cloud computing o kung ano pa para sa Google, cybersecurity dahil ang ganda pa ng building kaso nga lang wala nang laman," she said. (He said it could be used for Cloud computing or could be used by Google, cyber security because it is a beautiful building but it is an empty shell.)

Sanya replaces Marian, busier than Kuya Jak

SANYA Lopez feels so blessed to be chosen as the new leading lady of Gabby Concepcion in the new GMA TV series, "First Yaya", playing the title role no less. She will replace Marian Rivera who begged off after she learned that the show's taping will be locked in and she felt she cannot bear to be taken away from her two kids, Zia and Ziggy, for a



long time.

"Hindi ko kaya," Marian said. "Ang babata pa ng mga anak ko." And GMA execs easily let her go, understanding her situation as a caring mom.

Now, her loss is Sanya's gain. Sanya first gained fame as Danaya in the reboot of "Encantadia" then went on her own in soaps like "Haplos", "Dahil sa Pag-ibig" and "Cain at Abel". She says she couldn't believe it when she was informed that she will be taking the place of Marian in "First Yaya", a real breakout role, and she

feels it a great honor to be paired with Gabby Concepcion no less.

Gabby plays the role of the country's vice president who will later be elected as the President. He is a widower with two kids and Sanya will be playing the children's yaya or nanny. Romance will later bloom between the president and the beautiful and smart yaya.

Also in the cast of "First Yaya" are Pancho Magno, Cassy Legaspi, Glenda Garcia and Ms. Pilar Pilapil as Gabby's mom who will oppose his romance with a lowly yaya. This is under the direction of hitmaker L.A. Madridejos.

Sanya is really so fortunate as she has

also started taping as the leading lady of Sen. Bong Revilla in "Agimat ng Agila". "First Yaya" is scheduled to be seen daily while "Agimat ng Agila" is meant to be shown on weekends. Some actors might be idle because of the corona pandemic, but definitely not Sanya who has two big regular shows no less.

And she also has completed a new movie, "Isa Pang Bahaghari", with a big cast headed by Nora Aunor and Phillip Salvador. She's now even busier than her kuya, Jak Roberto, who has no regular show at the moment.



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Entertainment

Sharon Cuneta

Is she really leaving showbiz?

After 59 successful films and more than 40 hit albums, mega-star Sharon Cuneta revealed on Saturday that she is on her way to retirement.

“Kids, it’s almost time. Mama’s tired. I love you,” said Cuneta on her art card uploaded on social media platforms Instagram and Facebook. It was captioned: “On my way to retirement.”

Cuneta, 54, did not give any details about her latest post. Many of her fans were shocked and surprised while others just gave their support to her.

Some of the comments were: “pls don’t...”

“Oh no! di pa kita nakikita sa personal. Wag muna megaaaaa

“i love you it was a wonderful, amazing, and mesmerizing 41 years in the business!”

Cuneta initially announced her plan to retire from showbiz in 2019.

“On another note, and this is important- Since last year I have seriously been thinking of semi-retiring. I am so very tired. It has been 41 years of work, work, work for me, and at some point, kailangan na rin sabihin sa sarili na “tama na.” When will it ever be enough?



Sometimes you just have to put your foot down and say it’s okay, and it’ll all be okay;

“Maybe I’ll do a concert here and there every once in a while, or a movie that I feel will really be worth the few months it’ll take me away from my home and family.

“Sinasabi ko na sa inyo ito, mga mahal kong Sharonians. Mahal na mahal ko kayo...pero pagod na rin si Mama... Di naman siguro ako biglang forever na mawawala...pero konting-konti na lang siguro ang kakayanin kong ibigay until magpahinga na ako at i-enjoy naman ang tinatawag na private life na alam ng karamihan pero tungkol saan kokonti lang ang alam ko...I know you will all



understand.

“Like I said, last year ko pa naiisip at nararamdaman ito, at kinausap ko na rin ang pamilya at manager at team ko noon pa tungkol dito. I love you all so much, and I will try my very best to give you the best of me before I say goodbye,” she said.

Cuneta’s successful career in music, television, movies and live concerts has made her an icon in local showbiz.

In 1978, she debuted with the song “Tawag ng Pag-Ibig” on “Discorama” hosted by the late Bobby Ledesma. She followed it up with “Mr. DJ” which became a massive hit during the same year.

Later, Cuneta ventured into the movies and starred in her very first film “Dear Heart” opposite Gabby Concepcion who later became her first husband. She scored more movies that became box-office hits.

Cuneta is married to Senator Francis Pangilinan. They have two daughters and an adopted son.

Ian doesn’t mind playing dad to three kids

IAN Ven-eracion was introduced as a child actor in the sitcom “Joey and Son” on



Channel 9 in 1982 with Joey de Leon as his dad. Now, the tables have been turned after 38 years as it is now Ian who plays the dad in TV5’s new sitcom, “Oh My Dad”. And he has not just one but three kids, and they’re not children but all grown ups.

Ian doesn’t mind playing dad at all as he already has grown up kids in real life. In “Oh My Dad”, he is not even aware that he has kids. He sowed his wild oats as a young basketball player in the story, not knowing he sired kids with various women because he went to the United States after his career as a cager waned because of a sex scandal.

“This comedy series is really a riot but it also imparts good family values about love and acceptance,” says Ian. “Lock-in ang taping namin so we got the chance to really know each other. Most of them, ngayon ko pa lang nakatrabaho but kasama rin namin dito si Dimples Romana as my love interest, pamangkin siya ni Gloria Diaz na neighbor namin. I’ve worked with Dimples before in the movie ‘Block Z’ kaya magka-vibes na kami.”

Maggie mentors entrepreneurs in Project GO

Maggie Wilson is the host and chief mentor in the upcoming TV reality series a content collaboration between GoDaddy and AXN. Yes, the former beauty queen won’t give tips on walking or question-and-answer interviews, but will only share insights on starting up a business and, following the show’s tagline, making an entrepreneur’s idea real.

“Honestly, when I was asked to mentor (the entrepreneur contestants), I was a little bit scared,” said Maggie, the person behind Acasa Manila, in a recent virtual media call, “because me, I’m still in the learning stage as well of my business. I was extremely happy to share, you know, my experiences like what mistakes I made and how (the contestants) can improve (their) business. I think sharing your knowledge is so important. I feel sometimes (that) people don’t want to spill on, you know, the mistakes they made. So it’s good to be vulnerable, it’s good to share your experiences as well. I felt that I got to do that for the teams, for the entrepreneurs. Again, it’s extremely fulfilling, it’s extremely humbling as well.”



Jasmine Curtis-Smith learns patience

Living alone can get lonely at times, Jasmine Curtis-Smith admitted—and more so now that there’s a pandemic, and her family is hundreds of miles away in Australia. So, if there was one thing she had to relearn in the past couple of months to somehow bridge that distance, it’s patience.

“Instead of feeling bad about the separation, I looked at it as something that taught me to look at the positive side. I just think that I will have so many more years with my family,” she said.

“There’s the feeling of wanting and yearning to be with them. But it’s about learning to use that and turn it into something to look forward to,” she added.

“Maybe everything happens for a reason,” surmised Curtis-Smith.

Patience was also key in dealing with the challenges her indie music label, Funky Records, is currently facing because of the pandemic. Funky Records is home to such up-and-coming artists and bands like Bea Lorenzo and Flu.

“I discovered how impatient and unforgiving I can be of myself especially with all the time we have. But



now I understand that it’s important to give yourself a chance to breathe; to take in what’s in front of you day by day,” Jasmine said in an earlier video interview.

“You have to accept the reality of where things are, and think of the best way to move forward. Is it time to take a pause?” she asked herself.

It’s important that Jasmine remains emotionally detached, because some of her business partners have also become her friends. “It’s about being logical with business matters. We don’t want our emotions to affect our decisions,” she said. “It’s hard. But it is what it is, so we just have to deal with it.”

How does she deal with the stress? One of the things that has kept her sane amid the quarantine, she said, is taking breaks from social media.

It’s the quiet moments, she added, that can make one feel calmer, more appreciative of the things around us. “Give yourself a chance to breathe. We could always use a bit of patience and self-forgiveness, because tomorrow is another day,” Jasmine said.

Kim Chiu accidentally mentions Julia Barretto’s name

“It’s Showtime” host Kim Chiu accidentally mentioned Julia Barretto’s name while scrolling through Gerald Anderson’s feed on Instagram.

While hosting a segment of the show called “Mas Testing,” the Chinita Princess was asked by co-hosts Vice Ganda, Rhong Navarro and Zhong Hilario to do a FUNishment.

Vice Ganda said: “Eto ang huling consequence mo. Sa iyong Instagram account, mag like ng limang posts, specifically yung post mula 20 hanggang 24.”

“Picture ko?” Kim asked.

“No. Pumunta ka sa account ni Gerald Anderson.”

Reluctant, Kim looked at the camera and mentioned her boyfriend Xian Lim and told him that it’s just a game. Checking Gerald’s posts, Kim cracked an awkward joke that left the hosts speechless for a while.

“Hay naku; tapos pagbukas mo rito andito si Julia Barretto... ay bawal ba?” Kim said.

In defending Kim, Vice Ganda reacted: “Wala naman siyang sinabing masama.”

Gerald and Kim were real-life sweethearts until they broke up in 2010. Gerald is now in a relationship with Julia.



Heaven is overjoyed at latest drama series

When Heaven Peralejo learned that she was tapped to play central character Tisay in the newest ABS-CBN afternoon drama series Bagong Umaga, her heart beat with great joy. The young actress wholeheartedly accepted the role with her mind solely focused on the new acting task.

In the series, directed by Carlo Po Artillaga and Paco Sta. Maria, Tisay belongs to a poor family that experiences life's challenges at a young age. Despite the hardships, Tisay is determined to realize her dreams and celebrate success with her family. Bagong Umaga airs on A2Z Channel 11 and other Kapamilya digital platforms.

Heaven expressed delight about having clinched a lead role which many considered as her biggest acting break. "Kung alam n'yo lang kung gaano ako kasaya. My heart is filled with so much joy for having been given this role. I am so grateful to Mamu (referring to RGE Drama Unit head Riza Ebri-

ga), of course, to the production (team), to our directors, to ABS(-CBN) for giving me this opportunity," said the 20-year-old actress. She, too, didn't deny feeling the pressure of playing the lead for the first time in a TV series. "I am very grateful and at the same time, pressured. They gave me the chance to showcase what I can do (in terms of acting) for our Kapamilya (viewers) kaya masayang pressured din para at least, gagalingan ko every time," said Heaven who, obviously, was not bothered being the second choice for the role.

Riza affirmed Tisay was originally meant for Julia Barretto. She revealed the series was initially titled Cara Y Cruz with Heaven also part of the cast. Riza explained and furthered that it



just so happened that when the series changed its title to Bagong Umaga, Heaven also became the final choice for the role. "The story is the same and in fairness to Heaven, nakayanan naman n'ya," she stressed. Heaven, on the other hand, said, "It's a blessing in disguise kaya nagpapasalamat talaga ako lagi and I really try to give my best in every scene."

She appreciates how their directors are only too willing to help her pull through her character. "And my cast mates, all of them are excellent na kahit ikaw mismo madadala sa galing nila." "Dito po sa Bagong Umaga, lahat po kami, kahit veterans (follow the rules) at sobrang bait po nila. We are like a family here, probably because we are lock-in and we are together every day. And every time I'm on the set, it's a happy set for me."



TOP, IPEN's Melissa Ventocilla and Edgar Sulit poses with Mel Galeon at the FV Foods 20th anniversary. BOTTOM, Mel Galeon and Danna Luna poses iwht Deputy Mayor Michael Thompson.

Arci may ranggo na sa PAF

NAKUMPLETO na ng singer-actress na si Arci Munoz ang kanyang month-long training bilang reservist ng Philippine Air Force at nung nakaraang Linggo, October 25, 2020 ay tinanggap ng actress ang kanyang certificate of completion na ginanap sa Gaerlan Auditorium, HAFRO in Clark, Pampanga. Naka-fatigue (military) uniform si Sgt. Ramona Cecilia D. Munoz, PAFRI, nang tanggapin ang kanyang certificate of completion. Sumailalim din sa training ang singer-actor at kaibigan ni Arci na si JM de Guzman.

Si Arci ay bahagi ng bagong afternoon TV series ng Kapamilya Channel, ang "Walang Hanggang Paalam".



Vice Ganda, Ion Perez celebrate 2nd anniversary as sweethearts

"It's Showtime" hosts Vice Ganda and Ion Perez celebrated their second anniversary together as partners at an amusement park in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. The sweet couple and their friends Negi, Lassy and MC underwent COVID-19 testing and mandatory health check when they went to Enchanted Kingdom. Vice Ganda thanked the management of the theme park who allowed them to shoot in the area when it was still not open to public. The couple said they enjoyed the rides, including an

intimate ride in a Ferris wheel. "Ang sarap nung naging free tayo, tanggap tayo ng tao, kahit may ilan na hindi pa rin," Ion said. "Ang pinakamasaya sa akin na nangyari ay nagdesisyon tayo na panindigan ito kahit hindi naman tayo sigurado kung ano ang magiging reaksiyon ng ibang tao. Kasi maraming beses na iniisip ko ang magiging reaksiyon ng mga tao. At dahil iniisip ko 'yon ay huwag na lang kasi natatakot ako. Dumating tayo sa point na wala na tayong pakialam kung ano ang reaksiyon niyo bahala na kayo basta tayo itutuloy natin ito, kasi ito ang gusto natin," Vice said. The Un-kabogable star said he is grateful for having Ion in his life. "...Isa-isa nila akong tin atalikuran pero ikaw ang lakas mo lang talaga. Sobrang

lakas mo at kahit mga kaibigan ko ay hangang-hanga sa iyo. Sabi, ang tatag ni Ion. Grabe ang heart at grabe ang love. Thank you," Vice said. The video ended with Ion being emotional after watching the music video of "Mahal Ako ng Mahal Ko" a song that Vice Ganda wrote for him. He also vowed to continue loving Vice Ganda. According to Vice, the song was written with the help of Moira De la Torre. An official music video featuring the couple's sweet moments was released on Oct. 25



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Sarah Geronimo

‘Ngayon ko lang na-experience how to handle my own finances’

Inamin ng Popstar Royalty na si Sarah Geronimo na sa halos dalawang dekada niya sa industriya, ngayon lang umano niya natutunang hawakan ang sarili niyang pera.

Ayon kay Sarah, na kinasal kay Matteo Guidicelli Pebrero nitong taon, napabilis ang kanyang pagtanda dahil sa mga bagay na kailangan niyang matutunan lalo pat

siya na ang humahawak sa kinikita niyang pera.

“To be honest, na-expedite ‘yung adulating ko,” saad ni Sarah sa panayam ng mga miyembro ng press para sa insurance company na Manulife.

Pagbabahagi ni Sarah sa kanyang mga natutunan: “Ngayon ko lang na-experience how to handle my own finances, how

to budget, how to invest.”

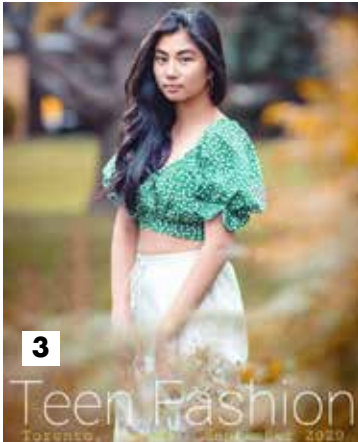
Hindi lingid sa kaalaman ng karamihan na ang ina ni Sarah na si Divine Geronimo, ang naghahawak ng mga kinikinita ng singer-actress sa simula pa lang ng kanyang karera.

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Super Tekla, girlfriend settle differences

All’s well between comedian Super Tekla and his girlfriend Michelle Lhor Bana-ag following a virtual meeting arranged by the public service show “Raffy Tulfo in Action” on TV 5 recently.

Michelle earlier claimed that Super Tekla abused and maltreated her. The comedian has repeatedly denied her allegations.



However, in the latest episode of the show, Tulfo apparently got irked when Michelle decided to withdraw from the drug test upon the advice of her aunt.

Tulfo told Michelle: “Very clear na sa akin na meron ka talagang tinatago. Dito kasi malalaman kung meron ka. Hindi ako doctor, pero I know for a fact na walang kinalaman na ikaw ay mabibinat pag-ikaw ay ginupitan ng buhok. ag ka na mag maang-maangan.”

The TV episode also showed a preview of the text message that Michelle sent to Tulfo’s team.

Tulfo went on saying: “Alam mo lusot ka na sana kahapon...binigyan kita ng

graceful exit Michelle; yung pag-exit na hindi ka na napahiya sa sa’kin na kahit binabanat-banatan ka na ng mga netizen, hindi ka pa rin napahiya kasi andun pa rin yung benefit of the doubt.”

He also said that he will withdraw the financial assistance for her because of her sudden pull out from the drug test. Tulfo said that his team will refer Michelle to the Department of Social Welfare and Development for assessment of her capabilities in taking care of her son and nieces.

“Now, kung gumagamit ka pa rin, hindi ka karapat-dapat mag-alaga ng mga bata...You really don’t. Kaya yung

DSWD pupunta diyan sa bahay niyo para gumawa ng assessment, at kapag nakita na ikaw ay gumagamit pa rin, ipu-pullout sa’yo yun.” Tulfo said.

Michelle and her sister appealed but to no avail. “Kasi next time, huwag kayong maghamon... naluto ka. Tapos ang buhay mo. End of the line,” Tulfo told Michelle.

“Gusto niya pa rin daw ituloy yung lie detector test? Hindi na. Ang importante sa’kin is yung sa drugs...at maliwanag na sa akin na nagda-drugs pa rin ito; kasi sa hair follicles, up to 90 days... wala ‘kang lusot dito,” he said.

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JDL student Antoinette Targa

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performed between 12 and 2. Then, performers from MH productions went on stage at staggered time slots. They were able to make sure that the number of people did

not exceed 25. It was a very cold day. The store that Mel Galeon and Flor Vendiola started is now part of the fabric of the Filipino community. With that, congratulations

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JDL student Shane Aludud



ABOVE, FV Foods owner Mel Galeon interviews singer Josie de Leon of JDL Performing Arts. RIGHT, Josie de Leon performs at the FV Foods 20th anniversary celebration. LEFT, Josie de Leon and her students take a bow after their performances.



JDL students Antoinette Targa, Marco Landicho, Mika Sy, Mark Rivera



FV Foods 20th Anniversary (1) FV Foods owner Mel Galeon and his employees (2) FV Foods Mel Galeon joined by Mayor John Tory at his fundraising drive-in movie. (3) Miss Canada Globe beauties poses with Mayor John Tory as they show support for FV Foods drive-in charity drive.



Aiko Melendez at Wendell Ramos masuwerte sa isa't isa

MAITUTURING daw na 'lucky charm' nina Prima Donnas stars Aiko Melendez at Wendell Ramos ang isa't isa.

Bata pa lang daw ay magkaibigan na ang dalawa dahil sa kanilang manager noon,

ang namayapang si Douglas Quijano. Tanong tuloy ng netizens, sa tagal na nilang magkakilala ay bakit nga ba hindi na-link sina Aiko at Wendell sa isa't isa?

Paliwanag ni Aiko, "Kasi matagal na kaming magkaibigan ni Wendell, mga bata pa lang tayo, 'di ba?"

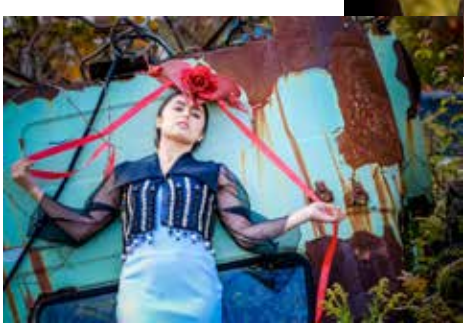
Sey pa ni Wendell, "Yes, tsaka nung una ko pa lang pagpasok sa industriya natin, sa showbiz, ang una ko pong kaibigan na artistang babae talaga, at kumausap sa akin kahit pagkatapos noon kumuha niya ng



award, naalala mo 'yun? Aiko Melendez ka na nun, e."

"Grabe naman 'to, magkasing-edad lang tayo halos," natatawang sagot naman ng aktres.

Samantala, nitong Oktubre 18 ay natapos na ang 21-day lock-in taping ng cast and crew ng Prima Donnas. Kaya naman inaabangan na ng fans ang nalalapit na pagpapalabas ng fresh episodes ng serye.



Photographer Phoebe Yap Chan gets a 20-page spread at Paris-based Moevir magazine with model Shanaia wearing Fashion Designer John Ablaza's creations.



Photographer Bing Mariano takes a pre-debut photoshoot of Katharine Reyes.

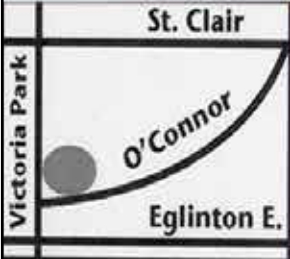


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Julia Barretto Says She'd Like To Play The Role Of The Mistress In "The World Of The Married"

The actress says she'd like to take on the challenge of bringing this character to life

The words came from Julia Barretto herself. As a fan of K-Drama The World of the Married, she looked up to one of the series' most dramatic roles—that of Yeo Da-kyung (portrayed by



Han hee), the So-side lover turned wife, a.k.a. the mistress who eventually gets her way.

In an interview with MJ Felipe and Bianca Gonzalez-Intal on Cinema One's "PopCinema," the actress said that

should her home network ever decide to do a remake of the massively popular drama, she'd be glad to take on the character of Yeo Da-kyung and become the show's Filipina version of its starring illicit lover.

"A World of the Married Couple, if you guys have seen that, it's one of the best in the world. I want to do something like that. But I want to be Yeo Da-kyung, the young girl. If you've seen it, you would know," Julia said.

The World of the Married first aired on VIU last March and concluded in mid-May. Recently, it has found a second wave of popularity as it was aired on the Kapamilya Channel last June 15, allowing a wider audience to view the

series. And last August 28, this current highest-rated drama in Korean cable TV history premiered on Netflix.

For Julia's biggest fans, her appreciation of the show and all things Korean pop-culture related doesn't come as a surprise. South Korea is a place close to her heart, and she's also an equally big fan of K-Pop girl group BLACKPINK. She and her mom Marjorie Barretto, in fact, also did a TV special for Metro Channel's The Crawl in South Korea.

The 23-year-old last made headlines in August when Bea Alonzo and Gerald Anderson publicly talked about their issues from last year that involved Julia. Julia was thought to be a third party in Bea and Gerald's long-term relationship and rumored to be the ultimate cause of their messy split.



MH Talents Arielle Perez and Ryza Quijano poses with Mel Galeon at the 20th anniversary of FV Foods. They performed at the anniversary. Ron Culianista and Philip Beloso pose with Mayor John Tory.



Christelle Abello dazzles as Ginebra's new calendar girl

US-based model Christelle Abello has been launched virtually by Ginebra San Miguel as its newest Calendar Girl for 2021. The 26-year-old newcomer is following in the footsteps of Kapuso actress Sanya Lopez and Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach, the brand's calendar girls in 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Abello, a Communication Arts graduate from California State University San Marcos, was born to Filipino parents.

Her father is a native of Kalibo, Aklan while her mother hails from Silang, Cavite. Raised in the US, Abello grew up in touch with her Filipino roots.

"My mom heavily enforced Filipino culture and values at home and taught me and my sister to speak Tagalog. We grew up watching local telenovelas and movies," said Christelle, who aspires to become a beauty queen and actress.

Ginebra San Miguel introduces fresh face Christelle Abello as its Calendar Girl for 2021.

"I'm fascinated with the world of pageantry and I was inspired by phenomenal and confident women like Pia Wurtzbach who made a mark in this world. And they impelled me to say that I can do this too," added Christelle landed in the Top 16 of the recently concluded Miss Universe Philippines 2020 and was a Top 13 finalist in Miss World Philippines 2015.

"More than just a pretty face, our Ginebra San Miguel Calendar Girl for 2021 definitely personifies our latest campaign 'One Ginebra Nation.' We were charmed not only by her intelligence, but especially, by her optimism and never-say-die spirit and her love for her kababayan. We feel that she best represents the brand," said Allan Mercado, manager of Ginebra San Miguel Inc. Sales and Marketing.



JDL students do their dance number for Antoinette Targa's (2ND FROM RIGHT) music video.



LEFT & BELOW, JDL student and Cupid Arch member Marco Landicho celebrates his birthday after their rehearsal.

RIGHT, JDL's Cupid Arch gets trained by Jamie Hodgins, trainer of Mini-Pop kids.



MP Salma Zahid of Scarborough Center thanks Mel Galeon and FV Foods Canada for the generous donation of 120 dozen "pandesal" – Filipino dinner rolls – to the Agincourt Community Services Association Food Bank. As the weather turns cooler and the pandemic continues, food banks will need our help even more to help food insecure members of our Scarborough community. MP Zahid asks everyone to please help if you can!

New project serves as healing for RK

RK Bagatsing feels flattered to be chosen as the leading man of Beauty Gonzales and Jane Oineza in TV5's new love triangle drama, "I Got You". In the story, he's a soldier being treated by Beauty Gonzales, a psychotherapist, for post traumatic stress disorder and they fall in love, but they had to break up when Beauty discovered he's lying about some things.

RK says he can relate very well with his character as he has also broken up with his longtime girlfriend in real life. "It's so sad kasi matagal na kami, since



high school pa," he says. "At my age, 32, it's my first breakup. Halos 15 years na rin kami. Maayos naman ang naging break-up namin. It's a mutual decision. We just both felt it's

time that we have to move on and start a new chapter in our lives. We wished naman each other all the best."

It's good the offer to star in a new show like "I Got You" came as it helps him take his mind off the breakup.

"So, sa ngayon, focus muna ako totally dito sa career ko. Kasi acting is a good outlet for your feelings when you're hurting, e. It helps you to move on," he shares.

He feels lucky to have Beauty Gonzales and Jane Oineza as his leading ladies. "Pareho silang very professional, pare-

hong napakagaling kaya they'll inspire you to also give your best. And it helps that our director is Dan Villegas, one of the best in the industry today. He really helps bring out the best in each of us."

"I Got You" is produced by Brightlight Productions for TV5. It started airing last Sunday at 2 PM and RK and co-stars are happy that the feedback about their show is very positive and encouraging so far.

Alex Gonzaga, family, boyfriend get COVID-19

Actress and YouTube content creator Alex Gonzaga revealed that she and her family as well as fiancé Mikee Morada were infected by the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

In her latest YouTube vlog entry, Alex said they all tested positive of the virus that's why she has not yet reported to her new TV5 noon-time show "Lunch Out Loud."

"Maraming nagtatanong sa akin kung bakit di pa ko lumalabas sa 'Lunch Out Loud.' Hindi po ako nagpapakita sa show kasi nagka-COVID po ako and thank God ako ay naka-survive. Actually the whole family," Alex said.

"I've been sharing all the highs of my life. I shared with you our Christmas together, our New Year, my engagement. But it is also nice if I could share with you the lows," she added.

The unfortunate incident, Alex said, delayed some of her plans, including her wedding with Mikee.

"Gusto ko ikasal ngayon kasama 'yung family, konting friends, pero dahil sa walang kakwenta-kwentang bagay, nakuha namin COVID," she said.

Fortunately, they all survived the virus as none of them needed hospitalization. Her parents Pinty and Bonoy Gonzaga were all asymptomatic while she, Morada, and her assistant Sofie experienced mild symptoms such as sore throat, loss of taste, feeling weak and clogged nose.



Kylie on live-in arrangement with Jake

Kylie Verzosa has no qualms about admitting that she and her boyfriend, Jake Cuenca, tried a live-in arrangement.

"For a few months, we lived together. We're no longer teenagers, so for us, it's no big deal," she reveals. "I know that not everyone will understand, but I don't care. Bakit ba sila makikialam sa happiness namin? They should work on their own happiness. Jake and I now live in separate condos, but we are neighbors."

Even in this time of social distancing, l'amour makes it impossible for Kylie and Jake to stay away from each other.





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BEA Alonzo

Heartbreaks made her stronger

Almost a year after her controversial break-up with Gerald Anderson, actress Bea Alonzo has revealed that she's back in the dating game again.

"Okay naman siya. Open siya maging masaya," said Bea when asked about her current state of heart in her vlog in which she answered questions from her fans.

Asked about her dream guy, Bea said: "A guy who's madly in love with me."

"Dati sinasabi ko lagi mahal ko kasi 'di ba siempre 'yun talaga magdadala ng totoong kaligayahan sayo kapag mahal mo. Ngayon, naniniwala na ako sa sinabi ng Nanay ko na mas magiging tunay na masaya ka pag pipili ka ng isang taong mas mahal ka kesa mas mahal mo. So nandu'n ako sa mas mahal ako," she said.

Bea said that she is stronger this time. "That I am resilient. That I can survive anything in life. That I am worthy."

Bea, 32, noted heartbreaks became the

most important "turning points" in her life.

"Right now, I'm fixing beginnings, and I'm actually very excited for what's in store for me and every day," she said.

"I guess the point of all the heartbreaks or the trials that you have is just to become a better person. And learn from the past heartbreaks of your life," Bea added.

The Kapamilya star also gave a piece of advice to her followers with heartbreak themselves.

"Just do. It won't come instantly. It won't be easy. But you just have to take it one day at a time. Just acknowledge your feelings," she declared. "If you're still not okay, if you've not yet forgiven the person who hurt you, it's okay because that day will come. Just trust the process. Kasi sometimes we get caught up in a situation where parang feeling mo it's so painful and parang hindi mo kaya so you go back to stage 1."



Being judge, hard for Christian

NAGING madamdamin ang Instagram post ng 'The Clash' panel na si Christian Bautista kamakailan. "It is not easy. A stranger telling me that someone else deserves the stage more than me. That the level I have to reach was not attained during my performance today... I can assume that some of the contestants may feel this way."

Saad niya, "I find it hard to bring upon a decision that will alter the course of

someone's life. It also is not easy. I have been there myself once, in their shoes."

Pagtatapos ni Christian, "It is okay to feel the loss...but hopefully only for a while. I hope that I may hear them say to themselves again, as I have said to myself, 'It does not feel good to lose, to be beaten, but I will learn from this. I will be better. I will try again. I will believe that the purpose of my life will prevail.' With faith, hope, passion, persistence and drive, you will find your way again."



Why Andi Eigenmann prefers island life to showbiz

Actress Andi Eigenmann has revealed the reason for choosing a simple life in Siargao over show business.

Andi said that she just wanted to free herself from the limelight for a while but then she found herself there.

But she maintained that her basis to stay away from the spotlight is not about showbiz itself but just the "timing."

"Parang I started at a time I was so young and I didn't really know who I was yet and I felt so lost. So, in turn, hindi na ako naging masaya. So putting myself away from it gave me the chance to find myself somehow, or my happiness," the daughter of seasoned

stars Mark Gil and Jaclyn Jose said. There, Andi was able to build her own family along with professional surfer Philmar Alipayo and one-year-old daughter Lilo. Andi is now pregnant with their second child.

Andi shared that the island life has been giving her a "sense of freedom and peace" that's why she wouldn't trade those things for anything.

"Parang I get to be who I want to be or who I really am without anybody judging me," her words were. "And being the public eye for so many years and everyone seeing me make every single mistake in my life as I was growing up, it's really refreshing what the island has given me."

"So parang that feeling of giving myself the dream life that I've always wanted allows me to be my best self, be happy."



Julie Anne, Rayver to showbiz wannabes:

Work hard

The entertainment industry is beginning to settle into a new normal. Game shows and talent searches, too, are making everyone excited, although not as many as compared to the days prior to the pandemic.

However, Julie Anne San Jose and Rayver Cruz said showbiz wannabes should not be discouraged in pursuing their goal of getting a fair share of the spotlight even if opportunities remain scarce these days.

"Do not stop but instead, be motivated to work hard for your dreams, especially at this time when the situation is not that normal yet," began Rayver, who shares Clash Master duties with Julie Anne in the new season of The Clash. "There's always a platform for arts, you know, we have projects when it comes to singing, acting and dancing. Continue to pursue it because when you put your heart into it, I'm sure it will yield positive results."

After all, life without art would be dull, as what also Julie Anne pointed out. "Like music, it gives color and life."

"Thousands of aspiring singers

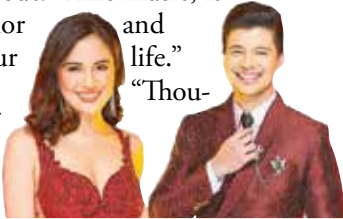
auditioned online. Makikita mo na marami pa rin talagang magagalang," Rayver declared.

Added Julie Anne, "That's why we had a hard time choosing who will be included in the Top 30."

Seeing contestants performing on stage brings back some memories of her kontesera days. "I've been there so I know the feeling na sa backstage pa lang may kaba na. Kami ni Rita (Daniela, one of The Clash hosts), we were together in Popstar Kids (as contestants) but no rivalry or whatsoever because we thought it was just a game."

Rayver, on the other hand, belongs to the prodigious showbiz clan of the Cruzes. He has become more popular for his acting and dancing and now, hosting skills. "We are thankful that we are back to work after the total lockdown."

Julia Anne added "In showbiz, I've learned to work hard and to be patient. Always keep your feet on the ground and be grateful sa lahat ng natatanggap mo. And it's true that whatever you have achieved is much sweeter when hard earned."



Albert Martinez to retire?

INAMIN ni Albert Martinez na kinunsider umano niyang mag-retire bilang actor dahil sa pandemya pero hindi rin niya magawa dahil patuloy pa rin ang dating sa kanya ng mga proyekto.

Although walang exclusive contract with ABS-CBN, he considers himself a true Kapamilya kung saan siya kabilang since 2004.

On April 19 sa susunod na taon ay isa nang ganap na senior citizen si Albert as he turns 60. In a couple of months ay magiging tatlo na ang apo ng Kapamilya actor. Mukhang wala nang balak na mag-asawa pang muli ang veteran actor na isa nang biyudo nang sumakabilang-buhay ang kanyang misis na si Liezl Sumilang-Martinez dahil sa breast cancer nung March 14, 2015.

During the lockdown ay nagkaroon siya ng pagkakataon to bond with his children at apo na si Adalynn, his father na si Bert Martinez maging sa kanyang siblings which include former matinee idol-actor William Martinez.

Nora Aunor still in the running as Nat'l Artist

Nick Lizaso, chairman of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), believes Nora Aunor should be among contenders for the National Artist plum.

Lizaso said "she already passed through two deliberations."

He added, "What is crucial is if she will still be included in the third and final deliberation of the board commissioners and trustees of the NCCA and the Cultural Center of the Philippines and living National Artists."

The deadline for filing of nominees is on Dec. 15.

Among names already mentioned as nominees this year include that of Cecille Guidote Alvarez, Ramon Revilla and Eddie Garcia.

The incumbent president will still approve the final list.







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New Beginnings



Spencer with his wife Shiela and their children Sasha (21), Sofia (17) and Macoo (9) during a family outing and at home.

Away from it all, away from the topsy-turvy showbiz life, away from the prying (sometimes unkind) eyes of the public.

Twelve years ago, Spencer Reyes and his wife Shiela Reyes migrated to Scotland, hanging up his dancing shoes and starting a new life as an ordinary citizen. Spencer was one of the members of the Streetboys, the dance group formed and managed by director Chito Roño who also groomed the boys as actors in such movies as Spirit Warriors and Computer Kombat.

“We moved to the United Kingdom (UK) in 2008 kasi pinili ko pong magkaroon ng tahimik at simpleng buhay kasama ang pamilya ko,” Spencer said. “Boss Chito knew about my plan and I’m really happy that he supported me in all my plans.”

The other Streetboys (according to Chito): Vhong Navarro and Jhong Hilario are hosts of It’s Showtime and active also in films, with Jhong venturing into politics as Makati City councilor; Michael Seseundo is also in Scotland; Sherwin Roux is on his way to a theme park in Dubai, UAE; Meynard Marcellano is a performer at the Universal Studios in Singapore; Danilo Barrios is a businessman living with his family in Tarlac; Joey Andres is back (from abroad) and is into cellphone and other electronics; Chris Cruz is in Cavite; and Nikko Manalo is in Manila managing his Streetwheels business.

Spencer’s wife Shiela studied Architecture at UST.

They have three children: Sasha, 21, a Pharmacy junior at the Strathclyde University in Glasgow; Sofia, 17, a Marine Biology freshman in Aberdeen; and Macoo, nine years old, who is in primary school.

“Mababait at magalang po silang

Simple Life in Scotland

tatlo. They can understand and speak Tagalog.”

The family has easily adjusted to the Scottish way of life. It helped that Spencer’s sister-in-law was there ahead of them.

“Maganda ang pamamalakad ng gobyerno dito, in terms of health and education. Life here is okay, mahirap na masarap, hard but satisfactory. We don’t have maids, so all of us have to do the household chores. We have experienced how to commute and how to walk sa malalim na snow. Every now and then, Spencer (42; last April 18) has to put

Maganda ang pamamalakad ng gobyerno dito. Life here is mahirap na masarap.

perform in barrio fiestas all over UK and sometimes even in other parts of Europe.

“I miss performing and acting,” admitted Spencer. “I miss Boss Chito, I miss my family and my friends back home.”

And, of course, his fellow Streetboys. “We have regular communication. We talk every day. We have a WhatsApp group chat at kasama din namin si Boss Chito.”

WTFu (What the FU): The tale of the third party by Mr. Fu

There was a season when most television series and films tackled mistresses. (meron parin naman hanggang ngayon, bilang ayaw nilang tumigil!). Many viewers are just so interested with how things will end up in a love triangle. (kahit paulit ulit naman din ang story line ha!). I also experience this on my radio show. In my 12 years as a radio jock, I have received countless love problems of people who chose to be third parties in their relationships. (ang titigas ng ulo!)

What I always say on-air about the issue: No to third parties. Don’t be a third party. (na may halong pang-o-okray na tagos hanggang buto!)

I would sometimes get messages from listeners who say that they are “entertained” by the way I give my love advice. My radio assistant Emily even thinks that

some listeners would invent love problems, just to get hilarious comments and straightforward advice from me for their own entertainment! (pero pinapatulan ko lahat yan ha!)

I also received a comment if I get affected by the love problems I read every night especially that they feel the intensity of my emotions. (yung nagpapatawa pero may halong galit!) Honestly, as soon as I finish one show and leave the radio booth, I totally forget what transpired in the episode. (shift agad ng acting!) I will just look forward for the next night, for another fun show because at the end of the day, it’s their life, it’s their choice. (di ko naman buhay, buhay nila!)



My usual stand on love, you and your partner may have exhausted all efforts to save the relationship but it turns out, one of you is no longer happy, end it, (lalo naman kung pareho na kayong di masaya!) then start the process of moving on. (na gasgas na gasgas nang linya) I always say what I have learned from Veteran Radio Personality and Love Guru, Joe D’Mango about the three steps in moving on: Accept. Let Go. Move On. (at lagi ko sinasabi, moving on is a choice ha!)

I just appreciate the support of the listeners all these years. (nakagawa pa nga tayo ng libro dahil dyan!) I remember my first few nights as a radio jock. Management was not sure what concept to give me for my show, until I accommodated one listener who was begging for my advice about his two girlfriends. I gave my take on his problem, the MR.FU the way. (habang play sa background ang My Way!) My “discoverer” and mentor Manny Luzon heard it and said: “Do that every night.” (akala ko papagalitan ako!) Since then, I always look forward to my listeners’ messages. (naging kabuhayan ko na!) Let’s continue to talk about love and spread the good vibes! (tuloy tuloy lang tayo mga ka-universe!)

(MR.FU hosts on 91.5 Win Radio, 8pm-12mn, Mondays to Fridays, 7pm-11pm, Saturdays. Twitter/IG: @mrfu_mayganon. FB: Mr. Fu the Star DJ. Youtube/Patreon: WTFu)



Jane Oineza and RK Bagatsing

Jane Oineza happy to work

JANE Oineza was very honest at the zoom presscon for her TV5 romantic drama, “I Got You”. She’s her family’s breadwinner and she said she was jobless since the lockdown, so it was really a hard time for her and her whole family.

“Work, work, work muna po tayo kaya walang time magbakasyon, lalo sa abroad,” she said when asked if she intends to go out of town during the All Saints Day weekend. “Nakaka-miss din pong mag-travel but marami pong nawalang pera dahil sa pandemic. And right now, ang dalangin ko po, sana, madagdagan ng second season ang ‘I Got You’ para humaba pa po ang telecast namin at may regular income.”

She’s thankful that ABS-CBN allowed her to do a show with TV5. “Kasi kahit nasa TV5 po ako ngayon, I remain to be a Star Magic Talent,” she clarifies. “I’m just thankful na may blessing nila ang pagtatrabaho ko sa Brightlight Productions na producer ng ‘I Got You’ sa TV5.”

She’s also grateful that feedback to “I Got You” is very positive from satisfied viewers.

KC Concepcion opens up about relationship with apl.de.ap

KC Concepcion has addressed the dating rumours surrounding her and Black Eyed Peas singer apl.de.ap after months of

speculation about their relationship.



On the latest episode of KC’s online kitchen show “Kitchen Collabs,” the rapper/songwriter was the featured guest.

“He’s a great, great friend of mine, very sweet, and very, very thoughtful. He has supported a lot of artists from the Philippines and really introduced them outside. And I’m so, so grateful to know him and then all the boys from the group [Black Eyed Peas],” she added.

The hour-long episode showed KC and apl talking about several topics such as the dessert, the latest album of The Black Eyed Peas, apl’s upcoming projects and his life in Pampanga.

Aicelle malapit nang manganak

KAPUSO singer-actress Aicelle Santos-Zambrano (35) is due to give birth to her and husband Mark Zambrano’s first baby next month. The couple is expecting a baby girl na itinuturing nilang best Christmas gift ever.

Aicelle is the first undefeated “Pinoy Pop Superstar” in 2006. GMA news reporter Mark

Zambrano proposed to her in March 2018 before she left for London for her year-long participation in the UK/Ireland tour of “Miss Saigon” where she played the role of Gigi van Tranh, the same role portrayed in the West End and



Broadway by singer-actress Rachel Anne Go now based in London with her American husband, Martin Spies.

On November 16, 2019, Aicelle and Mark had a garden wedding in El Jardin de Zaida in Batangas.



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Why Maja can't say no

MAJA Salvador is aware that some folks are bashing her for moving to TV5 to host "Sunday Noontime Live" or SNL and leaving ABS-CBN which built her up.

"I will always be grateful naman to ABS-CBN, lalo na sa ASAP kunsan nakilala ako sa pagsasayaw," she says. "Hindi ako magiging si Maja kundi dahil sa ASAP, where I've been dancing for 17 years, at forever kong babaunin ang stay ko roon at ang lahat ng shows na ginawa sa ABS-CBN."

She said it was her discoverer, Johnny Manahan, who called her up to join him in TV5. "Sabi niya, 'Maja, kailangan kita.' Tatay po talaga ang turing ko kay kay Mr. M at nang maglambing siyang kailangan ko siyang samahan, hindi ko kayang tumanggi. I owe him a lot and I cannot say no to him. Nagpaalam naman kami sa bosses namin sa ABS-CBN at naiintindihan naman nila ang naging decision ko kaya naging maayos naman ang paglipat ko."

She is also grateful to TV5 and

Brightlight Productions that produces SNL for giving not only her a job but also to other Kapamilyas who lost their livelihood when the ABS-CBN franchise was not renewed. "I'm thankful to them and Mr. M for trusting me. Isang malaking bagay po na nagpa-oo sa akin is 'yung makakatulong po ako sa aking mga Kapamilyang nawalan ng trabaho. About 80 percent ng mga kasama namin dito sa production, nakatrabaho ko na sa ABS kaya gamay ko na sila. At the end of the day, nandu'n 'yung katotohanang iisa lang ang goal namin, ang mag-entertain at ang magpasaya ng mg tao. Dahil sa panahon po ng pandemya, 'yun ang kailangan natin, ang magkaisa. At 'di ba, mas maganda po kung maraming choices ang mga tao sa panoorin nilang shows para ma-entertain sila at 'yun po yung pinaka-goal naming lahat, ang magbigay ng happiness at ma-entertain sila."

She's looking forward to working with her co-hosts: Piolo Pascual, Catriona Gray, Jake Ejercito and Donny Pan-

gilinan. Does she feel any pressure working with them?

"Sa hosting or dancing po, wala. Ang pressure sa'kin dito, yung papakantahin nila ako. Kumakanta naman ako, I do concerts, pero siempre, iba 'yung singers talaga ang kasama mo. But then, I consider it a challenge. I accept na, this time, I need to show something new para mas panoorin kami ng tao at abangan nila kami."

She's thankful to all her co-hosts for adjusting to her. "Kasi lahat sila, Inglisero and Inglisera. E, alam nyo naman, hindi Inglisera ang lola nyo, di ba? So nag-adjust sila sa akin. Everytime magkakasama kami, Tagalog ang salita ko so, nagtatagalog din sila sa akin. Ang boyfriend ko nga (Rambo Nunez), pag sumusulat sa'kin in English, sabi ko, Tagalugin mo para basahin ko," Maja laughs.



Missing former Kapamilya stars

MILES Ocampo says she's happy to be back with Directors Bobot and Frasco Mortiz in TV5's gag show, "Sunday Kada Kada Sunday."

"Sa kanila ako lumaki from 'Goin Buhay' days pa, then sa 'Banana Sundae'," she says. "So its really nice to work with them again although sa bagong network na."

Did she have to make any adjustments since she's a homegrown Kapamilya talent? "No big adjustment naman. We're just all happy na we are working with the same staff and same crew. Ang sarap ng feeling na balik trabaho rin ang mga dati naming kasama sa dating network dito sa bagong network. Nag-shoot pa kami on location sa Boracay, but we

have to practice all the safety protocols to make sure walang sinumang makakuha ng virus sa amin."

How does it feel that almost all their co-stars in the former "Banana Sundae" are also in "Sunday Kada"? It's Jayson Gainza who replies to this and he becomes teary-eyed, obviously missing their former co-stars.

"Naiyak ako," he says. "Siempre, gusto sana naming buo ang barkada namin from 'Banana Sundae', but we understand them. Pero masaya naman sila na meron kaming bagong trabaho, after ilang buwan ding nakatambay kami. Buo naman ang suporta nila sa amin. Ang importante, 'yung nabuo uli ang gag show na makapag-

papasaya sa mga tao lalo sa panahon ngayong may pandemya. It's nice to be reunited after ilang buwan din kaming walang work. Nandun pa rin ang excitement and energy para matiyak na matatatawa ang mga tao sa bawat show."

Other stars who were at the zoom presscon of "Sunday Kada" are Ritz Azul, Jerome Ponce, Daniel Matsunaga, Sunshine Garcia, Badji Mortiz, Jhen Maloles, Wacky Kiray, Josh Colet and more.



Dimples realizes what is most important now

DIMPLES Romana is thankful that ABS-CBN gave her the go signal to do "Oh My Dad" with TV5 while she still has no assignment with them.

"Ang tagal ko na ring bakante since the lockdown so dapat na talagang mag-back to work," she says at the "Oh My Dad" zoom presscon. "Nanibago lang ako siempre, kasi lock in taping kami kaya matagal din akong nalayo sa family ko. Na-miss ko talaga ang husband ko't mga anak ko and the more I realized that family is everything."

"Wala nang magiging mas importante para sa isang tao kundi ang pamilya niya. Habang nasa location, lagi ko silang naiisip kasi alam nyo naman ang sitwasyon ngayon, nakakapraning dahil sa corona virus na 'yan na sana naman, matapos na."

She's thankful that Brightlight Productions got her to play the role of Ian Veneracion's love interest in "Oh My Dad". "Wala akong masasabi, pati

kay Atty. Joji Alonso ng Quantum Films na supervising producer namin, alagang-alaga nila kami sa set. Actually, very comfortable kami kasi we're all in one location. Hindi kami sa tent lang nagpapahinga kundi may aircon rooms talaga kaming lahat. Kapag magte-take ka na, doon ka na lang tatawagin, so focused kami lahat sa trabaho kasi walang uwian. At sagana kami sa pagkain, pati sa fruits."

"Our director is Jeffrey Jeturian at ang galing-galing niya," adds Dimples. We hope the show will click with the viewers. But how true is it that Dimples was allowed by ABS-CBN to do "Oh My Dad" for only one season? What if it's a hit and it's extended? Does that mean Dimples has to exit from the show?

Gloria defends Rabiya: 'Kamukha siya ng anak ko'

GLORIA Diaz is the country's first Miss Universe winner and at the zoom presscon of "Oh My Dad", she is asked what can she say about the current controversial



win of Rabiya Mateo as Miss Universe Philippines in which she was one of the judges.

"Actually, I love the winner," she quickly answers. "She is so beautiful."

Was she surprised when Rabiya's winning became controversial? "Not really. Kasi every year naman, laging ganun, e. Not everyone is satisfied, so hindi nawawala iyung ganung controversy sa beauty competitions. Lagi na lang may natalo na ang sasabihin, dinaya sila. That's the usual thing."

She herself predicted that Rabiya would win that night. "Super ganda niya, kasi kamukha niya si Belle (her daughter, Isabelle Daza). She's very natural. Even her answer, I like it. But the truth is, there were so many pretty ones that night. People should not forget na pag may nanalo, ibig sabihin, siya na ang pinakamaganda. Siya ang pinakamasuwerte. Pag hindi ka ngayon nanalo, just try again. Pag hindi pa rin, then try again."

Di ba ganyan ang mga ginagawa sa ngayon? 'Yan na kasi ang uso ngayon. Basta maganda just like my daughter, okay. Pag hindi sila kamukha, hindi maganda. Haha-ha!"

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attempts to secure the statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN) of Leonen "for purposes of preparing a quo warranto petition" were obviously aimed at doing a repeat of the legal maneuver he did in 2018 when a similar petition led to the ouster of then Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno.

"The SC justices should now realize that they are now in a slippery slope by allowing the removal of CJ Sereno through a quo warranto," the senator said in a text message to the Inquirer.

"This is an opportunity for the SC to correct that mistake," Drilon said.

On May 11, 2018, the high tribunal removed Sereno as chief justice by an 8-6 vote on the strength of Calida's petition in a decision many legal luminaries found to be bizarre and questionable.

Sereno became the first impeachable official to be removed from office without an impeachment trial. "It is clear that the purpose

of OSG (Office of the Solicitor General)'s attempt to secure Justice Leonen's SALN is for the same to form a basis for a petition for a quo warranto to remove a sitting justice from the Supreme Court," Drilon said.

"It is my view that the remedy, the Sereno decision to the contrary notwithstanding, is totally repugnant to the Constitution, impeachment being the only remedy allowed to remove impeachable officials," he said.

Drilon expressed confidence that should it come to it, Leonen would be able to defend himself.

"Knowing Justice Leonen, I am certain that he will not be intimidated by OSG's baseless attempt," he said. On Sept. 15, the Supreme Court rejected the OSG's request, along with a separate filing from lawyer Lorenzo Gadon, for copies of Leonen's SALNs.

Calida filed a motion for reconsideration last week, according to a newspaper report.

Gadon had sought copies of Leonen's SALN from 1990 to 2011, spanning his years as a law professor at the University of the Philippines. He was named to the Supreme Court in November 2012 by then President Benigno Aquino III.

Among the magistrates, Leonen is known to be a dissenter in major cases reaching the court.



How Martin remains relevant

CONCERT king Martin Nievera returns to his roots as he joins Viva Group Of Companies in celebrating Vicor 50th year. As he puts it, “I started with Vicor where recording on vinyl was the norm. I’m lucky to have lived long enough to experience analog and My joining Group Of Companies was more for the history of it all and less a career move.



Be-sides,,how can i refuse Boss Vic? Many big names were products of Vicor and sister label Blackgold. It was on August 18. 1982 when Martin signed up with Vicor and immediately released his debut album Take 1 that included his signature song Be My Lady. More albums followed- The Best Gift (1984). Martin (1985) that included Ikaw Ang Lahat Sa Akin. Miracle (1987) A Martin Nievera Christmas (1989) and Dream. It was during his Vicor days that he would establish the beginnings of a solid gold career with hits Each Day with You, Ikaw Ang Lahat Sa Akin as the strong foundation in which he will build a showbiz career that remains relevant until today. By the way, Martin could easily come up with a songbook since he has a retentive memory remembering songs that are close to his heart. He cites some songs he considers remarkable and why. One song that got him interested to sing is One Day in Your Life. In 1981 he joined a singing contest in California USA and sung The Greatest Love of All where he was declared Champion of Champions. He felt honored being chosen to sing Buhay Mo, Buhay Ko, a tribute to the frontliners. When his parents divorced, Never Say Goodbye was born. And for all those who stayed with him throughout his

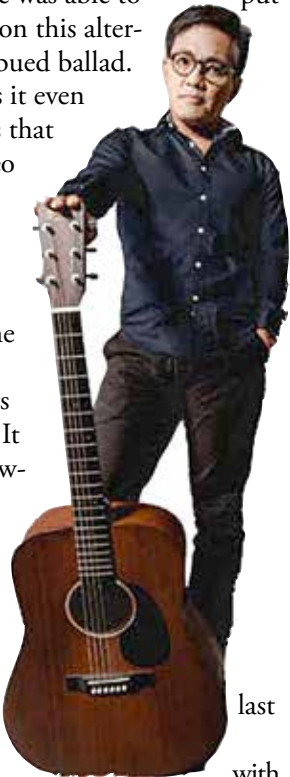
38-year journey, he chose You Are My Song. By joining Viva, expect Martin to weave more memories through songs made unforgettable by the one and only concert king.

Ebe performs Rico Blanco song

THE second single of the Rico Blanco Songbook.,Wag Mo Aminin’ is performed by former Sugarfree, frontman Ebe Dancel. He knows that Wag Mo Aminin stylistically suits his singing style. Hence he was able to put his own mark on this alternative pop imbued ballad.

What makes it even more special is that the music video was filmed in Route 196. The music bar which played a big role in the local gig scene closed its doors after 15 years. It features a throw-back of some of the biggest OPM bands in the place and will also serve as the glimpse of Route 196 ..Ebe Dancel as its last performer.

Rico Blanco Songbook is one of the exciting releases of the year and a salute to the iconic writing style of former Rivermaya frontman Rico Blanco.



Kathryn Bernardo reveals marriage deal with Daniel Padilla

Kapamilya actress Kathryn Bernardo echoed her boyfriend Daniel Padilla’s sentiment to marry before turning 30. During the recent virtual press conference of their digital series “The House Arrest of Us,” Kathryn said she and Daniel both agreed to tie the knot before turning 30 years old. “Before 30, ayon talaga ang deal

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namin. Pero may ilang panahon pa kami before 30,” Kathryn said. The blockbuster queen also said that they are already discussing their marriage that’s why they are working hard now for their future. “Of course, agree. Napagusapan naman na talaga namin ‘yon. I think nasa tamang age na kami para i-ready ang mga sarili namin sa puntong ‘yon,” she said “And now, ‘yon ang dahilan kung bakit kami nagtatrabaho ngayon, i-ready ‘yong mga kailangang i-ready kasi malaking step ‘yon,” she added.

Daniel Padilla and girlfriend Kathryn Bernardo make a beautiful couple in this publicity photo for their new Star Cinema digital movie-series The House Arrest of Us

When asked if she also agrees with Daniel to have a child immediately after marriage, Kathryn laughingly said: “Siya magbuntis!”

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to FV Foods. The journey is not over yet. Godspeed. Good luck. Take care. MP Salma Zahid Scarborough Center and Deputy Mayor Michael Thompson alongside with other dignitaries took their time to give love and affection on their inspirational talk and thanking FV CARES as being essential in order to be able to be

in the service of the country in recognition for helping our front liners and other charity projects that’s certainly something to continue. The program was accompanied by our great dj’s Jeff Tan /Arnold and hosted by our P.E.S.O President Philip Beloso. Event decoration was done by Honeylen’s Events Management. Congratulations FV FOOD!! Mel Galeon

FvCares presents the first multicultural drive in movie Festivals in Canada with our Guest Mayor John Tory of Toronto. FV Cares is a registered Ontario not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the late Flor Vendiola, my partner and co-founder of FV Foods. Our goal is to develop a fun and exciting annual fund-

raising events and programs that can raise awareness and to support the projects and causes that FV Foods endorses and to continue the legacy and memory of Flor Vendiola. FV Cares aims to establish an emergency fund, grants & support program to assist new immigrants, caregivers, health care workers, youth, food-banks, out of the cold programs, our employees and our local diverse community

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Phoebe Walker, turns down international film because of nudity

Nakatanggap ng international movie offer noong lockdown ang sexy actress na si Phoebe Walker.

Pero tumanggi ito dahil hindi siya kumportable sa isang eksenang ipinagagawa sa kanya—ang paghuhubad sa harap ng kamera.

“During the lockdown, I had an offer to shoot in France for an international movie with an American director, and I was one of the lead women.

“However, I had to decline the offer because it required nudity and I didn’t feel like this was the right project to do that.

“Although my heart remains open to working on international projects, I’m afraid that particular requirement is off the table for me,” katwiran ni Phoebe.

Naranasan na ni Phoebe na magkaroon ng frontal nudity scene sa director’s cut ng Seklusyon.

Memorable ang supernatural horror movie sa kanya dahil nanalo siyang best supporting actress sa 42nd edition ng Metro Manila Film Festival

noong December 2016.

Hindi naman nawalan ng ginagawa si Phoebe nang ipatupad ang enforced quarantine sa Luzon noong March 15, 2020 dahil nagbukas siya ng negosyo.

Aniya, “I started my own chili business, I make chili garlic sauce in three varieties.

“It motivated me to push beyond my comfort zone and and I’m happy with its turnout. I’m currently looking for distribution channels, apart from my two current locations in Pasig and Marikina.”

PHOEBE’S PROJECTS

Nang matapos ang ECQ sa Metro Manila, nabigyan agad si Phoebe ng movie project, ang Parang Kayo Pero Hindi, na nagkaroon ng lock-in shoot sa Alaminos, Pangasinan.

May gagawin din siyang pelikula na isasali sa isang film festival at kukunan ang mga eksena sa Baguio City at,



hopefully, sa South Korea.

“Ganda ng mga linyahan dito and ang ganda ng pagkasulat. Hoping I can play more relatable characters like this.”

Patuloy niya, “This

has been my first acting job of the year.

“Before the lockdown, I was en route to shoot two projects but that got delayed.

“So, shooting again was such a release for me, literally and emotionally.

“The fact that Alaminos has zero COVID-19 cases, this added to my extra relief of being out and working again.

“But of course, we had to be wary of people not in the bubble, say the locals there who wanted to get close for photos was not allowed.

“We had to have extra security especially for our main stars, bawal ang photo and need to observe social distancing.”

Top Kapamilya stars allowed to headline TV5 shows to address oversupply of talents after ABS-CBN closure

Starting this October, we will get to see top Kapamilya stars like Piolo Pascual, Aga Muhlach, Ian Veneracion, Maja Salvador, Dimples Romana and Catriona Gray in different shows in the Kapatid network.

This is because Brightlight Productions, one of TV5’s most recent blocktimers, has sought the help of ABS-CBN Star Magic cofounder Johnny Manahan “to be able to give appropriate content for its time slots. Also, it was a very friendly arrangement with the former network,” said former Rep. Albee Benitez, who is also president and CEO of Brightlight.

Brightlight is launched six new programs on TV5 this October including Korina Sanchez’s long-running news magazine and lifestyle show “Rated Korina.”

During the recent media launch, Benitez pointed out that even though

he has been producing films for a couple of years now, “we’re not really looking into entering television.

When the opportunity came and the situation was that there’s a surplus of talents, stars and directors, one of the discussions with TV5 was, ‘maybe we can offer them work and provide some sort of livelihood for them.’ That’s how it all started: to answer the call of the sudden surge of supply of all these talents.”

Benitez added: “This opportunity just fell on our lap. I have a very good relationship with the executives



of TV5 and Signal; and so it was a perfect fit.” President and CEO Robert Galang said discussions with Brightlight started ‘many months ago’. We’ve agreed on block-time arrangements for now. We are seeing more areas where we can partner with Cong. Albee. We want a collaborative and win-win partnership for the long term.”

Galang then pointed out that building a network does not just happen overnight.

“We’re thankful that we will be able to share a lot of high-quality content that will feature the best and brightest stars through Brightlight. On our part, we have a nationwide network. We are very happy to announce that we got the entire Mega Manila covered as of today and in the next few months we will be nationwide, covering the key cities in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.”

Why Danica Sotto is not into buying branded shoes and bags

Comfort and cost, not the brand, are Danica Sotto’s major considerations before buying a bag or a pair of shoes.

Sometimes, Danica Sotto-Pingris likes to dress up, but comfort is a major consideration to this mom of two.

“Very ano, e. Gusto ko yung simple lang saka nakakagalaw,” she said in an interview at the opening of District 8 restaurant-bar, where her husband Marc Pingris is a co-owner.

She resumed, “Since ako naghatid-sundo sa mga bata, hindi ako makaporma na talagang dapat comfy lagi yung suot ko.

“Kasama ako sa pagsusundo even when there’s a driver.”

When asked if she has a collection of bags and shoes, she shook her head. Since she got married, the lady has not bought a bag for herself.

“Hindi. Puro regalo. Regalo ni Marc, regalo ni daddy, yung ganyan.”

The most expensive bag in her closet was given by her dad.

“Pinakamahal kong bag? Siguro yung Celine na regalo ni daddy.”

Not that she’s kuripot, Danica just feels she can spend the money on something more important.

“Praktikal lang ako kasi parang



iniisip ko kasi minsan, yung ipambibibili ko, parang ang dami ko nang mabibiling ibang gamit.

“Siguro nung nagkaanak din ako, di ba.

But she does not really look at the brand, and is not the type who buys right away.

“I mean pag feeling ko naman may magandang sapatos pag alam ko o medyo mahal ‘to pero kumportable siya saka tatagal, binibili ko naman.

“Pero matagal ako magdesisyon.

“Hindi ako yung tipong, ‘Omigosh, gusto ko yung bag na ‘yan, akin na ‘yan.’”

Ritz back where she started from

RITZ Azul is back to TV5 where she started her showbiz career in “Star Factor”. “Noong umalis ako, I didn’t burn my bridges naman with TV5 at naging masaya naman sila sa paglipat ko kasi nawala ang entertainment nila that time,” she says at the zoom mediacon of her new show, “Sunday Kada, Kada day”.

She was jobless after the lockdown and ABS-CBN lost its franchise. “It’s nice na ngayon, nagkaroon uli kami ng oportunidad na makapagbigay ng saya sa viewers sa kabila ng pandemic.

Masayang-masaya ako sa nangyayaring ito na walang network wars.”

She’s happy to be reunited with her former directors, Direk Edgar and Frasco Mortiz, and with her co-stars.

“Sa ABS-CBN, I learned so much mula sa lahat ng mga nakasama ko sa ‘Banana Sundae’ and I’m so happy to be reunited with them dito sa bago naming tahanan, lalo na sa senior comedy stars dahil they helped in training me. I value all their helped kasi dati, tatahi-tahimik lang ako, e. Ang feeling ko, dito ako naging buo. Dahil sa kanila, nag-open up ako sa pagko-comedy. Now, may kanya-kanya kaming segment at happy ako sa tiwalang ibinigay nila sa akin. ‘Sunday Kada’ is guaranteed to make your Sunday afternoons full of laughs with my co-stars Jayson Gainza, Miles Ocampo, Jerome Ponce, Daniel Matsunaga, Sunshine Garcia, Badji Mortiz, Jhen Maloles, Wacky Kiray and Josh Colet.”

On the big screen, Ritz has finished a horror movie for Regal Entertainment with Joseph Marco, “The Missing”, filmed on location in Japan. They don’t know yet as to when it will be released due to the pandemic lockdown.

Adrian from being star’s stylist to being a star

Adrian Lindayag gets his biggest acting break as the gay son of Ian Veneracion in TV5’s endearing sitcom, “Oh My Dad”. He is the eldest son of Director Rodrick Lindayag and started out with Kuya Germs’ “Walang Tulugan” in 2013 when his dad was doing a teleserye with GMA.

“I visited my dad sa set and Kuya Germs saw me and pinakanta ako sa show niya,” he says. “When the show ended with his passing, I started to work as a stylist at 19 years old. I eventually left my Philippine mass media course, kasi I was earning na, much to my dad’s disappointment who wants me to finish college sana.

“I worked with a lot of stars as stylist, mostly with Kuya Luis Manzano and Kuya Alden Richards.”

“I then joined a PETA contest called ‘HuGot Talent: The Search For The Next Rakstar’. I won and became part of ‘Rak Of Aegis’. ABS-CBN bosses got to watch me and cast me in the hit afternoon series, ‘Kadenang Ginto’.

“Nag-click kami agad ng buong cast, led by Ian Veneracion as my dad, and Sue Ramirez and Louise Abuel as my half siblings. The chemistry is there and everyone is so giving.

“Nakakatuwa kasi our team used to style Sue Ramirez then so we’ve known each other since 2015 pa. Ngayon, sister ko na siya and it’s really cool to work with her. At si Ate Dimples Romana naman, nakasama ko sa ‘Kadenang Ginto’ at kasama ko rin ngayon dito and I’m so thankful as she’s one of my mentors.”



“It’s nice to get to work with Dennis and each other again,” says Jen. “Antagal na nung soap naming ‘The Faithful Husband’, e. Five years ago pa. That was heavy drama, so kakaiba naman itong ginawa namin ngayong ‘Truly, Madly, Deadly’ dahil it has a touch of mystery. Ibang DenJen ang mapapanood nyo rito kasi hindi ito basta pa-tweetums lang. Ibang-iba ‘yung kuwento.”

They taped the movie on a lock in location. “Nanibago si Dennis kasi ngayon lang niya na-experience ang lock in setup. E, ako, galing sa lock in taping ng ‘Descendants of the Sun’ kaya mas sanay na ako. Buti na nga lang daw, ako ang kasama niya rito. Kapag kami ang magkasama, wala na kaming social distancing. Dennis is so generous kasi part ng talent fee niya, sine-share niya sa staff and crew na kasama sa taping dahil mas babad ang mga ito sa trabaho. Tulong na niya sa kanila and sign of appreciation kasi sila ang pinakamaagang nagigising at pinaka-late natutulog sa taping.”

Andi Eigenmann on the importance of living simply

“Find happiness in experiences, in other people, and in themselves and not have to rely on materials things to, you know, get motivation or to be happy,” she



“He was the person that made me realize how much more important it was to live in the

moment and build more meaningful relationships and spend your money cre-



Mateo said that she's in a relationship with Neil Salvacion, a nurse,

“We’ve been dating for six years. He’s my first boyfriend. We’ve been together since college. I can make a man stay!” the beauty queen from Iloilo said.



“He made me promise not to leave him even if I win the Miss Universe Philippines crown. I have a video stating that! He made me do that,” she added.

There's no offer yet for Kapuso actor David Licaucro to appear in a Boys Love (BL) series but if there's any, he will ponder upon this.

David said he just laughed when Derrick's name was suggested.

David admitted that he has read about the locally-produced BL series but hasn't seen any of it.

Is he ready for intimate scenes of a BL project? “I still don’t know. I will discuss it with my manager.”

David also revealed that his contract with ALV is set to expire in 2021. “Okay naman ako sa ALV. But for now, hindi ko pa alam ang showbiz plan ko for next year.” These days, David is busy with his businesses.



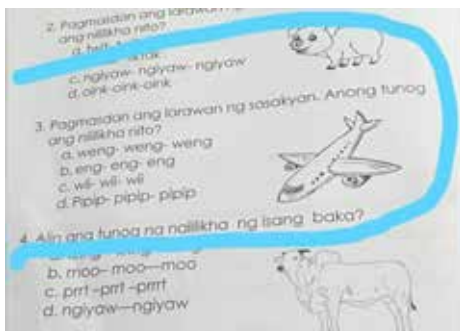
“Retail therapy all the time to make myself feel better or as a way to reward myself when I’ve had a busy work week,” she remembered.

Two months ago, Andi showed fans how to use recyclable materials to create DIY toys for kids.

Miss Universe Philippines 2020 Rabiya Mateo has confessed faithful love as

gave students four options to choose from: “weng-weng-weng,” “eng-eng-eng,” “wii-wii-wii,” and “pipip-pipip-pipip.” Rivera and the rest of her family couldn’t decide on the right answer, and until today, they have yet to choose the answer.

The 25-year-old Rivera said that the module is being used by her son, a Grade 1 student enrolled in the Rizal provincial government's special



education program.

“When I saw that, I really thought long and hard about what the answer should be. I asked my husband but he didn’t know either. I also asked my nephews and nieces and they

Despite the challenges posed by blended learning, a method that combines various forms of media, the stay-at-home mother said that her son is doing well.

"He's OK. He can still follow the lessons. We just choose the easy questions," she said.



Although they parted ways amicably last year, Joao Constancia wishes nothing but the best for his former girlfriend of two years Sue Ramirez, who is now currently dating fellow actor Javi Benitez.

"I hope you're doing fine and I hope you're happy. Yun lang. Stay safe also," Joao said when asked to give a message for her during the presscon for his BL film *My Lockdown Romance* last November 2. Joao also congratulated Sue during the opening of her film *Cuddle Weather* last year.

When asked what his lockdown experience was, being away from his family abroad, Joao said it was a period of reconnecting with people in his life.

"To be honest, during lockdown I reconnected with some friends. I guess I've talked to a certain girl and we became close but I guess it just stayed there lang talaga. Hanggang dun lang naman talaga I guess. We just became close friends lang talaga. -Ayos naman yung lockdown ko. I've been connecting with my family and friends recently because I live here by myself in the Philippines. So, I've been connecting with them and reconnecting with some old friends also, checking up on them and just been busy for quite some time with a couple of new projects. Maayos naman," he shared.

In *My Lockdown Romance*, Joao

BL film actor Joao Constancia's message for Sue Ramirez:

'I hope you're happy'

plays the role of a guy named Kendrick who reconnects with his old college friend (played by Jameson Blake) after returning to the country from Hawaii.

"I'm thankful that I got this role and I got to be part of this beautiful film, this coming-of-age film. and I'm thankful that it made me realize that love is love talaga and I can't wait for everyone to watch this and to relate and get kilig and everything. I was offered to do the auditions for this movie and when I was offered, I asked my management ko muna if it was okay kasi I wanted to do it and also I told my family about it back home. I guess they were excited for it talaga kasi this is a new film where I'm starring in it and they were super happy and excited talaga for me," he explained.

Joao also explained what makes his BL film different from other local Boys Love stories that have come out in the recent months. "It's light, fun, and filled with feelings talaga. And at the same time, it's super relatable to all of us because the movie's story setting is within what's happening with all of us right now. I have read some tweets and comments about our fans reacting to our movie and I'm really happy dahil excited sila para sa akin and para sa amin because this is a new coming of age movie and I can't wait for them to see the story that we can share to them," he added.

Julia Barretto is 'in love'

MANILA, Philippines – It appears that Julia Barretto is happily in love.

The 23-year-old actress made the admission in an interview.

Barretto said "Yeah, for sure" when asked if love was the reason why she's happy these days.

"Would you say you're in love?" San Diego then asked Barretto for clarity.

With certainty, Barretto told the writer, "Yeah."

Barretto, however, did not disclose who was the person she was in love with.

It was in March when Barretto said that she celebrated her birthday with her family and a "loved one." Fans were later intrigued who the "loved one" the actress was referring to.

The last time Barretto was in a publicized relationship was with her former love team partner Joshua Garcia. The two went back to being "the best of friends" in June 2019.

She was also romantically linked to her "Between Maybes" co-star Gerald Anderson, though she denied the actor was ever her boyfriend.



Gabby's leading ladies get younger and younger

GABBY Concepcion has been staying a lot in his farm in Batangas during the lockdown but he returned to Manila last weekend to join the "Bawal Judgmental" segment of the longest running noontime show, "Eat Bulaga". And it's worth the trip as he won P50,000, making him the first showbiz personality to get a perfect score in that popular contest.

He was made to guess who among the singers in the line up of guests have won in an international television show and he guessed it correctly. Gabby is truly so lucky these days. After Marian

Rivera backed out from their long delayed project, "First Yaya", the heartwarming soap, which is about the romance of the president no less with his kids' yaya, is finally pushing through.

And his leading ladies are getting younger and younger since he joined the Kapuso Network. He's turning 56 on November 5, but he gets romantic partners who are even younger than his eldest daughter, KC or Kristina Cassandra, who turned 35 years old last April.

He was first paired with Carla Abellana in 2015 in "Because of You". Carla was then 28 years old. Then he was paired with Sunshine Dizon and Ryza Cenon in "Ika-6 na Utos" in 2016 and it was such a big hit it ran for almost



two years. Sunshine was then 33 and Ryza was 27.

He was last paired with Jennylyn Mercado in "Love You Two" last year when Jen was 32 years old. Now, instead of Marian Rivera, who's now 36, he

will be paired with Sanya Lopez, who is only 24 years old. Sanya then will be his youngest leading lady and his age now is more than twice than hers.

Gabby's edge is that he has managed to preserve his youthful good looks so well and we're sure he will similarly have a good on screen chemistry with Sanya, just like he did with his past leading ladies. The lock in taping of "First Yaya" is scheduled to start in mid-November in a yet undisclosed location.

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hindi raw ba nagugutom ang aktres.

ADDRESSING BODY-SHAMERS

Sa kanyang Instagram Stories nitong Lunes ng gabi, August 24, sinagot ni Kris ang kanyang body-shamers.

Nag-post siya ng serye ng kanyang pictures habang nakasuot ng workout clothes.

Ang ganda ng ngiti ni Kris sa mga litrato, habang ibinabandera ang muscles sa kanyang upper body, na resulta ng araw-araw niyang pagwo-workout.

Mensahe ng aktres sa body-shamers, tigilan na ang pagdidikta kung ano ang dapat niyang kainin

dahil "YOU'RE NOT MY MOTHER."
"MY METABOLISM IS INSANE!"

Muli ring nagpaliwanag ang aktres sa netizens na "CONCERNED" sa kanyang timbang.

Tiniyak ng aktres sa mga ito na mismong doktor na niya ang nagsabing "PERFECTLY HEALTHY" siya.

Sinabihan daw si Kris ng kanyang doktor na magdagdag ng maraming calories sa kanyang kinakain. Napakaakitibo kasi ng metabolism ni Kris, sabi raw ng doktor.

Dahil na rin ito sa regular niyang pag-eehersisyo.

Natural na hindi magdadagdag ng timbang ang isang tao kung mabilis niyang na-burn ang calories na kinokonsumo niya.
"I'M SKIN AND MUSCLES!"

Iwinasto pa ni Kris ang mga nagsasabing sobrang payat niya: "I'M NO SKIN AND BONES! I'M SKIN AND MUSCLES!"

Bagamat abala sa mga teleserye at sa personal na pag-aasikaso sa mga negosyo, regular pa ring nagwo-workout si Kris.

Nang magpatupad ng enforced quarantine ngayong taon, mas napadalas ang pagwo-workout ng aktres.

Sa katunayan, isang fitness journey vlog ang inilunsad ni Kris.

Binigyang-diin ni Kris: "Your body weight or figure should not define who you are but rather it should be a motivation for you to stay healthy and improve yourself."



Liberal candidate Ya'ara Saks and Conservative candidate Julius Tiangson are in an extremely tight race in the York Centre riding.

Liberals hold off tough challenges in two Toronto byelections as government's COVID-19 handling put to test

Both ridings are longtime Liberal strongholds, where the Liberals won more than 50 per cent of the vote in last fall's election

OTTAWA – The federal Liberals faced stiff byelection challenges Monday in two Toronto ridings normally considered safe for the governing party.

Broadcaster Marci Ien hung on to Toronto Centre for the Liberals, fending off a strong showing by newly minted Green party leader, Annamie Paul.

In the aftermath of the U.S. election, expect the unexpected

In York Centre, it remained a toss-up for several hours after polls closed, with the lead alternating repeatedly between the Liberals and the Conservatives.

Finally, with all 143 polls reporting, Liberal Ya'ara Saks had pulled ahead by about 700 votes over Conservative Julius Tiangson.

One-time Conservative leadership runner-up Maxime Bernier ran for his break-away Peoples Party of Canada in York Centre.

While he took less than four per cent of the vote, his presence in the race could have been decisive, to the extent that he likely drew votes away from his former party.

The two byelections marked the first electoral test of the Liberal government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. And in both cases, the Liberals saw their share of the vote drop markedly.

During last fall's general election, the Liberals took Toronto Centre with just over 57 per cent of the vote, York Centre with just over 50 per cent.

With 127 of 144 polls reporting, Ien had captured 41 per cent of the votes, nine points ahead of Paul whose recent elevation to the Green party's helm clearly boosted her profile and her electability.

Paul ran a distant fourth in Toronto Centre during last fall's general election with just seven per cent of the votes.

Paul had urged Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to postpone the byelections, arguing that it was unsafe to send voters to the polls in the midst of the second wave of the deadly coronavirus.

Toronto Centre was left vacant by former finance minister Bill Morneau's abrupt resignation in August amid reports of tensions between him and Trudeau over massive spending on pandemic relief.

York Centre was left vacant last month by Liberal MP Michael Levitt's resignation to become CEO of the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies.

Both ridings are long-time Liberal strongholds. Toronto Centre has been held by the Liberals for decades, including by former interim party leaders Bob Rae and Bill Graham.

Although long considered one of the safest Liberal seats in the country, York Centre fell to the Conservatives in 2011 before Levitt wrested it back in 2015.

Pwede bang i-erase na natin?': Nadine Lustre says as she looks back on journey with Pop Girls

While she considers her journey as part of Pop Girls a “big stepping stone,” Nadine Lustre says she no longer wants to look back at the memories she has from her early days as an artist — including being of the said girl group.

In an interview, BJ Pascual recalled seeing Nadine Lustre for the first time during a K-Pop concert where the latter performed with Pop Girls.

Nadine, who rose to fame after being part of the said girl group, was quick to say that she wants to wipe out memories of when was just starting as an artist. “Pwede bang i-erase na natin ‘yun? Ayoko nang maalala ‘yun,” she said. To which BJ responded: “Pero part siya ng journey mo.”

Nadine then explained that while she agrees with the fact that it’s part of her journey, she admitted to feeling uncomfortable whenever people would come at her, stick things to her face, and hash over who she used to be in the distant past.

Nadine Lustre served as the lead vocalist of Pop Girls which also had fellow actress Shy Carlos as one of its members.

She said: “True. I completely agree. Pero ‘pag iniisip mo ‘yung mga decisions mo nu’ng mas bata ka, iniisip mo sa sarili mo na ‘Bakit ko ba sinuot ‘yun? Bakit ba ganu’n ‘yung ginagawa ko?’ Yeah, part naman siya ng journey ko. In a way, ayoko lang nang ni-rere-search ng tao tapos ipapakita sa akin ‘Ah ito ba? Ito ba?’”

Then again, Nadine acknowledged the role Pop Girls played in her life. “It’s a big stepping stone for me,” she said.

On her passion for music, she said: “Performing talaga. Iba talaga ‘yung rush na nararamdaman ko ‘pag nasa stage. Iba din naman ‘pag acting ka.”

The 27-year-old Kapamilya star, who recently released her critically-acclaimed visual album “Wildest Dreams,” said she is happy people will finally get to know who she really is through the project for which she poured her heart into.

“Super happy lang ako kasi finally, makikilala na ng mga tao kung sino talaga ako as a person and as an artist. Dito sa album, binuhos ko lahat — naging vulnerable ako. Lahat ng emotions nilagay ko diyan,” she said.

She went on: “Before nga sobrang

reluctant ako mag-show ng vulnerability. Kasi growing up, feeling ko ‘pag nagpapakita ka ng emotions na like malungkot ka or galit ka, feeling ko weak na siya eh. But na-realize ko, I see it pala as strength.”

Introducing Kanishia

Star POP has introduced its latest artist, multi-hyphenate Kanishia, who launched her debut single “A Little Taste of Danger” on Oct. 16.

Up-and-coming music star Kanishia has just released her debut single under Star Pop.

Although new to the recording industry, the 19-year-old promising talent has tons of experience in acting, singing, and dancing. She started performing onstage at a young age and has been involved in school theater productions for five years now.

“I started to like singing when I was seven years old. I enjoy performing onstage and entertaining people, not only showing my talent in singing but also in acting,” she shared.

Coincidentally, Kanishia breaks into the mainstream with her frisky debut single “A Little Taste of Danger,” about wanting to go out of one’s comfort zone and exploring more of what life and the world have to offer.

“I was able to relate to the song. Every time I listen to it, I imagine a butterfly coming from a caterpillar,” Kanishia said. “You can bloom once you have enough experience.”

The spirited song was written and composed by singer-songwriter Marion Aunor, and produced by Jack Rufo and ABS-CBN Music creative director Jonathan Manalo.

Kanishia is a welcome addition to the rich talents under Star POP—an ABS-CBN Music label for the younger audience headed by Rox Santos.

The single is now available on numerous digital music streaming services.



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Weak Shot

Josh San Miguel

25-year old Josh is a MH talent who won silver at the World Championships of Performing Arts (WCOPA) in singing. He at Pearson airport. He plays badminton and lacrosse. We wish him all the luck in his endeavours.

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kanilang relasyon bilang mag-ina, puno pa rin ang pasasalamat ni Sarah mommy niya, na aniya’y gagawin ang lahat para sa kanilang pamilya.

“Ang mama ko po talaga kung kaya niya gawin lahat, gagawin niya para sa mga anak niya, para lang hindi mais-torbo ang mga anak niya. Ganun siya ka-loving sa mga anak niya, so ngayon natututunan ko na lahat, with the help of my husband,” aniya.

Aminado naman si Sarah na sa loob ng maraming taon, naka-depende siya sa kanyang mga magulang na sina Mommy Divine at Tatay Delfin.

“I grew up na very dependent talaga sa aking parents, kasi talagang grabe naman talaga mag-alaga ang aking mama and daddy. I keep reminding myself now na hindi na ako single. I

have to accept na hindi na ako single,” saad ni Sarah.

Gayunpaman, alam ni Sarah na iba na ang prayoridad niya sa buhay lalo pa’t nasa yugto na siya ng pagbuo ng sarili niyang pamilya.

“Iba na ang priority ko sa buhay, my priority now is my husband kasi yun ang reality ng buhay ng pag-aasawa, na ang priority na is your husband and the family that you will be building with your husband,” sambit ni Sarah.

Matatandaang napuno ang tensyon ang kasal nina Sarah at Matteo nitong taon matapos umano mag-gatecrash ng ina nito sa kanilang kasal.

Sa ngayon ay di pa din bukas ang bawat kampo na pagusapan kung naayos na ba ang gusot sa pagitan ni Sarah at kanyang ina.



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Erich Gonzales replaces Ivana Alawi in teleserye



YouTube influencer and actress Ivanah Alawi will no longer take the leading lady role of the supposed title of the project “Ang Lihim Ni Ligaya sa La Vida Lena,” Erich Gonzales will replace her role.

The 23-year-old YouTube vlogger has decided to back out from the project because according to her she will not take the risk while the pandemic in the country was not yet fully under control.

The manager of Ivanah Alawi, Perry confirmed the report. Perry clarifies that the s6xy star is still a solid Kapamilya under the Star Magic to decide her career.

Since the leading lady was replaced by the 30-year-old former Star Circle Quest contestant, the title of the project was also change to “Revenge Knows No Love. La Vida Lena.”

We know that Erich Gonzales has a long time vacant after she backs out from the teleserye “Love Thy Woman” which role was replaced by Yam Concepcion.

Russell Crowe, Mark Ruffalo pray for safety of Philippines amid typhoon ‘Rolly’

Hollywood stars Russell Crowe and Mark Ruffalo took to social media to pray for the safety of the Philippines which is being battered by typhoon “Rolly” on Sunday, November 1.



“Praying for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines, then send donations,” said Ruffalo, one of the stars of the blockbust-

er movie “The Avengers.” Netizens were quick to tell Ruffalo to send his donations to non-government organizations or to the Office of the Vice President to avoid corruption.

Crowe also wished the safety of Filipinos as the typhoon battered parts of the country. “Just read about Super Typhoon Goni. Extraordinary wind speeds. Hope that it doesn’t make land fall at that force. Thinking of the people of The Philippines and wishing for everybody’s safety,” the “Gladiator” actor said.

Typhoon Goni, locally known as Rolly, is said to be the strongest typhoon to ever recorded to make a landfall in 2020. It packed sustained winds of 225 kilometers per hour (kph) and gusts of up to 280 kph.

Netizens thanked Crowe and Ruffalo for their concern for the Philippines.

Introducing Cassy the actress

MAKE way for Cassy Legaspi, the 19-year old daughter of Carmina Villaroel and Zoren Legaspi who is now going into acting and she’s very thrilled about it. She will play Nina, the teenage daughter of Gabby Concepcion in “First Yaya”, with Sanya Lopez as her yaya and



Pilar Pilapil as her lola. Does she feel any pressure about going into acting? “In a way, yes, because it’s really my first

time to act. Iba ito sa ginagawa ko sa ‘All Out Sundays’ and ‘Sarap Di Ba?’ Both my parents are actors so I’m sure people can’t help but wonder if I’m as good as them. Pinaghahandaan ko naman. I took some acting workshops and I also have two acting mentors right at home, di ba? So I feel so blessed and fortunate. I’m really working on my acting and I think I’m improving naman. Sa November 19 pa ang start ng taping namin. First time ko rin mahihawalay nang matagal from our family kaya may feeling of sepanx din, kahit papaano.”

She has gone ahead of her twin brother, Mavy, who has not tried acting in a regular soap yet. “Yes, I’m lucky kasi I’m acting with no less than Tito Gabby Concepcion as my dad and I really look

forward to doing scenes with him. “Cassy now has her own Youtube channel which she started late last month.

“It’s not easy to have your own Youtube channel kasi we cannot go out to explore because of the pandemic. But it’s a nice way to connect with the fans kasi they can ask me their questions directly. I also try to speak a lot in Tagalog kasi we’re used to speaking in English so my Tagalog is not as fluent. It’s a real challenge for me, but I’m getting there. Nawawala na ‘yung accent ko. I just continue to practice and I know I can accomplish it.”

Nadine Lustre’s visual album ‘Wildest Dreams’ records 1M views in 3 days

In just a span of three days, Nadine Lustre’s new visual album “Wildest Dreams” has already recorded over 1 million views.

On his Instagram page, James Reid, whose music label Careless produced the record, congratulated his former girlfriend for her successful album launch.

The visual album dropped for free on Careless’ and ABS-CBN’s YouTube channels over the weekend.

Starring Nadine herself, the 33-minute video is a compilation of six music videos that were stitched together to create a short film. Among the songs featured were “Dance with Danger,” “White Rabbit (ft. Masiah),” “Glow,” “Ivory,” “Grey Skies,” and the record’s title track, “Wildest Dreams.”

Nadine said that the visual album was shot from end of August until September in a studio, at the Manila Hotel, and in Caylabne Beach Resort in Cavite.

“Wildest Dreams,” according to Careless, is “a sonic adventure into the mind and heart of Nadine’s artistry. Drawing from personal experiences, we hear and feel true reflection throughout this album.”

Nadine and James previously shared that the album focuses “mainly on empowerment and self-love.”

“A lot of people message me and kind of look up to me when it comes

to empowerment or being strong and fearless,” said Nadine. “This is the perfect platform or catalyst to help empower and inspire people who listen to my music.”

Juris and Sitti venture into food business amid pandemic

No pandemic could stop seasoned singers Juris and Sitti from securing an extra income for their family particularly during the health crisis.

In the recent episode of “Magandang Buhay” — where the two seated as guests — they talked about their new endeavor, trying their hands in the online food business.

Sitti has been delivering Bacolod-style homemade chorizo through her Klim’s Chorizo, while Juris sells cookies, soft bread rolls, banana choco loaf, choco loaf, and other homemade goodies at her Made by Juris.



According to Sitti, they were able to sell the first three kilos of chorizo.

“Hindi ko akalain na mabebenta namin ‘yon. So ngayon nasa mga 10

kilos kami of pork every week. So kapag nare-realize ko ‘yung journey namin from that small beginning na ngayon ay mayroon kaming matatawag na negosyo, nakakakuha ako ng inspirasyon doon na hindi natitigil ng pandemic ang lahat ng creative processes or lahat ng creation na puwedeng magawa,” she shared. “Kahit sa paligid natin parang wala, pero mayroon at mayroon tayong magagawa.”

Juris said her latest endeavor was something that just fell into places.

“Kasi it’s (baking) something that I enjoy doing. ‘Yung husband ko in-encourage niya rin ako na go ahead. Kasi hindi ako negosyante. I don’t know anything about it. ‘Yung husband ko, marunong siya doon. So ‘yung part ng preparasyon, ako lahat ‘yon,” she said, adding how hands-on she is that she even designed their logo and printed it as well.

“Pati ang costing ako na... tapos research research. Parang wow kaya ko, may napasaya ka rin.”

But more than anything, she likes the fact that it was also a way for her kids to bond with her.

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information as name, sex, date of birth, place of birth, blood type, address and nationality. Biometric data -- finger-prints, facial photos and iris scans -- also will be stored.

The country’s current system, in which different agencies issue their own numbers, has been criticized as inconvenient. The new system will grant each person a unique number that can be used across agencies. The government hopes to make financial services more accessible to low-income workers who lack bank accounts as well as facilitate delivery of government services.

Officials from the Philippine statistics agency will visit homes to collect the personal information, completing the process before President Rodrigo Duterte’s term ends in June 2022. The system is scheduled to begin operation in the

second half of 2021 for services such as visa issuances.

A survey found 73% public support for the new ID system, suggesting that little concern exists over the collection of personal information by the government.

Karl Kendrick Chua, acting secretary of the National Economic and Development Authority, said the ID system will accelerate growth of the digital economy. He expressed hope that the national system will spark widespread use of electronic payments. Partnerships with the private sector also appear to be on the table.

Cash remains king in the Philippines despite moves by telecommunications companies PLDT and Globe Telecom to bring e-money into the mainstream. Online shopping has been slow to catch on, in part because payment on delivery is the norm. The new national ID system could change how companies do business.

Candid SPOOF

(Pop-ups are not supposed to be taken seriously - EDITOR)



Philip Beloso, FV Foods owner Mel Galeon, and Marky Hugh invites everyone to watch the Filipino drive-in fundraising movie for the benefit of the foundation FV Cares.



ABOVE, FV FOODS owner Mel Galeon poses with birthday celebrant Alan Ocampo at their celebration at the FV Foods office.



ABOVE, Arielle Perez, Krypton Quero and Keiah Jolo pose at the Mask It event at Brantford. BELOW, Melissa Ventocilla poses with her 25th birthday celebrant brother Moses.



‘I was heard, and people listened,’ says Billie Hakenson on her Miss Universe PH journey

Miss Cavite Kimberly “Billie” Hakenson expressed her happiness on social media after winning 4th runner up honors in this year’s Miss Universe Philippines pageant.

The beauty queen has shared a photo of herself smiling and hanging out with Miss Universe Philippines Rabiya Mateo and Miss Bohol Pauline Amelinckx on Instagram.

“The happiest 4th RU. That’s me. I never expected to be part of the Top 5. And I’m still basking (with) elation (on) my achievements. Of course, the crown was the goal,” she wrote.(INSTAGRAM)

“But I achieved more than the actual crown and title. I was heard, and people listened,” she added.

Hakenson has shared a heartfelt message to Amelinckx, the 3rd runner up and for her the “sentimental Ms. Uni-



verse.” “We’ve been together since the press presentation and to our ‘iyak sayaw’ moment during the actual crowning of winners. Of course my heart was broken because I know how amazing you would have been as our queen but I know you will have your moment. And I will be there to witness that,” she said.

The beauty queen also assured the new

verse.”

“We’ve been together since the press presentation and to our ‘iyak sayaw’ moment during the actual crowning of

Miss Universe Philippines that her “ates” will protect and help her throughout her journey.

“I appreciate the talk that we had, as well as the sincerity and honesty you showed during that said talk. I assure you that your ates (a.k.a. Queen’s court) will protect you and help you as best as we can throughout your journey. You are my Queen, we are your court,” Hakenson said.

Hakenson caught the public’s attention after she revealed during the preliminary interviews of the pageant that she is bisexual.

Rabiya Mateo, from Iloilo City, was crowned the Miss Universe Philippines 2020 held in Baguio City last Sunday.

First runner-up honors went to Ysabella Ysmael, Paranaque. Second runner-up was Michele Gumabao, Quezon City; Pauline Amelinckx, Bohol, 3rd runner-up; and Kimberly Hakenson, Cavite, 4th runner-up.

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