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MANILA - Sharp differences in the prices of Sinovac vaccines in the Philippines

and elsewhere may smack of corruption, Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson said.

Lacson noted that while Sinovac's product may cost as little as \$5 (about P240) per

dose, it may cost as much as a whopping \$38 (more than P1,800) in the Philippines.

But Lacson said that if it
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**IVANA
ALAWI**

Celebrity on
the
crosshairs
of
technology

DARK SIDE OF CELEBRITY: How technology is raping PH entertainment

Pop quiz: What do Ivana Alawi, Anne Curtis, Liza Soberano, Kathryn Bernardo and Maine Mendoza have in common?

MANILA, Philippines — Apart from malicious intrigues and social media bullying, celebrities are also prone to a more damaging incident — the release of alleged sex or nude images or videos.

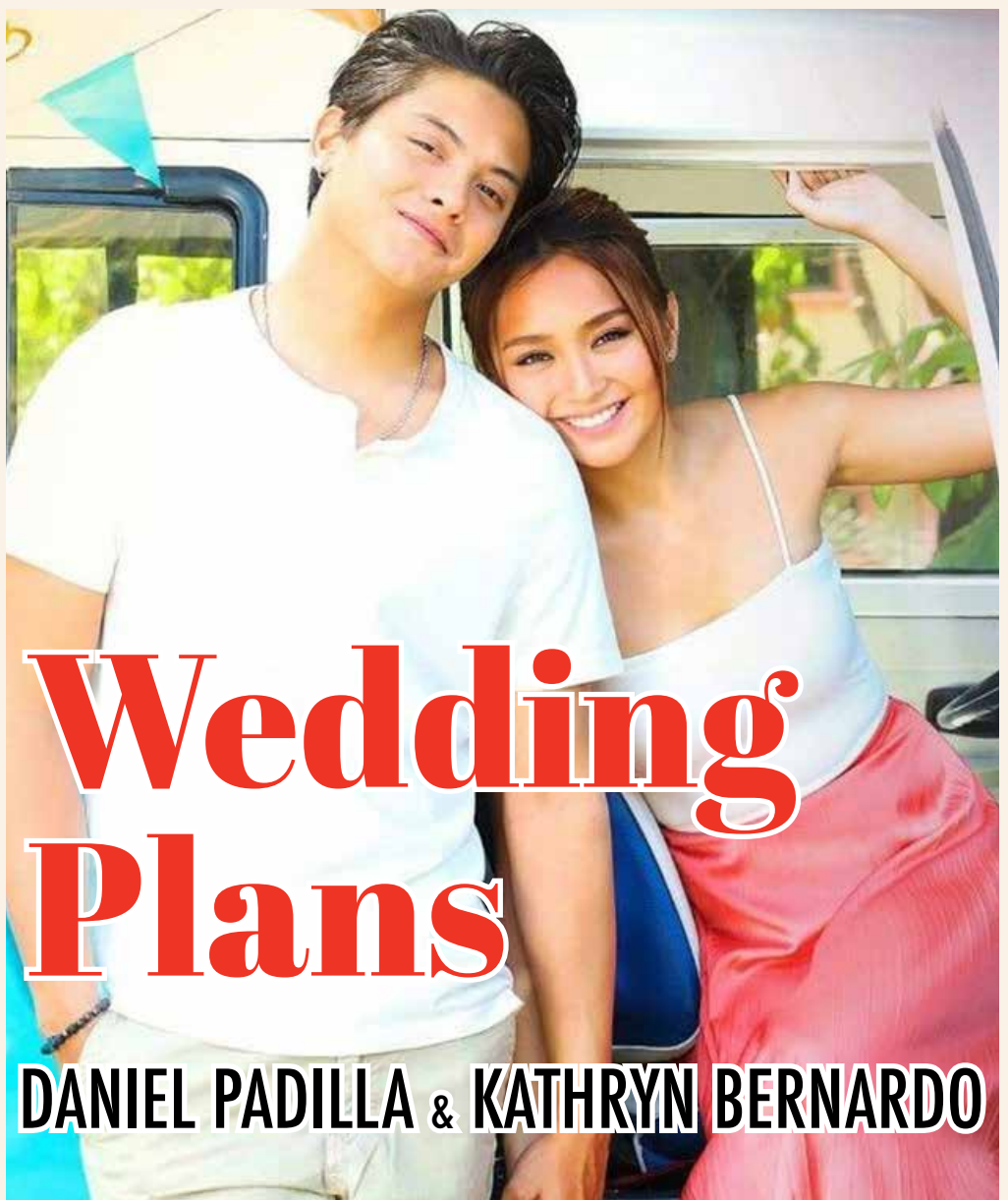
Manipulation of photos have been around since the time that film had been produced, but with the advancement in technology especially in the 21st century, the thin line between real and fake is hardly

distinguishable.

It is most difficult when a photo or video is a deepfake, which has been the favorite tool for those who make celebrity pornographic materials, revenge porn, hoaxes, conspiracy theories and financial schemes.

The recent news of Korean star Nancy McDonie's and actresses Sue Ramirez and Maris Racal's manipulated sexy

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Wedding Plans

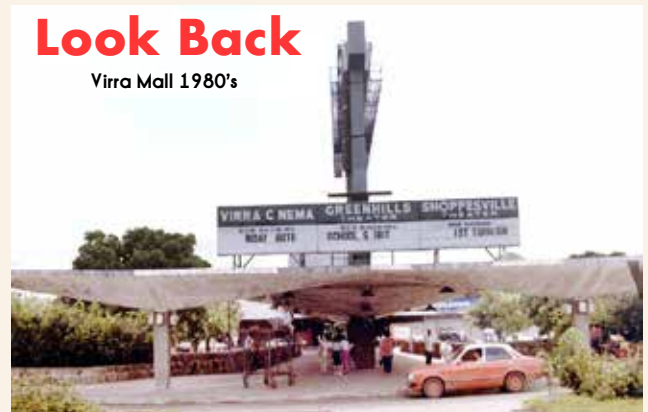
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66% Effective Vaccine Is Good

The exact efficacy might not matter as much as the increased ease of distribution.

Last month, on January 29, Johnson & Johnson shared results from the clinical trial for a coronavirus vaccine that is admin-

istered with just one shot, instead of the two, and

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Maris Racal slams malicious edited photo of her and Sue Ramirez

Singer Maris Racal took to Twitter today, Jan. 26, to blast the fake nude photo of her and actress Sue Ramirez now spreading online.

“There’s an edited photo of Sue and I spreading online. Kung sino man ang nag edit nun, wala kang utak. Itigil na ang pambabababoy ng katawan ng mga babae. Pagaari namin ‘to. 2021 na, manyak ka pa rin? Magbago



na,” said Racal.

Netizens also condemned the people behind the smear campaign against Racal and Ramirez.

A netizen wrote: “grabe parang walang nanay o kapatid na babae ang nag edit sa photo.”

“Tama ka maris my mga Tao talaga wlang magawa sa buhay my karma din yong taong gumawa nito,” another commented.

TV5 shows bid goodbye reportedly due to poor ratings

MANILA, Philippines — TV5 shows “Sunday Noon-time Live,” “I Got You” and “Sunday Kada” broadcast their final episode.

Brightlight Productions Chief Executive Officer Albee Benitez said that “Sunday Noon-time Live,” the Sunday variety show that featured Catriona Gray, Maja Salvador, Piolo Pascual, Jake Ejercito and Ricci Rivero, among others, had a great three-month run.



“Sunday Noontime Live (SNL)’s delightful run is about to end and we await future endeavors from its out-standing stars and phenomenal new-comers,” Benitez said.

“I Got You will re-air its concluding, exciting finale episode in response to numerous re-quests,” he added.

Reports said that the cancelled shows’ staff and crew, including the celebrities, were surprised why the shows were suddenly cancelled without notice because they still had upcoming taping schedules.

Reliable sources told Philstar.com that the shows were canceled for not doing well in ratings.

Honey Shot

Chelsea Star



Chelsea is 14 years Old. You can see her on Instagram, Youtube and TikTok: @itschelseastar

A competitive dancer, singer, model and crowned as Miss Teen Canada's Top Choice 2019, she also holds 2019 Miss Teen Charity, Miss Congeniality, Miss Teen Popular and Miss Teen Talent titles. In August 2020, she competed in wcopa (the world championships of performing arts) and won a gold medal in the dance category. She has been dancing since she was 2 years old. She loves, performing in community events to raise funds to benefits local and international charities. She dedicates her time to teach young kids to dance, to spread her passion and love for dance. She promotes diversity and inclusion. She encourages young kids to believe that no matter what size and what background they came from that each of us our unique and special in our own way. On her free time she loves cooking, discovering new places, taking care of her dog Charlie and spending time with her family and friends. Her favourite quote is "Visualize your highest self and start growing like her". With hard work and compassion she want to be a famous actor and positive role model for young Girls teaching them to be themselves.

It can be recalled that TV5’s morn-ing show “Chika: Besh” has gone ahead in announcing its cancellation and the return of one of its hosts, Ria Atayde, to ABS-CBN.

Meanwhile, “Lunch Out Loud,” Brightlight Productions’ weekday noon-

time show, will continue to air on TV 5, according to Benitez.

“We are truly grateful for all your sup-port which inspires us to create new and exciting programs. Brighter days continue as we collaborate with TV5 and our other industry partners,” Benitez said.

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Alex Gonzaga earns scolding from loved ones after viral ‘breast dance’ video

It seems like Alex Gonzaga’s latest video didn’t sit well with her family members and loved ones after they castigated her for doing it.

Among the first who reacted was the 32-year-old star’s fiancé, Mikee Morada.

The politician described her video inappropriate.

“Ano naman yan bi, Pangit nung ginawa mo,” Mikee’s text message read along with the screenshot of Alex’s Tiktok video. She replied: “Its funny. Bread of Life puuu.”

“Patay. Nagreact na si Mister Morada,” wrote Alex as she showed the screenshot of her conversation with



Mikee.

In another Instagram story, Mommy Pinty said her daughter looked like a bold star in her latest video.

“Para kang bold star... Hindi ko alam na binaba mo t-shirt mo. Delete mo na,” she could be heard saying while talking to Alex.

The video has already received more than one million views. It already garnered 180K likes, 6.8K comments, and 17K shared on Facebook.

Alex has issued a disclaimer saying she was actually wearing a bandeau.

Toni, elder sister of Alex, commented: “Wala na naman sa wisyo to ah 😊.”

VALENTINE’S DAY QUIZ FOR LOVERS AND ROMANTICS

By Tony A. San Juan, OCT-Retired

Direction: Match the following Famous Female Names(Left) with the equally Famous Male Names(Right) to complete the Correct Romantic Couples in History, Legends, and Literature by selecting the Letter for each Correct Matched Male Name.

A score of 10 or less is you are likely “Unromantic”; 20 or more, you are “Very Romantic” indeed. ANSWERS ON PAGE 26

FAMOUS FEMALE

- 1) Delilah
- 2) Josephine
- 3) Maria Clara
- 4) Roxane
- 5) Elizabeth Taylor
- 6) Laura
- 7) Leonor Rivera
- 8) Juliet
- 9) Gregoria De Jesus
- 10) Eve
- 11) Cleopatra
- 12) Queen Victoria
- 13) Bonnie
- 14) Isolde
- 15) Coretta King
- 16) Mahal
- 17) Helen
- 18) Guinevere
- 19) Gabriela
- 20) Lady Marian
- 21) Yoko Ono.
- 22) Susan Roces
- 23) Marian Rivera
- 24) Amalia Fuentes.
- 25) Korina Sanchez

FAMOUS MALE

- A. Jose Rizal
- B. Richard Burton
- C. Romeo
- D. Florante
- E. Prince Albert
- F. Martin Luther
- G. Jahan
- H. Clyde Barrow
- I. Robin Hood
- J. Mar Roxas
- K. Cyrano de Bergerac
- L. Napoleon Bonaparte
- M. Adam
- N. Dingdong Dantes
- O. Paris
- P. Fernando Poe, Jr.
- Q. Romeo Vasquez
- R. Mark Antony
- S. Andres Bonifacio
- T. John Lennon
- U. Lancelot
- V. Tristan
- W. Crisostomo Ibarra
- X. Diego Silang
- Y. Samson

Sunshine soon in the league of Gina and Laurice

Dizon is happy to inform the fans of their top-rating drama, “Magkaagaw”, that the show is now finally returned on the air after “Eat Bulaga”.

It will be recalled that Sunshine plays Laura who figured in a deadly love triangle with Alfred Vargas, her husband, and Sheryl Cruz as Veron. Alfred chose to marry Sunshine so Sheryl is hell bent on taking revenge on her. Sunshine’s daughter, Klea Pineda as Clarrisse, marries Jeric Gonzales as Jio, who later gets to work for Sheryl’s company. Sheryl then seduces him and they get into a hot illicit affair.

The series was peaking in its intensity last March when the pandemic came and the lockdown stopped the airing of the show. The sudden termination was with a cliffhanger. Sunshine and her daughter Klea’s lives are put in danger because of Sheryl’s evil schemes to cover up her and Jio’s infidelity.

“So ngayon, sa pagpapatuloy ng show sa GMA Afternoon Prime, makikita ninyo kung nagtagumpay ba si Sheryl sa



masamang balak niya sa amin ni Klea. Abangan nyo dahil maraming pasabog na eksena at matitinding confrontation scenes na magaganap,” adds Sunshine, who’s busy as an actress but has also now branched out into working behind the camera.

She’s one of the producers of Sanggre Productions that produced the action-fantasy movie for iFlix, “Mystified”. Now, their company is producing a new series, “The Battle of Brody and Brandy”. This is a romantic-comedy starring Iza Calzado and Ian Veneracion.

Aside from being one of the show’s executive producers, Sunshine is also the associate director of Mark Reyes. Looks like she wants to follow in the footsteps of award-winning actresses-turned-directors Laurice Guillen and Gina Alajar.

Kyla temporarily deletes social media to take care of her mental health

Singer Kyla is not allowing anyone to steal her peace from her even if it also

means staying away from social media.

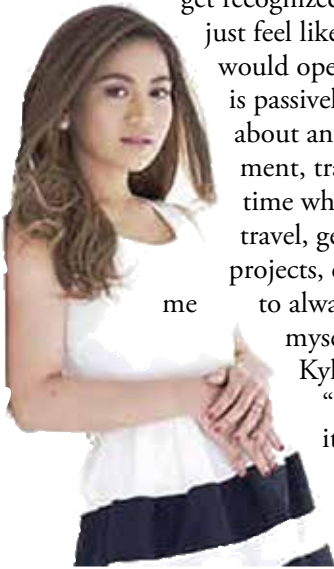
In her latest post, Kyla shared that she actually deleted her Instagram and Facebook for some days when she felt it was adding to her “anxiety.”

“It’s nice to post pictures of your achievements and stuff like that- and get recognized for it. But I just feel like every time I would open it, someone is passively bragging about an accomplishment, traveling at this time when we can’t travel, getting new projects, etc. It’s led me to always compare myself to others,” Kyla said.

“But anyways, it’s back after 3 days. Guess I couldn’t last more than a week doing this social

media diet. I had to download it again, just to connect with my family,” she said.

Kyla wrapped up her post by advising her followers to take care of their mental health. “Sending you love and light.”



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Ontario Food Guideline is Pabalat-Bunga 🤪🤪🤪

When the lockdown started last March, there was an avalanche of people selling food from home. Some restaurant owners complained to the Ontario government. In response, Ford released what low-risk food can be sold from home.

Low-risk food items are generally considered non-hazardous and do not require time and temperature control. Some examples of low-risk foods include:

- Most breads and buns (without meat, cream filling, etc.);
- Most baked goods (with no custard);
- Chocolate, hard candies and brittles;
- Fudge and toffees;
- Pickles, jams and preserves;
- Granola, trail mix, nuts and seeds;
- Cakes (icing that doesn't require refrigeration), brownies, muffins and cookies.
- Coffee beans and tea leaves;

This guideline is a feel-good response to restaurateurs. It's the equivalent of Trudeau's "disappointed" to Biden scrapping the Keystone pipeline project. But Trudeau's Liberals have no seats to worry in the west. But to show he cares about the west, he brought his "concerns" to Biden in their talk. But that's all. And like Trudeau, Ford is not going to worry about how many restaurateurs, some of them Filipinos, are going to be disappointed.🤪

But to show concern, he hastily rushed out these guidelines, which he knows nobody is making in their homes anyway. Who makes tea leaves and granola bars from home to sell? 🤪

Hard candies, trail mix, nuts and?

And seeds?

In the late 80's to the 90's, my sister used to bake from home. She declared her income in those. That's all. They also used to cater. These guidelines are a new creation.

Politically, and optics-wise, Ford has to show he cares about restaurateurs who are being forced to closed down. But, it would be worse if he sends the police to arrest people who are selling food from home. Nobody selling food from home is going to earn gross income in millions. He knows everyone is just trying to survive.

Keep making those sans-rival and kaldereta. Somebody is going to buy them.

As for granola bars, you've got to be nuts if you think lots of people will buy that from a home seller.

Lucky Mother: Actress Ivana Alawi gifts mom with brand-new Ford SUV

Some moms receive flowers from their kids, but Fatima Marbella, the mother of Ivana Alawi, just got a brand-new Ford Expedition from her famous kid.

In a video uploaded on her YouTube channel over the weekend, Ivana is seen buying the dark blue SUV worth almost PHP3.8 million (US\$79,000) at a Ford dealership, saying that her mother deserved it because Fatima is the "CEO" of their family.

"I wanted to buy my mom a car because I want to put them first ahead of myself. When all of them get their own cars, that's when I'll buy one for myself," Ivana said of her family.

Before showing the car to

Fatima Marbella with daughter Ivana Alawi (left). Ivana, Hashim Alawi, Mona Alawi and Fatima. Screenshots from Ivana's YT channel

her mother, Ivana and brother Hashim Alawi pretended to argue over something, with Hashim storming off outside their home. Hashim stayed at the garage with their youngest sibling Mona Alawi, where their mother and Ivana found them right beside the blue SUV.

The ecstatic Marbella was given the documents certifying that she owned the vehicle,

prompting her to say, "You're so sweet! I really don't need this; I'm happy just being with you."

"I have nothing else to ask for, being blessed with beautiful and loving kids and son. Hot, sexy, and macho, everything. Thank you, Lord. Thank you for everything, for giving me such wonderful kids," Marbella said.

The Alawis are probably the most famous family on Pinoy YouTube, thanks to Ivana's channel which has almost 11 million subscribers. Ivana is an actress just like Mona. She met her once-estranged father, Moroccan businessman Samier Al-Alawi, in Subic shortly before he passed away.

What makes Migo Adecer, Kate Valdez click

Ever wondered why the onscreen partnership of Migo Adecer and Kate Valdez looks effortless?

Well, it is because it is based in genuine friendship.

Recently, the two shared what they like most about each other.

Kate said, "Pag sinabing straight-forward siya po yung unang pumapasok sa isip ko kasi sa pagka-ka-kilala ko kay Migo, sasabihin niya talaga kung ano yung naiisip niya or nafi-feel niya and that's what I like about his personality." (Whenever I hear the word straight-forward, Migo comes to my mind first because that's how I know him, he would actually say what he thinks or feels and that is what I like most about his personality.)

On his part, Migo readily showered Kate with praise: "Para sa'kin si Kate ang pinakamasipag, pinakamalakas...

"Kasi I've seen her face so many trials, ordeals, I've seen her jump through hoops from when we started until now.

"If she wasn't strong she would have failed and given up but that's what she didn't do and she came up victorious. So when someone says strong I think of Kate first and foremost."

Kate was overjoyed hearing what he said.

He told Migo: "Grabe ka! Thank you dun, teary-eyed na nga ako pinipigilan ko lang!"

‘PBB’ housemate recalls 3-day coma experience

Jai Agpangan, who earned a bit of notice prior as "Pinoy Big Brother" housemate is trying to make noise, relating how she fell into a coma last Christmas Eve.

Through a five-minute vlog, she shared the coma lasted for three days.

It all started with her simply vomiting.

"Actually grabe 'yung nang-yari sa akin. (December) 27 ako nag-wake up daw. Hindi ko alam na NGT (special tube that carries food and medicine to the stomach through the nose) lang 'yung food ko. Tapos lumbar tap (medical procedure in which a needle is inserted into the spinal canal) ako, kasi parang akala nila meningitis, parang na-tetanus kasi ako, infected, sepsis, ang daming sabi sa akin ng doktor ko. Buti na lang mabait ang doctor namin at saka magaling," Jai continued.

She's now recuperating.



Pinoy kid spends PHP100,000 on mobile games using parents' debit card

Jay Locsin with son Tice Locsin.

An eight-year-old kid from Davao City unwittingly bought PHP100,000 (US\$2,080) worth of video games using his parents' debit card early this month.

Yikes.

Entrepreneur Julmar Grace Locsin wrote about her son Tice Locsin's big mistake (and we mean huge) in an online post that appeared last week. It was on Jan. 6 when she discovered from her bank statements that Tice bought 58 video games from the Google Play store using her husband's cellphone.

"Hubby's account is connected with Google Play because we sometimes rent good movies on YouTube. Hubby's old phone with the Google Play app was handed to Tice last Christmas," Julmar wrote on her post, which has been

shared almost 8,000 times.

When Julmar learned about Tice's purchase, she asked him why he bought so many mobile games.

"He explained that he thought the upgrades and downloads are all free," Julmar told Coconuts Manila through chat.

As a consequence, Tice was spanked by his parents (ouch!).

"He cried a lot after we talked about it and forgave him. He was very sorry (and was too cute with those irresistible eyes). We explained that they are worth more than all the money in the world but following [the] rules is also a good life skill to abide [by]," Julmar wrote online.

Julmar has filed a claim to get a refund from Google, but as of writing, she has yet to receive any amount from the tech company.



Did Vice Ganda throw shade at Billy Crawford?

In a recent online presscon with the "Tawag Ng Tanghalan" hosts, Vice Ganda, along with co-hosts Karylle, were discussing about their family in "It's Showtime!" which led to a certain comment thrown by the "Unkabogable Star."

Initially, they were asked to comment on the recent tweet of Anne Curtis about "not leaving It's Showtime."

Vice Ganda answered: "That is very Anne Curtis, because Anne is the type of person that will never leave her family."

Karylle replied saying: "It's one of those things that goes without saying; I mean mga loyal naman talaga eh makikita mo naman. Lalo na si Anne, she will really verbalize it, pero kahit hindi na sabihin, halatang-halata na naman. May umaalis ba dito? Eto na yun. This is our family."

This is where Vice made a comment saying: "Oy may umalis Kaye..."

The slightly shocked Karylle replied: "Ay! Eto na yun."

The two "Showtime" hosts exchanged giggles after Vice's remark.

Recall that singer host Billy Crawford left ABS-CBN and "It's Showtime!" for TV5 to host "Masked Singer Pilipinas" and its rival noontime show "Launch Out Loud."

We could only wonder what is going through their heads on that very moment.



Cayetano forms ‘BTS SA KONGRESO’ house bloc



Former House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano, together with his closest allies, is gunning for a comeback with a new House bloc called “BTS sa Kongreso.” K-pop fans, however, are quick to distance themselves from what they consider a “publicity stunt” as #CayetanoStopUsingBTS trended on social media.

Pauleen Luna reminds basher that Vic Sotto is her husband

One netizen claimed that it was TV host Pauleen Luna who initiated the kiss with Bossing Vic Sotto in one of her Instagram photos. The former “Little Miss Philippines” replied like a queen saying: “mag asawa naman ho kami.”

This is not the first time the couple was questioned by some bashers. Last September, Pauleen took to Instagram and posted her opinion about those who are questioning her relationship with Vic due to their age difference.



Lexi Gonzales, Kim De Leon – a match made in culinary heaven

Lexi Gonzales and Kim De Leon both love food. As such, it is no surprise that they would measure each other relating to their favorite eats. Lexi likened Kim to her favorite vi-and: Sinigang. She said, “Ang sinigang kasi minsan



hindi mo sure kung lagi ba siyang maasim or nakukuha ba nung nagluto yung gusto ‘mong timpla so parang it basically surprises me every time. “Para sa’kin ganun si Kim kasi he surprises me every time, lag-ing may bago and madalas it’s an improvement. He becomes better and better not just as a person but as an actor.” Kim, on his part likened his love team partner to hot pizza. looking at Lexi he said, “Kasi it’s my favorite and you’re my favorite person to work with. Saka hot and spicy ka in terms of your talent, sa dating mo, the way you look and the way you dress and I think you’re intimidating.”

Comedian Rob Schneider’s Filipina mother dies

Pilar Monroe Schneider with son Rob.

The mother of comedian Rob Schneider, Filipina Pilar Monroe Schneider, died on Sunday after spending a “perfect” evening surrounded by “loved ones,” the actor announced. In an Instagram post, Rob recalled his mother’s early years in the Philippines, then in the throes of World War II. He also included a photo of himself with his mother, along with two children. “[H]er mother had smallpox and she was raised for the first 3 years by her aunt,” Rob wrote. “Then one day this well-dressed family showed up and told



her they were her family and introduced her to her mother, Victoria.” Read: Rob Schneider’s daughter Elle King is a singer Pilar grew up without a father, an American serviceman whom she met “by accident” in San Francisco more than two decades after she was born. Two of Pilar’s brothers, John and Bill, were killed by Japanese soldiers when they were teenagers. While there was never enough food for Pilar’s family, they managed to survive

thanks to their ingenuity. “Her mother and sisters sewed pajamas from bedsheets and traded them with the farmers for sweet potatoes (kamotes), the ones that the Japanese didn’t steal from her,” Rob wrote. “After the war, Pilar was able to ‘pay for school’ because she and her sister Rose found money the Japanese buried in a cave (along with what they thought were metal pineapples which turned out to be hand grenades),” her son added. Pilar graduated from the University of Santo Tomas in Sampaloc and moved to the United States in the 1950s. She earned a master’s degree and taught for

three decades. “[T]hree generations of children... would be grateful that years later she remembered every one of their names,” her son wrote. “Pilar spoke often of joining her beloved husband of 39 years, my lovely father Marvin Schneider. That day has come for them to be together,” he added. “I am proud to be able to say that I am the son of Pilar Monroe Schneider,” he said. Rob, a Saturday Night Live alum, went on to star in comedy movies such as Little Nicky, Mr. Deeds, and Click.

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ASEAN Sea code of Conduct Dead in the Water

China orders Coast Guard to use armed force



Sea code of conduct 'dead' because of China Coast Guard law – Carpio

'When China was saying to the ASEAN, 'let's have that code of conduct,' it was busy preparing this law to kill the code of conduct,' says former Supreme Court justice Antonio Carpio

China has rendered any code of conduct in the South China Sea "dead on arrival" through its passage of a law allowing its Coast Guard to use armed force against anyone found in Beijing-claimed waters, said retired Supreme Court justice Antonio Carpio.

Carpio, who was instrumental in the Philippines' successful legal case against China's claim to the West Philippine Sea, said the Coast Guard law is a nail on the coffin of the promised sea code.

"That code is dead, it's dead on arrival because of this law," Carpio said on Friday, January 29, in an interview on Seat of Power, Rappler's podcast about the Philippine presidency.

The Coast Guard law, which China's National People's Congress passed last January 22, is proof of Beijing's "bad faith" in talks with Southeast Asian nations to finalize the COC.

"When China was saying to the ASEAN, 'Let's have that code of conduct,' it was busy preparing this law to kill the code of conduct. This is what is in the mind of China. This new law is the real heart and soul of China," Carpio told Rappler.

The Philippines has filed a diplomatic protest against China for passing a domestic law that violates international maritime law, a move Carpio supports.

'Totally useless' code

China's new measure renders the COC "totally useless" and "destroyed" any hope that the code

could play a role in de-escalating tensions in the South China Sea, added the retired magistrate.

China has fully backed the completion of a code of conduct for all South China Sea claimants, with Premier Li Keqiang even promising to get it done in 2021.

But Carpio is skeptical of the code, even if the deadline is met, saying it could just be part of Beijing's strategy for dominance in the critical sea lane.

"I've always said that code has been dead on arrival a long time ago because China will use that code to legitimize its artificial island building, to legitimize that 9-dash-line. Because China will sign a COC only after they have completed their artificial islands," said Carpio.

He also said China's move only proves Duterte's China policy is a "total dismal, abject failure" since economic gains from Beijing have not materialized as expected whereas the Asian giant has only doubled down on its maritime aggression.

"China has totally duped everybody here by saying that China is on a peaceful rise. This is not a peaceful rise. This is a threat to everyone... This is hegemonic act of China," said Carpio.

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DFA stops foreign trips amidst cash crunch

MANILA, Philippines — Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. ordered a stop to foreign travels in the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) as it bared the depletion of a revolving fund for the printing of passports.



Locsin said the DFA already owed the state-owned Apo Production Unit some P388 million for the printing of passport booklets because the fund was eaten up by travel allowances, insurance and other expenses.

Under the Philippine Passport Act of 1996, the DFA may charge a service fee of not more than P250 for the processing and issuance of passports requiring special consideration, waiver or issuance beyond regular office hours.

Miles no boyfriend since birth

MILES Ocampo is a Kapamilya actress but IdeaFirst Company borrowed her and she now gets to play the pivotal role of Isabel in TV5 and Cignal's hit primetime teleserye, "Paano ang Pangako?"

"As Isabel, I play the daughter of Gilbeth Sandico, who works for the family of Tita Bing Loyzaga," says Miles. "Pag-aagawan ako rito nina Elijah



Canlas as Noel and Kyle Velino as Drake."

She's lucky because in "Gameboys", now shown on Netflix, Elijah and Kyle are rivals over Kokoy de Santos. "Yes,

ngayon, babae na ang pinag-aagawan nila," she laughs. "I'm really thankful sa projects na bigay sa akin ng IdeaFirst Company. I'm happy na pinag-aagawan nila ako and happy to work with them both kasi ang gagaling nila and pati ang iba pa naming kasama sa series."

In real life, she has never had a boyfriend since birth, and yet now, two guys are fighting over her.

"Yes," she agrees. "Sabi siguro ni Lord, hindi mo pa nararanasan 'yang love sa totoong buhay, pero heto sa teleserye, mae-experience mo 'yan. So kahit sa teleserye man lang, maranasan ko ito. But although wala pa akong experience sa love, my friends, they often ask me for my advice about love and naa-appreciate naman nila ang mga sinasabi ko sa kanila."

It's good Star Magic allowed her to work with TV5? "Yes, nagsabi naman po ako. Ang tagal ko na ring wala regular soap. My last was 'Sana Dalawa ang Puso', which was three years ago pa. So I'm glad this offer for 'Paano ang Pangako' came. At least, may bagong teleserye ako."

So how is it doing lock in taping for "Paano ang Pangako" in San Pablo?

"Maganda ang samahan namin sa set ng buong cast kasi kahit first time ko silang nakatrabaho, naging comfortable kami agad sa isa't isa. Lahat sila sa teleseryeng ito, napakagaling, nakakahiya kung hindi mo gagalingan kasi madadala ka kapag kaeksena mo sila. Si Elijah, kahit hindi ako naiyak, kapag nakita ko na siya, maiiyak na rin ako. Napakagaling din niyang mag-badminton, which we do on our rest days. Pagod na kaming lahat, pero siya, hindi pa."



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Kring Kring, back in showbiz

After years of public service in Tacloban City, Cristina Gonzalez-Romualdez is back to her first love – showbusiness.

Cristina announced her showbiz comeback during a press conference of Viva Artist Agency where she signed up Jan. 29.

Before any questions were asked, the joyful and glowing Cristina greeted everyone and shared her insight on why she's back.

"Showbusiness, that's really my first love, nakagisn ko na yan since my dad, so I thought why not diba? Do something that I love."

The "Nang Gabing Mamulat si Eba" actress also shared some of her secrets in keeping her good looks after all these years: "Just trying to keep myself stress free and two things: I'm happy to be a brand ambassador (BeautéDerm) at kasama na rin yung eating healthy and to keep a positive outlook and Faith with God."

"Keep your joy, kasi kung hindi tatanda



tayo agad and it may cause illnesses kaya kailangan healthy tayo." she ended.

As a returning veteran of the showbiz industry, Romualdez's message to the uprising stars is: "Be professional, and remember that it's still a job, a work and treat it as a work. Stay humble.

"It pays to be kind to people, as much as possible I wanna stay happy, no matter what happens around you, stay happy!" said Cristina.

Daughter to the late actor José Mari Gonzáles, Cristina was introduced as a singer by the name "Kring Kring." She would later appear on the big screen with mostly leading lady roles.

Some of her films are: "Nang gabing mamulat si Eba" (1992) a

Jolo itinutuloy ang Estrada legacy

MUKHANG malayo pang mapatid ang ugat ng mga Estrada o Ejercito sa show-

biz dahil bukod kay Jake Ejercito, isa sa mga anak ng movie icon at dating Pangulo ng Pilipinas na si Joseph 'Erap' Estrada, pumasok na rin sa showbiz ang 27-year-old eldest son ng actor at dating senador na si Jinggoy Estrada na si Jolo Estrada na nasa pangangalaga ngayon ni Leo Dominguez.

Naunang pumasok sa showbiz ang younger brother ni Jolo na si Julian pero pansamantala itong huminto upang ipagpatuloy ang pag-aaral sa kolehiyo.

Aminado si Jolo na binigyan muna niya ng priority ang kanyang studies bago niya kinunsider ang showbiz na pinagmulan ng kanyang grandfather na si Joseph 'Erap' Estrada at kapatid nitong si George Estregan, uncles na sina E.R. Ejercito, Gary Estrada at Jake Ejercito at cousin na si Kiko Estrada at ang kanyang nakababatang kapatid na si Julian Estrada.

Si Jolo ay nagtapos ng entrepreneurship sa Ateneo de Manila University. Nagtayo siya ng sariling barber shop in San Juan at kasunod na rito ang Ultra-box, ang sarili niyang boxing club.

Susubok na rin si Jolo sa acting which inspired him to lose weight at mag-gym regularly to achieve his present hunk

look.

Very supportive sa kanyang naging desisyong mag-showbiz ang kanyang parents na sina Jinggoy at Precy Ejercito.

Samantala, isa sa gustong makatrabaho ni Jolo ay ang Kapamilya actress na si Angelica Panganiban.

"She's a very good actress. Pareho siyang magaling sa drama at comedy," ani Jolo.



Journey Frontman Arnel Pineda says Hollywood biopic to be shot in Manila

Filipino singer Arnel Pineda, lead vocalist for the legendary American band Journey, has revealed that his biopic is pushing through as "Crazy Rich Asian" director John Chu and other Warner executives are scheduled to visit him in Manila.

"It's going to happen. I think they're gonna start. They might come here to audition actors and actresses that will take part in the biopic," said Pineda.

Pineda said that he will take Chu and other people from Warner for a tour around town and show them places where he grew up.

"That's the deal, of course. I want to show them where I grew up, where I was born, where everything happened before this whole magical thing," he added. "There's so much to remember, I'm telling you. At one point in my life, I was really on drugs. It quite affected my memory. I need to recover all those things that happened to me when I was young. But I've recovered a lot of my childhood memories. Scott Silver is quite happy with what I was able to tell him."

Pineda, 53, said that the story would probably begin with childhood and early band and struggles. "That's the plan," he added.

Pineda said he still couldn't believe that Chu took notice of him. "It's unbelievable that he took notice of my life and my story and wants to make a movie out of it. It really humbled me. I think I'm going to use my voice. Do you remember the Queen movie [Bohemian Rhapsody]? Marc Martel did the voice. I think I'm going to do that too."

On music, Pineda said that the band has recorded six new tracks for an upcoming album. He hopes that the new album will come out in 2021 and go on tour again.

"I can't wait to see those smiling faces and that rolling-thunder sound of the audience. It's quite an adrenalin (rush) when you experience that every night. That's what keeps you going," Pineda told Rolling Stones.



INTRODUCING ALTHEA JUSTINE



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Lindsay De Vera on alleged relationship with Dingdong Dantes:

Never akong binuntis ni Kuya Dong'

Lindsay De Vera finally ended speculation about her being pregnant with Dingdong Dantes' love child.

In a recent episode of "The Bash," the 21-year-old answered the allegation once and for all.

"Never akong binuntis ni Kuya Dong and never kami nagka-relationship. I respect Kuya Dong very much as a person, as a husband, and as an actor," she said.

Lindsay admitted the whole brouhaha was embarrassing for her.

She also feels bad for Dig-dong's family.

"I don't want na ma issue pa sila... they have a very beautiful family," she related.

"I want to clarify my name as well as Kuya Dingdong's name

that we don't have any sort of that kind of relationship. Wala po kaming ganu'ng relasyon. Never po ako naging girlfriend or anything ni Kuya Dong and I respect Kuya Dong as a person and as an actor and as a husband and siyempre, I also respect 'yung wife...hindi po totoo 'yun.. fake news."

Lindsay and Dingdong have worked together prior on "Alyas Robin Hood."



Full implementation of ID system pushed

SEN. Panfilo Lacson on Saturday pushed for the full implementation of the Philippine Identification System (National ID) Act to hasten the country's recovery after the economy shrank by 9.5-percent in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Lacson, one of the authors and principal sponsor of the measure in the Senate, said the National ID system will promote financial inclusion and streamline government services — both of which are needed at this time.

"The lack of identification creates formidable barriers for the downtrodden and the poor, and creates even larger barriers between the government and the people. Hence, we should push for the implementation of the National ID if we want to further strengthen our response not only against the pandemic, particularly in the rollout of the much-awaited vaccines, but in many of our future endeavors," he said at the third annual economic and political briefing at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran Graduate School on Friday.

He said the National ID system can facilitate a successful vaccine rollout, which



will lead to herd immunity. "Once we have that herd immunity, where about 75 to 80 percent of the population are vaccinated, we can move around, go on and resume our economic activities," he said.

Lacson lamented the "missed opportunity" in the early months of the pandemic, where the National ID system could have helped facilitate the expeditious and efficient release of various stimulus funds of the government.

The delay in the disbursement of stimulus funds such as subsidies from the Social Amelioration Programs gravely hurt the economy and "imperiled the generation of employment and resumption of economic activities in the 'new normal.'"

Meanwhile, Lacson assured that the National ID measure, which became law in August 2018, will contain only basic data and will not intrude on people's privacy.

"The National Economic and Development Authority and the Philippine Statistics Authority are continuously trying to innovate to ensure the security of the implementation of the National ID system," he added.

Baguio City hiking trail closed indefinitely after tourists dump trash, destroy plants



And this is why we can't have nice things.

Camp John Hay in Baguio City announced over the weekend that it was closing its hiking trail after visitors destroyed its plants and left countless pieces of garbage in the area.

In a statement that appeared online, the camp's management said that it condemns what the tourists had done, which it described as a case of "environmental irresponsibility and complete disregard of nature." It added photos of the destruction left by the irresponsible trekkers, such as an image of a vandalized plant and the heaps of garbage that were left in the visitors' wake.

"Empty bottled water, food wraps,

cigarette butts, wet wipes, and even diapers are being collected along the trails. These materials are flammable, more so when added with dried pine needles that with a single flick of [a] cigarette butt can cause a massive forest fire," the Camp said.

The statement added that in order to clean up the area and allow the destroyed plants to recover, the trail will be closed indefinitely. The management said it will evaluate if re-opening the trail was "viable."

"Significant consideration shall be given on tourists'/trekkers' environmental responsibility to respect the trails otherwise it will be closed permanently," the management added.

Formerly a United States military base, Camp John Hay was first opened in 1900 for American servicemen who wanted a respite from the Philippines' punishing tropical heat. It has since become a popular tourist destination for Filipinos who want to enjoy Baguio City's cool weather, especially during the summer months.



Nadine Lustre announces she is now a vegan

New year, new life for Nadine Lustre.

After announcing she'll be focusing on music this year, the sexy singer-actress shared she's also gone vegan.

On Instagram, Nadine updated fans that she's been at it for almost a month now, and she's actually enjoying it.

"I never thought I'd love vegan food this much," she wrote.

She went on to share some of the meals that she's been digging.

Diego Gutierrez not bothered by bashings on social media

Rising star Diego Gutierrez may be surrounded by popular family members and relatives from show business but he is not pressured at all in fulfilling his dream as a musician.

Diego by the way is the son of actors Ramon Christopher de Leon and Lotlot de Leon. His sister is award-winning actress Janine Gutierrez. He is the grandson of Asia's Queen of Songs Pilita Corrales, Superstar Nora Aunor as well Drama King Christopher de Leon and legendary actor Eddie Gutierrez. He is half-nephew to actors Ruffa Gutierrez, and Richard and Raymond Gutierrez.

"Hindi naman ako na pe-pressure. They are respected personalities at naabot na nila ang tagumpay. I used it as an inspiration na rin to succeed in show business," said Diego during a Zoom interview with the entertainment media recently.

Diego also praised his sister Janine who has won several best actress trophies. "I am very happy for them lalo na si Ate Janine. So ako naman ginagaligan ko na lang para kahit paano ay maabot ko ang level nila."



This good-looking guy also hopes that someday, he would be able to share

the stage with Nora, Christopher, Pilita, and Janine, who also sings, for a special musical number. "Who knows? Malay natin. Gusto ko rin siyempre mangyari ito."

Diego, 24, was supposed to fly to the US to record songs but the pandemic got in the way. He is now being managed by Leo Dominguez of LVD Management.

"Mga one month or two moths lang ako doon to record some songs then babalik na agad ako rito. Pero nagkaroon ng pandemic so dito na muna ako nag-stay," he said.

The pandemic led him and his friends to compose some songs, one of which is the single titled "On A Dream" via Hitmakers Entertainment which will debut

on Feb. 5. He co-wrote the songs with Wilde Quimpson, Erick Walls (Mariah Carey, Janet Jackson) and Mark J. Feist.

"When we first started writing 'On A Dream', it was the beginning of the pandemic so we were all actually forced to live in a standstill. During those times, both of our relationships with our significant others were getting affected, and the only way we knew how to express our feelings at that time was to write this song. I guess the feeling we wanted to communicate through the track was the appreciation of the dream-like novelty of finding a person that makes you feel like no other," said Diego when asked about the song.

Diego admitted he has his share of bashings from netizens but he is unperturbed.

"Meron na akong mga bashing habang kumakanta ako sa 'ASAP' may mga nagco-comment na sa Twitter and Instagram. Honestly, hindi ako nagpapapekto kasi napagdaanan na rin iyan ng pamilya ko sa social media and they have learned from it," he said.

"Bashers sila ngayon. Hopefully, magustuhan nila yung mga future projects ko. Hindi ako galit sa kanila. You cannot please everyone."

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ANOTHER VICTIM: Barbie Imperial fuming over viral fake nude photo

Though some fans might find it hard not to click and see, probably for curiosity's sake, 22-year-old actress Barbie Imperial is more than incensed about her being featured in a doctored photo showing her naked.

On Instagram, she reposted the original two-piece bikini photo of her and the altered picture which has been circulating online.

She said, "Grabe, sobrang stupid naman. You really think I'll post a photo like this?"

"Sa lahat ng nagshashare nito, ANG LALA NYO. And sa lahat ng nagbabash and madaming sinasabi sa kin dahil sa picture na to, ANG T**** LANG. "Wala na ba kayong magawa kundi mag edit ng photos ng mga babae at gawing nude photo?"

"Paisa lang po, dahil nakakagigil talaga yung gumawa nito.

"Ilang babae pa ang magiging biktima ng mga makikitid nyong utak?! Itigil nyo na, wala kayong ambag," she ended.

Barbie is only the latest actress to have been victimized by the same.

Only a few days ago, young stars Sue Ramirez and Maris Racal were

also in the same boat.

Authorities are yet to react on the matter.

Is Maja Salvador engaged to be married?

Netizens are wondering if Maja Salvador and Rambo Nuñez are engaged with the latter seemingly about it on social media very recently.

Note that Maja recently shared a throwback photo of her and Rambo taken during their trip to Tulum, Mexico in 2019.

She captioned it, "Feb-ibig."

But what made the online world curious was Rambo's comment.

It read: "Will you carry me?"

Some over-excited fans think it's a typo error — meaning, it should read: "Will you marry me?"

"Muntik na ako mag ka mini heart attack," someone wrote.

Former beauty queen Ruffa Gutierrez also commend the couple's sweetness, teasing: "Sana all."



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Gabbi Garcia reiterates support for Dacera case suspect

Gabbi Garcia is not afraid of being bashed showing support to one of the suspects in the Christine Dacera case.

She even made it public, taking to Instagram to upload a photo of her and Mark Anthony Rosales.

She wrote, "Ily kuya @markanthony-rosales. I'm beside you all the way. Noth-



ing to fear, nothing to worry."

Mark was among those who were present at the New Year's Eve party that ended the life of the 23-year-old

flight attendant.

Investigation on the matter is still ongoing.

Recently, the histopathology conducted by the Philippine



National Police-Crime Laboratory Office (PNP-CLO) showed that Christine died due to ruptured aortic aneurysm, meaning the manner of her death is natural , which is consistent with the findings in the autopsy report of the Southern Police District (SPD) Crime Laboratory.



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The Roaring 2021's or is it 2022's? 2024?

It seems that a lot of people are hoping that when this pandemic is over, it will be a repeat of the roaring 1920's when people went wild with abandon.

The 1920's followed the influenza pandemic of 1918 which killed 50

million people.

Is it going to be a repeat of history. Some people doubt it.

The post-pandemic period will start in 2024, they say. That would be the start of the intermediate pandemic era.

So, when will cities roar back to life. By the looks of it, not for a long time.

Even when we get vaccinated, the precautions we are doing will still continue.

KC Concepcion on her relationship with mom Sharon Cuneta:

'We used to write to each other all the time...then it stopped'

KC Concepcion recently let slip a little known anecdote between her and her mother Sharon Cuneta.

On her recent vlog, KC shared how they used to write short letters for each other.

"We used to write with each other every few days and she would tape it on my door and I would tape my letter on her door. Then it stopped," she said.

She is now aiming to restart the tradition.

Mother and daughter recently bond-



ed following a bit of estrangement.

KC surprised her mom, jetting off

from El Nido to Amanpulo, in time for her birthday.

She shared how she told her via a letter: "I love you and I'm so happy to celebrate with you even for a few hours on the island."

KC made sure to bring her mom's favorite strawberry shortcake as made by "Mrs. Yulo in Forbes Park."

Aside from the cake, KC also brought Sharon's two kinds of Lengua, her mom's favorite dish.



LOOK: Mimiyuuuh surprises parents with their 'first-ever car'

Mimiyuuuh continues buying spree, purchasing a brand new car for her parents weeks after snagging them a house and lot.

The 23-year-old YouTuber said it's one of the gifts she's been longing to give her

father and mother.

"Gusto kong maging comfortable ang kanilang pag-travel. They've been working really hard since day 1 and parang it's about time na laid back na lang sila sa car," she shared.

According to Mimiyuuuh, her recent vlog is a "special episode" as it's proof she could give back to her family.

The proud parents were emotional upon seeing her surprise.

Director Jerrold Tarog drops out of 'Darna' due to 'schedule issues'

Jerrold Tarog is no longer involved in ABS-CBN's Darna television series due to "scheduling conflicts," the director announced yesterday on Twitter.

However, Tarog said that "some doors remain open regarding my future involvement in the Ravelo universe." He also asked fans to support the lead actress, Jane de Leon, and ABS-CBN.

In a follow-up tweet, a fan asked the director of Goyo: The Boy General if it was still possible for a movie



to be made, but Tarog said the decision is "up to the studio."

Tarog's departure is just the latest in a series of setbacks that the project has suffered. He was hired to replace Erik

Matti in October 2018 after the latter left due to creative differences with ABS-CBN's film company Star Cinema. Then COVID-19 struck in 2020 and the Philippines was placed under lockdown just after Tarog shot about

40 minutes of the movie. Because of the pandemic, the movie evolved into a television series, with De Leon still at the helm, but it remains to

be seen when it will be released.

De Leon, a relative newcomer, was hired to replace Liza Soberano and Angel Locsin after the two actresses were injured. Locsin had already starred in a Darna television series sometime in the aughts. Aside from her, the character had been played by veteran actress and politician Vilma Santos, former actor and now philanthropist Nanette Medved, and Anjanette Abayari.

Darna is one of the most iconic Filipino comic book characters. Introduced by Mars Ravelo in 1950, she's the local version of Wonder Woman, and playing her in a movie or TV series is considered a career milestone.

Next-gen stars: Diego Loyzaga and AJ Raval

What do Cesar Montano and Jeric Raval think now that their children are set to star — and possibly — romance each other on the big screen?

Diego Loyzaga and AJ Raval, children of the 90s action stars, are among the stars of Loving Christine.



Not much has been said about the movie, but director Yam Laranas answered Daily Tribune's query on his upcoming film. "My original story," was

his brief answer on Instagram. He also used the hashtags #screenwriting and tagged @finaldraftscreenwriting.

Laranas' filmography includes several titles in the thriller-suspense genre including Sigaw (2004) and its Hollywood adaptation starring Jesse Bradford, The Echo (2008); the psycho-thriller The Road (2011) and supernatural thriller Aurora (2018).

Diego had said he is raring to do movies in his recent interview with Phoemela Baranda in the latter's Anong Ganap show.

"Gagawa kami ulit ng action. I will be waiting for that," the recently signed Viva Artists Agency (VAA) talent said.

He's even willing to stretch beyond what he has done so far before quitting showbiz two years ago due to personal reasons.

"I won't restrict myself to new things pero alam ko lang din kung saan ako iiwas — dancing! Hindi para sa akin," he jested.

He turned serious and shared that, this time, his return will be a good one.

"Sa movie po talaga ako. I really wanna act. I want to get back to acting. Ever since it has been my passion. I want to be part of something that is captivating. Doon ako okay. Pasok ako diyan. So, definitely that's going to be the new direction of my life," he shared.

During quarantine, he spent most of his time working out with his mom, Teresa Loyzaga and, just recently, bonded with his half-sisters, Angeline, Chesca and Sam Cruz, over Call of Duty games online.

AJ, meanwhile, is slowly making her presence known. On TV, she already appeared in 2019 in "KapareWHO," a segment of It's Showtime, where she shared her other interests that include boxing and Muay Thai. She also appeared with her father Jeric in an episode of Minute To Win It, which coincidentally also had Diego's mom and aunt, Teresa and Bing, join in the games. She is currently signed with VAA.



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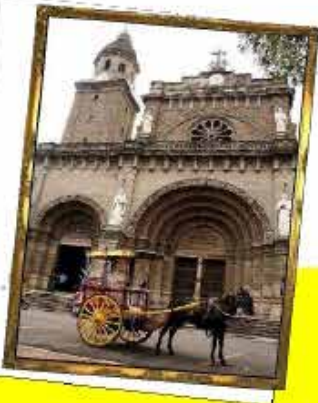


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Angeline Quinto's tweet is 'the mood' for 2021

Actress-singer Angeline Quinto has tweeted something that most of us can relate to during



these unprecedented times.
Angeline's tweet read: *"Ngayon, hindi na uso paramihan ng pera o paramihan ng mamahaling gamit. Ang uso ngayon PASAYAHAN ng Buhay at Pamilya, kasi hindi mo alam kung bukas buhay ka pa."*

The tweet was received positively by her fans with most of them tweeting their own experience or agreeing on the said post.
Life has been tough for the "Aking Pagmamahal" singer.

Known as a lifelong devotee of the Black Nazarene, Angeline wasn't able to touch the image of the miraculous saint.
Aside from that, she also lost her adopted mother Mama Bob last Nov. 7, 2020.

Maui Taylor desididong ipatanggal ang silicone sa dibdib

Pagkatapos gawin ni Maui Taylor ang digital movie na Paglaki Ko Gusto Kong Maging Pornstar, magpapa-schedule na sana siyang magpatanggap ng silicone sa dibdib dahil nahihirapan na raw siya sa laki nito.



Pero tumuluy-tuloy ang trabaho niya dahil na-ka-schedule na raw siyang ma-lock in sa ilang araw na shooting sa isa pang pelikula under Viva.

Ang laki ng pasasalamat niya sa Viva dahil pagkatapos ng Pakboys: Takusa, nasundan ito agad ng Pornstar, at meron na raw siyang kasunod na pelikula.

Yun nga lang, hindi tuloy siya makakuha ng schedule para ipatanggal ang silicone sa dibdib.

Nahihirapan na raw kasi siya ngayon sa bigat nito.

"Mabigat siya, e. Saka nagmumukha akong malaki. Maliit lang naman ako, e," tapos malaki siya. Mabigat po sa likod, e," pakli ng 37-year-old actress nang nakapanayam siya ng writer na ito sa DZRH noong nakaraang linggo.

"Gusto ko na po talaga... Sunud-sunod po kasi talaga iyong projects. Naka-schedule na ako, nauusog lang nang nauusog," sabi pa niya.

Jasmine bonds with Glaiza while doing a horror movie

JASMINE Curtis Smith appears as one of the leads in "Midnight in a Perfect World", an entry in the last OCinema Filmfest. It's supposed to be a horror movie but with political undertones.



"When I read the script, it's something I haven't done before," she says. "Horror movie siya na kakaiba. Weird ang mga eksena. In the story, we're running most of the time and it's always a black out. Very scary kasi something is chasing us, we don't kung ano or sino, at napakadilim. I said gusto ko siyang gawin. Later on, I learned it has references to past happenings in our country, like martial law, and also current ones, like the war on drugs."

Is the movie physically and mentally exhausting to do? "It's more physically tiring than mentally exhausting. Kasi maraming eksena ng habulan and we have to make sure our pacing is correct with the camera movement. Mentally,

I think more challenging ito for the viewer kasi they have to figure out what's happening. The movie is something they really have to experience for themselves. Me, I really love watching horror films. Anything that makes you feel eerie and give you spooky vibes. I don't know why, but if I just enjoy getting a good scare. So do watch our movie if you want to get scared."

How is it working with Glaiza de Castro for the first time? "We had fun working together. We shot a horror movie, but while we're doing it, masaya kami sa shoot kasi everyone has a good sense of humor on the set. Kami ni Glaiza, we got to talk about a lot of things, like what we buy online, kung ano ang mga laman ng carts namin. We jived well and we all became good friends on the set, along with Anthony Falcon and Dino Pastrana. We formed a good bonding as professionals in the industry."

Kylie Verzosa, umaming nagkaroon na ng no-label relationship

Sinigurado ni Miss International 2016 Kylie Verzosa na hindi ang boyfriend niyang si Jake Cuenca ang karelasyong nagbigay sa kanya ng kalituhan at frustration.



Kaugnay ito ng pahayag ni Kylie nang tanungin siya kung naranasan na niyang magkaroon ng boyfriend pero parang hindi naman sila.

"I think I've been in a relationship na parang magulo at nakakabaliw kapag hindi niyo alam kung ano ba kayo," balik-tanaw ng beauty queen-turned-actress.

"So, para sa akin, very confusing, nakaka-frustrate. I can go crazy kapag hindi ko alam kung ano ba tayo kasi mas gusto ko na may concrete label.

"Yes, I've been through one, and I've learned from that."

Ayaw na raw ni Kylie maulit iyon.

"Pero parang naging kami naman, eventually.

"I think every relationship makes you learn and become a better person.

"Hindi ako magiging who I am today without that part of my life."

Nakapanayam si Kylie sa Zoom presscon ng Parang Kayo Pero Hindi, ang digital movie na pinagbibidahan nila nina Xian Lim at Marco Gumabao.

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Who & why is Pilar Valdes one of Drew Barrymore’s ‘dearest friends?’



American actress Drew Barrymore is making sure the whole world knows about Pinay chef Pilar Valdes. She once again featured Chef Pilar on “The Drew Barrymore Show.” Together, they created Roast Tomatillo-Poblano soup,

which the Hollywood star described as “so original.” “It’s one of my favorite soups of yours. It was such a revelation the first time I had it. I’ve never tasted anything like it,” Drew said. Chef Pilar is Drew’s personal chef for three years now. She shared, “Pilar and I literally almost spend every day together, and we love food, we love laughter, and we love traveling the globe.” She didn’t hide the fact that Chef Pilar is mainly self-taught. “You’re self-taught, I’m self-made,” Drew related. “It proves you don’t have to have a degree, you don’t have to have a certain economic or cookie cutter journey. You can find yourself wherever you are in the world. You’re in Manila, I was here, and here we are now together.”

Will Piolo Pascual, Catriona Gray, and Maja Salvador return to ABS CBN?



From left: Maja Salvador, Piolo Pascual, and Catriona Gray

Now that “Sunday Noontime Live” on TV5 has been cancelled, will former

Kapamilya stars Piolo Pascual, Catriona Gray, and Maja Salvador return to ABS CBN? In October 2020, former Congressman Albee Benitez, owner of Brightlight Productions, said that Piolo, Maja and Catriona are not exclusive to TV5 or Brightlight Productions. This means that they can work with the other networks or stations if they want to. “They are not exclusive to our company. They have contracts to the show pero hindi sila exclusive. So anytime

gusto nilang lumipat or magtrabaho sa ibang network, puwede naman basta tapusin lang nila ang commitment nila sa BrightLight,” he said. Benitez said that BrightLight and TV5 have a blocktime arrangement for six months. “After six months, we will shift to co-production status. Perhaps later we will discuss about additional time slots for the network.” Fans wouldn’t be surprised if the three stars would go back to the Kapamilya network since they maintain good relationships with executives of ABS-CBN.

Janine at Rayver magkalaban na



THIRTY-one-year-old singer-actress Janine Gutierrez will always be thankful sa kanyang former home studio, ang GMA dahil sila ang unang nagtiwala sa kanya para marating ang kinaroroonan niya ngayon. After ten years of being with the Kapuso Network, Janine signed-up with ABS-CBN last January 15, 2021 at ang kanyang unang proyekto ay ang pagiging bahagi ng top-rating ang long-run-

ning Sunday musical variety show ng Kapamilya network, ang “ASAP Natin To” kung saan siya pumasok nung nakaraang linggo, January 24. Ito’y nataon pa sa pagpapalabas din ng programa sa TV5, another free broadcast tulad ng A2Z Channel 11. Hanggang ngayon ay tila in cloud nine pa rin ang pakiramdam ni Janine at hindi siya makapaniwala na siya’y bahagi na rin ng ‘iconic’ musical variety show on television and gets to work with OPM icons tulad nina Martin Nievera, Gary Valenciano, Zsa Zsa Padilla, Regine Velasquez, Ogie Alcasid and the now generation singers-performers na dati-rati’y napapanood lamang niya. Ang maganda pa, kasama rin niya sa programa ang kanyang younger brother na si Diego Gutierrez na kamakailan lang din pumasok sa showbiz.

Sina Janine at Diego ay dalawa sa apat na anak ng dating mag-asawang Lotlot de Leon at Ramon Christopher (Monching Gutierrez) at mga apo ng showbiz icons na sina Pilita Corrales, Eddie Gutierrez, Nora Aunor and Christopher de Leon. Since nauna na si Janine sa showbiz, siya ang nagga-guide ngayon sa kanyang only brother na si Diego. Samantala, magkatapat ang programang kinabibilangan ngayon nina Janine at nobyo niyang si Rayver Cruz. Si Janine ay nasa “ASAP Natin To” ng ABS-CBN at si Rayver naman ay nasa “All Out Sundays” ng GMA but they consider it as just work and they are both professionals. Since they’re both 31 now, malamang na kinu-consider na rin ng dalawa ang paglagay sa tahimik in the future.

Is Andre Paras leaving show business?

Andre Paras’ announcement to enter this year’s Philippine Basketball Association’s (PBA) rookie draft surprised fans. Although it couldn’t be denied that basketball is in his blood (his father, Benjie Paras, PBA legend, while already a basketballing), Andre has already made inroads as an actor-TV host and many are hoping he would just focus on that.



Ah, but Andre has already made up his mind. In fact, he spent most of the ongoing lockdown doing basketball training. “The reason why I decided to apply for that is because I’m chasing my dreams, I’ve always wanted to play basketball,” he told “24 Oras.” Is he saying goodbye to show business? The 25-year-old assured fans he will continue with his showbiz career but “at the same time, you’re gonna see me play basketball.” He is thankful that his mother network, GMA7, is supportive of the endeavor.

Proud Pinay Olivia Rodrigo makes mark on Spotify

She is just 17, but Olivia Rodrigo has already notched a huge hit. Her song “Drivers License” is the biggest hit on Spotify this year. So far, the track has hit a 100 million streams on the aforementioned platform, hitting the milestone barely 10 days after it first dropped. The accompanying music video, on the other hand, has 37 million views on YouTube.



To those not in the know, Rodrigo first shot to fame via Disney network’s “Bizaardvark” series where she played the role of Paige Olvera. She followed it up with another marked appearance as Nini Salazar-Roberts on the Disney+ series “High School Musical: The Musical.” “Drivers License” is her first single and based on its success, she is only going to get bigger. She hasn’t been to the Philippines, but she is no doubt proud of her roots. Olivia once declared: “I’m Olivia Rodrigo, I’m a Filipina, and I’m a lumpia fan.”



Olivia with ‘Bizaardvark’ co-star Madison Hu



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Daniel Padilla, Kathryn Bernardo

discuss wedding plans

Kathryn Bernardo described the digital series "The House Arrest of Us" like a "bahay-bahayan" for both her and Daniel which sparked the question: will they live together soon?

Daniel explained: "Magpapakasal muna kami saka kami magsasama, nandiyan pa si Lexine, bata pa si Lexine binabantayan pa niya. Ako naman nandiyan pa 'yung kapatid kong babaita, binabantayan ko pa rin. Magpapakasal muna kami." He was also asked if he was pressured on marriage following the engagement of his best friend Patrick Sugui and Ariel Garcia. The actor replied: "Nilalatag muna namin 'yung mga bagay, pinaplano

namin. This year 26 na 'ko, my God. Ikaw love, 25 ka na. Ganito na tayo bigla." Kathryn also said: "Yung natutunan namin sa 'The House Arrest of Us,' na kailangan pareho kayong ready and 'yung pamilya namin ready baka mahimatay sina mama at tita Karla 'pag sinurprise namin sila." Padilla wrapped up the speculations about their marriage plans in his statement: "Wala naman talagang pressure sa amin, may sari-sarili tayong timing. Walang tama, walang mali."

Anne Curtis-Smith reveals first pay check in showbiz and you wouldn't believe it!

The Kapamilya "Dyosa" Anne Curtis-Smith shared some of her experience in order to reach financial security. In a financial resowebinar, Anne recalled time she earned some Anne narrated: That was my starting (talent fee) I did handle my finances the time...it was my parents."



According to Anne, her guardians returned her finances at the age of 18, but not without equipping her with the proper mindset. "Before they turned over my finances they taught me about budgeting... saving and that's when I really learned to manage my finances, she taught me to have a coda when it comes to saving." The "Anne-kabogable" star encouraged everyone to save and start their own business, even if at first it doesn't succeed, just like what happened to her first restaurant business. Her persistence when it comes to business venturing resulted in the success of her cosmetic line and her newly launched active-wear line: Recess. As a mom to Dahlia and a wife to Erwan Heussaff, Anne admitted that she had a change of heart when it comes to impulsive buying. "Having baby dahlia change her perspective when it comes to spending money as she explained in her example: 'like there's a new pair of shoes... do I really need that? or baka pwedeng kay Dahlia naman.'" The "Showtime host" wrapped up her sharing with financial advice for those who are planning to start a family someday. "When you plan to have a child, you have to be wise on your money so it is very important that you have saved up for that," she ended.

AJ's dad Jeric says no

Is the father the last to know? The surname rings a bell. When Viva Films launched AJ Raval (real name: Elizabeth Buensuceso) in the sex comedy Paglaki ko, Gusto Kong Maging Pornstar (written and directed by Darryl Yap) as one of the three aspiring sexy stars trained by four veterans (played by Alma Moreno, Rosanna Roces, Ara Mina and Maui Taylor) on the "art of seduction," the question popped up: Is she related to action star Jeric Raval (real name: Eric Buensuceso)? she is



And the next question followed: Is Jeric okay with AJ toeing the sexy line? "At first," Jeric admitted to Funfare, "yes, I supported her. But when I learned that she was going sexy, nag-alangan ako, I had second thoughts. I am an action star at magpapa-sexy ang anak ko? Tekla muna." AJ/Elizabeth is one of Jeric's 18

children (count 'em! Plus 10 grandchildren) with many different women, most of them non-showbiz, some remarried and living in the States, some in Japan, and one of them retired actress Monica Herrera with whom Jeric has three children. Now 45, Jeric said that he was already married when he joined showbiz. "I am a supporter of Ben Tulfo's advocacy against abuse/harassment of women," continued Jeric. "People might bash me. Baka may mambastos sa anak ko at sabihin, 'Kumotan mo ang anak mo!' (Cover your daughter with a blanket.) but then," he mused, "the movie is a comedy kaya hindi naman siguro masyadong sexy." AJ is 21. Said Jeric, "She's old enough to make her own decisions."

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1. Luth Esguerra celebrates her birthday last December with grandchildren. (OLD PHOTOS); 2. Marie Ojha; 3. Luth Esguerra



The Philippines Is the 2nd Most Instagrammable Place in the World Only Japan beat us!

Looks like the Philippines is primed to be a huge travel spot once COVID-19 goes away. Our beaches and islands have been bagging travel awards left and right, and this time, it's the entire country that scored a major travel recognition from the tourism industry.

The Philippines was named the second most Instagrammable place in the world by world travel site Big 7 Travel. Only Japan beat the Philippines from the top spot, but second place

is still a huge honor considering we beat the likes of Paris, New York City, Cuba, London, and more.

Travel nowadays is much about documentation as it is about the experience, and the Philippines appears to be one of the most beautiful, aesthetic, and Instagrammable locations in the world, according to Big 7's 1.5 million respondents and global editorial team.

Why Nadine Lustre prefers adopting over having a kid of her own

Wala raw balak si Nadine Lustre na magkaroon ng anak sa ngayon. Kung papipiliin raw siya, mas gugustuhin niyang mag-ampon.

Ito ang sinabi ni Nadine sa celebrity cosmetic surgeon na si Aivee Teo sa isang vlog interview. Dati raw kasi, ang laging sagot ni Nadine ay gusto niya ng two kids kapag tinatanong siya tungkol sa pagkakaroon ng anak.

"Before, every time people would ask me that, I would say 'two.'

"But now, I'd say wala. I don't want to have kids right now. That's where my head's at."

Sabi pa ni Nadine, sa tingin niya ay maraming batang hindi naaalagaan ngayon nang maayos, kaya mas gusto niyang mag-ampon.

Pero hindi rin naman daw hi-hindian ni Nadine ang magiging anak kung siya ang mabubuntis.

"I do believe that there are a lot of kids who don't have parents and who need to be taken care of. So I feel like if I do want to have a kid, I might just adopt.



"If I get pregnant, I'll go with it. But right now, that's where my head's at, I would rather adopt."

Hindi ito ang unang pagkakataon na nagsabi si Nadine na hindi muna niya gustong magkaroon ng anak sa panahon ngayon.

Kamakailan, naibalita na kumpirmadong nagkabalikan si Nadine at ang kanyang boyfriend na si James Reid.

Wala pang naririnig na kumpirmasyon sa dalawa, pero magkasama silang nag-hiking kasama pa ang iba pa nilang kaibigan noong unang linggo ng January 2021.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jennifer Sy

STUNNING! Sanya Lopez shares new sexy photo



She may be diving into wholesome territory choosing a rom-com for her new project but it doesn't mean she is to let male fans eager to gawk at her yummy bod down.

Talking about hottie Sanya Lopez who, just recently, took to Instagram to share a stunning beach photo of her wearing an off-shoulder bikini top and shorts.

Over 90,000 people gave it a like.

These include several celebrities like Max Collins and Andrea Torres.

Andrea's comment: "Fresh!"

Max said: "So pretty naman!!"

Mimiyuuuh magkakaroon ng clothing line

YOUTUBE sensation and celebrity endorser Mimiyuuuh (who is Jeremy Sancebuche in real life) plans to put up his own fashion line within the year. Isa ito sa mga pangarap na gusto niyang gawin at magamit na rin ang kanyang tinapos, Fashion Design sa De la Salle – College of St. Benilde.

Si Mimiyuuuh (24)ang pinak-abagong celebrity endorser ng isang popular online shopping app kasama ang Kapamilya superstar na si Kathryn Bernardo.

Anne stays with 'It's Showtime' to the end

MAHIGIT isang taon na ring hindi napapanood sa popular noon-time show ng Kapamilya network, ang "It's Showtime" kung saan isa siya sa mga original hosts along with Vice Ganda, Vhong Navarro at iba pa.

Anne took her maternity leave of absence sa programa nung December 2019 to give birth to her and husband Erwan Heussaff's first baby na si



Dahlia Amelie sa Melbourne, Australia nung March 2, 2020. Gusto na sanang bumalik ng Pilipinas si Anne and her family as early as last year pero na-extend ang kanilang stay in Australia dahil sa pandemya at travel restrictions. While in Australia ay sobrang ini-enjoy ng actress-host and celebrity endorser ang kanyang mommy duties sa kanilang ten-month old daughter.

Dahlia Amelie turns one year this coming March 2 at hindi pa alam ng mag-asawang Anne at Erwan kung ito'y sa Pilipinas na magaganap.

Ang pangalang Dahlia ay hango sa character ni Anne sa kanyang first movie in 1997, ang Princess Dahlia sa pelikulang "Magic Kingdom" na dinirek ng yumaong megman na si Peque Gallaga mula sa screenplay ni Erik Matti.

Samantala, in her Twitter account ay pinost ng actress-host na mananatili umano siya sa "It's Showtime" up to the very end. She will immediately return to the program kapag nakabalik na sila ng Pilipinas with her family. May mga projects na ring naghi-hintay sa kanyang ang kanyang home studio, ang Viva along with some endorsements na kailangan niyang harapin.

Benj at Lovely ikinasal na

"Ang Probinsyano" actor Benj



1.Christele Panganiban poses on a picture frame cutout on her 5th birthday. 2. Christele poses with her sister Kaitlyn and mom Michele and dad Christian.



Manalo and GMA actress Lovely Abella have recently tied the knot.

The couple shared the good news on social media with photos from their wedding held at the Lemuria Restaurant in Quezon City on 23 January, with Abella captioning it, "Mr and Mrs Manalo", and thank-



ing all the parties involved in their wedding.

In another post, the actress wrote, "Yes, it's MRS. LOVELY!! It's a new phase of my life but as time goes on I get even more excited for all the chapters that will be in our lives..."

According to the couple's wedding designer Ginger Event Styling, the whole event took only ten days to set up.

The couple announced their engagement back in 2019 after five years of dating. Abella was taken by surprise by the wedding proposal as Manalo had pretended to ask her to make a cameo appearance in a music video shoot. But it turned out to be a wedding proposal that he made to her in front of their loved ones.



Arielle Perez celebrates her 14th birthday last month. PHOTO BY VNTG /NEIL GARCIA



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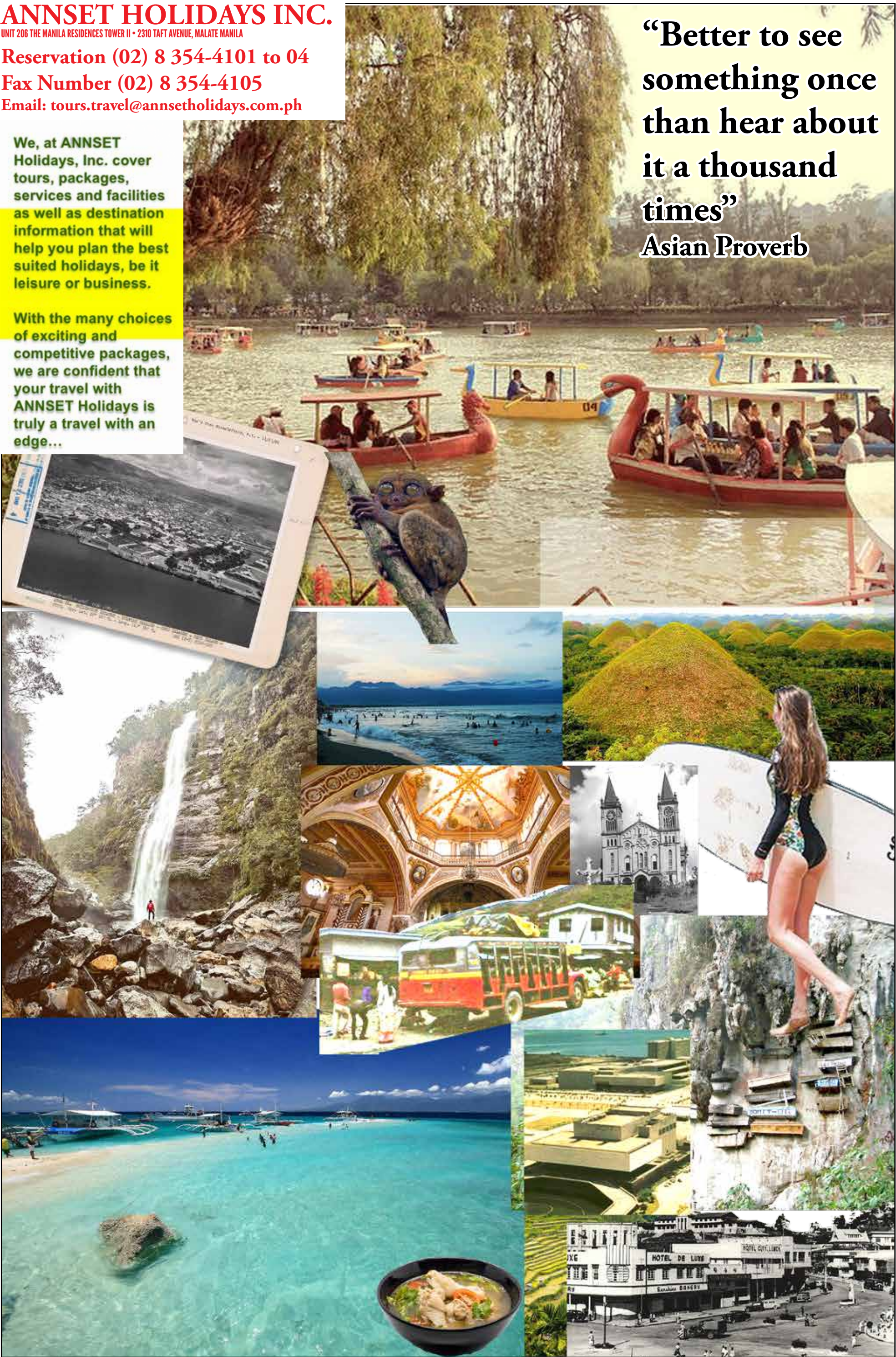
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Katrina nakapag-invest sa El Nido

ISA kami sa natutuwa sa celebrities na marunong mag-invest sa perang kanilang kinikita dahil paghahanda na rin ito sa mga panahong hindi na sila ganoon ka-in demand sa showbiz.

Although aktibo pa rin hanggang ngayon sa kanyang acting and showbiz career ang Starstruck alumna at Kapuso actress na si Katrina Halili (35), hindi marami ang nakakaalam na ito'y nakapag-invest ng isang 13-hectare property sa El Nido, Palawan kung saan siya nakapagpatayo ng isang three-bedroom two-storey house, the singer-actress' secret haven kapag meron siyang free time and where she spent longer time during the lockdown kasama ang kanyang 7-year old daughter (sa Fil-American singer na si Kris Lawrence) na si Katy (Katrence Lawrence Halili Cadevida) and her family.

Dahil sa pandemic, nanatili si Katy with her grandmother, Katrina's mother na si Malou sa El Nido habang naging busy si Katrina sa Maynila sa kanyang TV series with GMA. Pero nang matapos ang kanyang serye last November ay agad lumipad si Katrina patungong Palawan to bond with her daughter and family na may ilang buwan din niyang hindi nakasama.

Si Katrina ay matagal nang hiwalay sa ama ni Katy, ang singer-composer na si Kris Lawrence.



Barbie Imperial reacts to Sara Duterte's assault video

"Bagong Umaga" star Barbie Imperial could not help but worry about the country's future in latest tweet.

Barbie retweeted: "Scary" (sad emoji) along with a video of then Mayor Sara Duterte punching a sheriff during a demolition operation in Davao City. The old video resurfaced on Twitter.

Fans of Barbie and supporters of Mayor Sara flocked on her tweet to either defend the mayor or agree with Barbie's opinion.



Some of the tweets read: "Yung Government employee ka pero barbaro asta mo...Kung sa private companies yan HR ang abot mo. We deserve better, tao yan- g*go ang piskal pero tao pa din siya. Hindi nareresolba sa suntok ang issue. It only worsened it."

"FYI, Hindi yan magtatagal sa davao kung scary siya na gaya ng sinasabi mo. Magpasahod ka muna ng tama sa PA mo day para walang tulfo 2.0"

"Know the story behind wag kang puro retweet at share di ko naman alam buong storya... admire mayor sara's bravery to stand up for the poor."

"Ano na mangyayari sa pinas, kapag yan ang pumalit sa tatay nyang inutil."

In 2011, Mayor Sara Duterte appealed for a 2-hour extension of the deadline to demolish shanties but demolition teams, along with then Sheriff of the Davao Regional Trial Court, Abe Andres pushed through with their operation.

Due to the Sheriff's denial of her otherwise calm request, Mayor Sara gave Andres some blows to the face, before the police stopped the scuffle.

Confirmed: Alden to do a movie with Bea

ALDEN Richards is so happy that one of his shows stalled by the virus, "Centerstage", comes back on the air on February 7. "Centerstage" is a singing competition for children hosted by Alden with Betong Sumaya and it now features a high tech virtual set where the kiddie contestants do not have to go to the studio anymore and expose themselves to the dreaded corona virus.

"Their performances will be shot right inside



the comfort of their own homes," says Alden "There will also be no live audience to make sure no one gets infected by the virus. When the show's telecast was suddenly stopped by the virus last year, andaming netizens ang nagtatanong kung kailan ibabalik ang show kasi nabitin daw sila. Ang gagaling kasi ng kid contestants namin sa show. Now, itutuloy na ang 'Centerstage' kaya hindi na sila mabibitin."

So he will now be seen twice on Sundays. At lunch time, he and all the talented Kapuso performers will entertain the viewers on lunch time in "All Out Sundays", and in the evening, he will be seen hosting "Centerstage".

Alden is so happy as

"All Out Sundays" continues to be the number one lunchtime show on weekends. For the big screen, it's been confirmed that Alden is set to do a full length film with Bea Alonzo after they were paired in a TV commercial. The project is set to be an adaptation of the hit Korean romance, "A Moment to Remember", which is in turn based on a classic Japanese movie, "Pure Soul".

The Japanese original film was made 20 years ago and it's about a young woman afflicted with early onset Alzheimer's Disease. The project is spearheaded by Viva Films, now that Bea is no longer with Star Magic but independently managed by Shirley Kwan. In all probability, they'll start it shooting after the pandemic.



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REUNION OF THE SEX PRINCESSES

Once upon a time, there was Alma Moreno, followed on the hot trail by (in this order) Rosanna Roces, Ara Mina and Maui Taylor.

They were the days when they only had to sell the sizzle and for the creators of what was fancily touted as “ST” (Sex Trip) to hustle their way to the bank with bagfuls of moola.

After going their separate ways, the sex princesses have regrouped in the Viva Films sex-comedy “Paglaki Ko, Gusto Ko Maging Pornstar” to teach three beautiful young girls (Rose Van Ginkel, Ana Jalandoni and AJ Raval) the art of seduction.

It’s a reunion movie. Ara and Maui were together in Ang Huling Birhen sa Lupa (2003) and with Rosanna in Curacha Ang Babaing Walang Pahinga (1998), and it’s their first time to work with Alma (the Tangga Queen of her own Loveli-NESS TV show).

Have you ever experienced sexual harassment and how did you deal with it?

Alma: Sa awa ng Diyos, wala naman. In the many years I’ve been in showbiz, never akong nabastos o na-tsansingan because I am different on screen and off screen. Pa-sexy sa movie or show but formal and decent in real life.

Rosanna: None.

Everybody that I’ve worked with were professional.

Ara: So far, none. When I go out, I make it a point to wear jeans and polo to let people know that what they see on the screen is different from what they see in person. Off screen, balot na balot ako.

Maui: Yes. During a show in Tanay, Rizal, sometime in 2003, a man touched my private part. I was with my PA (production assistant) and my mom. I was frozen in fear. My mom hit the man with a bottle of water.

Was there a time that your leading man got carried away during a shoot and how did you calm him down?

Alma: Wala rin. I’m thankful that all my leading men were respectful, sobra ang respeto nila sa akin.

Rosanna: Yes, there were such incidents. But let’s not name names because that happened a long time ago.

Ara: None. Mababait naman ang mga leading men ko.

Maui: None. Work is just work for me. Nothing personal.



What was the boldest (most daring) movie that you have done?

Alma: Bomba Star. ‘Yon yung movie na nakahubad ako pero nakadapa naman ako and the scene was shot from the top, long shot, so my body was not really exposed. In Lumakad Kang Hubad sa Mundong Ibabaw, my (naked) body was covered with mud kaya wala rin naman nakita. In my other movies, wet look and sexy lang.

Rosanna: Curacha Ang Babaing Walang Pahinga. There was a live-show scene with an audience. I did all sorts of “positions” at nag-“frontal” pa ako.

Ara: Ang Huling Birhen sa Lupa for which I won three Best Actress awards.

Maui: The Taste of Money which was shot entirely in Korea for four months. It was Korea’s entry in the 2012 Cannes Film Festival.

What will you advise a young girl who aspires to be a sexy star?

Alma: Tandaan niya ‘yung salitang RESPECT...respeto sa sarili, respeto sa mga katrabaho, sa co-stars, sa staff at sa crew. And always keep your feet on the ground. Huwag lalaki ang ulo ka-

pag successful na. That’s all, thank you!

Rosanna: Magbaon ng lakas ng loob

at extra kapal ng mukha. Don’t project a pa-sweet image once you enter the sex genre otherwise people will look down on you, those inside showbiz and outside of it. Kailangan tapatan mo rin ng katarayan ang mga ibabato sa’yo at maririnig mo. Or else, you will be discouraged and all your effort will amount to nothing.

Ara: Exude full confidence, be decisive, and be patient for the right time to happen. Your decision must be your own since ‘yon ang ginusto mo and not because you are pushed into it.

Maui: Learn how to accept criticisms and take them with a constructive attitude. Stay humble and keep your feet on the ground. That piece of advice applies to all aspirants and not only to those who want to be sexy stars. Respect senior stars and your co-stars.



Baron Geisler returning to the big screen via ‘Tililing’

Award-winning actor Baron Geisler is back on the big screen with his upcoming film, “Tililing” but his comeback didn’t happen overnight.

Plagued by controversies and his past behaviour, Baron would scale between a sought-after versatile actor to this volatile character that he also possessed. But something changed him, especially last year.

Baron said: “2020 was a blessing in disguise. Naging hands on dad, naging close pa sila ng asawa ko, si Jamie mas nakilala ko rin yung sarili ko kasi dito mate-test yung character ng tao. There are a lot of character defects but na-fixed ko yung mga dapat i-fix.”

With him being a husband to his wife Jamie Evangelista and a father to their child, Talitha Cumi Geisler, the actor admitted that these experiences changed him for the better.

The cast of ‘Tililing’

“Feeling ko nag soften ako, di na ako maangas siguro yung angas na yan nilabas ko yan pag kailangan ng pamilya sa pagbalat ng buto at siyempre may anak at asawa naako... ayoko na ng gulo. As much as possible na kapag may nang-hamon sa’kin diyan, eh tatakbong na lang ako, ayaw naman nating may maka-away na kaibigan diyan,” he said.

As for his “bad boy” image and tendencies, Geisler stated that we won’t be seeing any of that, at least off-cam, saying: “I think makikita niyo yan sa mga movies na lang saka mga teleserye but siguro...it’s not even an image but, iba na si Baron, iba na yung path na tinatahak niya and of course everyone knows na I’m a father and I’m a husband and yun yung pinaka-major role ko hindi lang for the meantime, but forever.”

When it comes to his reason for staying in the limelight, Geisler said: “First is because it’s God given talent, so might as well use it to make people happy. I’m here to entertain...to live simple, you don’t need a lot to be happy, as long as you have a roof, food on the table, shoes, and good friends.”

Geisler went on to thank the VIVA Artist Agency for the continuous trust and support that he is receiving. Co-starring with Geisler is award-winning veteran actress Gina Pareno.

Directed by Darryl Yap, “Tililing” is slated for February 2021 release.

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has an efficacy of 66 percent against moderate to severe disease. In other words: We have another effective inoculation against the virus, and one with slightly different attributes compared with the others already on the market. “This is cause for celebration,” tweeted virologist and Slate contributor Angela Rasmussen.

And yet, because the vaccine is not as effective as Moderna’s and Pfizer’s, one expert described the clinical trial results as “disappointing” to Stat News. Perhaps you feel a little disappointed too. The reason for the lowered effectiveness might be that it might be less effective against new variants—the efficacy is higher in the U.S., at 72 percent, and lower in South Africa, a hot spot for the new variant, at 57 percent. But the most important takeaway is that it still has a high efficacy against severe disease: 85 percent overall, according to a press release from the drugmaker. Importantly, none of the participants in the trial who received the shot was hospitalized for COVID-19, and none of them died. “If you can prevent severe disease in a high percentage of individuals, that will alleviate so much of the stress and human suffering and death,” Anthony Fauci said.

Plus, Johnson & Johnson’s vaccine has advantages over the other options. In addition to being a single-dose inoculation, meaning that people can be vaccinated faster and with fewer clinic resources, it can be stored longer at warmer temperatures. The vaccine can be kept for up to three months in a normal refrigerator, according to the manufacturer. Moderna’s vaccine can be kept at that temperature for one month, while the Pfizer vaccine stays good for just five days outside of an ultracold freezer or carefully packed shipping container equipped with dry ice. This means that it will be particularly useful in areas and countries where cold storage is an issue.

The announcement of another vaccine with slightly different attributes and possible lower effectiveness brings up immediate questions about which vaccine will be the “best” to get. But getting vaccinated ultimately isn’t an individual matter—it’s a collective one that involves the whole world. Everyone being vaccinated, and less coronavirus circulating generally, ultimately matters more than you having the most protective vaccine in your own body. In that light, another option to deploy to reduce illness and spread is incredibly useful. “An efficacious one-dose, easy to transport vaccine is huge,” tweeted statistician Natalie Dean, adding that

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New Beginnings

Jeric and Klea have something in common

JERIC Gonzales is the male winner in the “Pro-tege” Artista Search while Klea Pineda is the female winner in Starstruck. They were paired for the first time in “Magkaagaw” where they play a young husband and wife and their new tandem quickly gained lots of fans. It was also the first time that they play mature roles in a story focusing on infidelity and, in all fairness to them, they both acquitted themselves in their highly dramatic roles. “Magkaagaw” was suspended by the pandemic lockdown last March, but it’s returning on the air this Monday afternoon and both Jeric and Klea say its loyal viewers should brace themselves for highly explosive scenes of dramatic thunderbolt in the fresh new episodes they’ve taped for the show. “Marami silang dapat abangan,” says Klea. “Based on the scenes that we have shot with Direk Laurice Guillen, lahat halos, puro heavy emotional scenes. At first, nahirapan kami, kasi nabakante



kami for seven months because of the lockdown, but after a while, and with the help of our senior co-stars, Sunshine Dizon and Sheryl Cruz, nagawa naman convincingly lahat ng difficult drama scenes required from us.” “We really put our best efforts in this show,” says Jeric. “Ayaw naming mapahiya sa viewers na matagal nag-abang sa pagbabalik nito on the air. I can really guarantee na walang eksenang matatapon dito o masasayang sa mga ginawa namin kasi very intense lahat. Marami silang mapanood na eksenang puno ng cliff hangers at maraming kapanapanabik na challenges na mangyayari sa lahat ng characters dito. We’re about to reach the climax of the story kaya dapat abangan nyo ang bawat bagong episode. ‘Wag n’yong palalampasin.” He is happy to have been paired with Klea in “Magkaagaw”. What are her qualities that endear her to him? “Marami siyang endearing qualities. Bukod sa maganda na, matangkad pa at ‘yung color niya, morenang very smooth skin. At napaka-sweet ni Klea and easy to get along with. Marami kaming puwedeng pagkasunduan, puwedeng

pag-usapan, kasi she’s an interesting conversationalist at napaka-professional pa, of course. She also takes her acting craft very seriously. Makikita nyo yung determination and fire niya dito sa mga eksenang ginagawa namin.” And what can Klea say about this? “He’s right, marami kaming napagkasunduan, even in playing video games, simpleng bagay na ganu’n. Pareho rin kaming mahilig sa motorbikes. Talagang nag-uusap kami in between takes.”

Thea learns to cook through her new role

THEA Tolentino plays contravida anew in a new show, “The Lost Recipe.” She and Kelvin Miranda, the lead actor who plays Chef Harvey, portray tough rivals in the story that focuses on the restaurant industry. “I play Chef Ginger Romano,” says Thea. “Our family is the direct competitor of Kelvin’s restaurant. We cook the best adobo but we face stiff competition sa restaurant ni Kelvin, so we will do our best para matalo namin siya in the food business.” How did she prepare for her role as a chef? “Lahat kami sa cast, along with



Mikee Quintos as Chef Apple na leading lady ni Kelvin, we took a workshop and training course about the culinary arts para ma-immense kami sa mga ginagawa ng isang chef,” says Thea. “We learned a lot from our preparation for our roles. Natuto talaga akong magluto dahil doon and I really enjoyed it.” She’s glad to be working in a drama series anew. “My last soap was ‘Madrasta’ which was last year pa, on Afternoon Prime. This time, ‘The Lost Recipe’ is shown on primetime. We’re all glad kasi ang ganda ng feedback ng netizens sa full trailer ng ‘The Lost Recipe’. Parang Korean drama raw ang dating, world class.” She’s happy to be part of a show that is produced in cooperation with the City of Manila. “May pagka-romcom and fantasy ang show namin,” adds Thea. “Magkakalaban kami as chefs in the story but, off cam, masaya ang buong cast sa set. Kulitan, kuwentuhan. Ipi-feature dito not only our own Filipino dishes but also the various historic landmarks in Manila. Kasama rin sa cast si Paul Salas as Chef Frank, na may secret feelings naman for Mikee.”

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is true the government is dropping the price of Sinovac vaccines to only P650 per dose, the Senate may have done its share to save billions of pesos in the government’s vaccination efforts. “If it’s true that government is now dropping the price of Sinovac vaccine from P1,847.25 per dose to only P650, the Senate has probably done our share to save our people billions of pesos in the country’s vaccination program. Netizens can pat themselves on the back,” he said on his Twitter account. Lacson cited a news article on Bangkok Post dated Jan. 16, 2021 - citing figures from the World Health Organization and from the manufacturers - indicated the price of Sinovac was only \$5 per dose. However, during the budget deliberations last November, the Department of Health, no less, provided the Senate Committee on Finance the data on the Sinovac price: P3,629.50 for two doses. “The difference in prices of Sinovac

vaccine at US\$5, US\$14 and US\$38 reminds me of an old story about how corruption is committed in three Southeast Asian countries - UNDER the table, ON the table, and INCLUDING the table,” Lacson said on his Twitter account. “Here, it may cost \$38.50 (P1,847.25)

(Sinovac has a track record of bribery, yet why insist on dealing with them)?”

per dose but is covered by a Confidentiality Disclosure Agreement,” he added. During the hearings of the Senate Committee of the Whole last week, Lacson also noted implementers of the vaccination program apparently showed preference for privately owned Sinovac - which may fuel speculations that corruption is involved in the government’s dealings with Sinovac. While it was emphasized that only a G2G (government-to-government) arrangement is being observed or followed by the Philippines, vaccine czar Carlito

Galvez Jr. openly admitted that he was dealing directly with an executive of Biotech Sinovac Ltd. based in Hong Kong. Sinovac is a privately owned corporation based in Beijing, China. “May track record sila nanunuhol. Bakit doon tayo nagpupumilit makikipag-usap (Sinovac has a track record of bribery, yet why insist on dealing with them)?” Lacson asked in an interview. “Considering all these, can we blame the lawmakers and even our countrymen why they express suspicion in the government’s vaccination program?” Lacson added.

COVID-19 vaccine from China’s Sinovac only costs around P650 per dose, says Roque

MANILA, Philippines — COVID-19 vaccines from China’s Sinovac Biotech that will be sold in the Philippines will only cost around P650, similar to its price in other countries, presidential spokesperson Harry Roque said.

“Ang aking i-a-assure po sa inyo, fake news po ‘yung kumakalat na P3,600 daw ang singil ng China. Ang ating presyo, bagamat hindi pa maaaring ianunsyo kung ano po talaga ang presyo ng Sinovac, ay hindi po nagkakalayo o hindi po lalayo sa presyo ng Indonesia na sa bandang P650 kada turok,” he said. (What I will assure you is reports that China sells the vaccines at P3,600 is fake news. We cannot announce the exact price but it is not far from the price in Indonesia that is around P650 per dose.) Roque said the price of vaccines from Sinovac depends on which country would buy it. “Ang presyo kasi ng Tsina, hindi gaya ng ibang kompanya na kapitalista na market dictated. Ang presyo ng Tsina puwede nilang baguhin. Wala silang pakialam, depende kung sino ang bibili,” he said. (The price of Chinese vaccines is not like in other capitalist companies that are dictated by the market. China can change the price of its vaccines. They

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Did You Know? Charlie Dizon Was Not Allowed to Talk to Paulo Avelino While Filming “Fan Girl”

“Fan siya dito, hindi artista.”

In case you’ve been living under a rock, Fan Girl, starring Charlie Dizon and Paulo Avelino, won big at the 2020 Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF) Gabi ng Parangal last Sunday, December 27, where it swept the major awards including Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Editing, and Best Cinematography. A triumphant evening for the dark coming-of-age film directed by Antoinette Jadaone!

“Never meet your hero,” the movie poster’s tagline reads. And if you’re one of the many who already streamed this award-winning film, then by now you should know the meaning behind this famous saying. And as it turns out, it’s the very same advice that was given to the 24-year-old actress Charlie Dizon, whose brilliant performance as Jane a.k.a. the obsessed teenage fan who spent an unexpected evening with her idol earned her a Best Actress trophy.



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On Instagram Stories where Antoinette Jadaone welcomed questions about Fan Girl, the director revealed that Charlie was actually prohibited from talking to her co-star Paulo in the early days of the movie’s filming, in addition to not being granted an air-conditioned holding area. “[Especially] in the first days, bawal kausapin ni



Charlie si Paulo. Wala rin siyang aircon tent,” she said. “Fan siya dito, hindi artista.” The filmmaker explained, “So kahit in between breaks, di niya pwede tsikahin si Pau. Ewan ko

“Wala rin siyang aircon tent,” ability to adapt easily. “Buti mabilis siya mag-memorize!”

Direk Tonet added, “This is [because], I think, dahil bagong aktres siya, baka masyado siyang ma-excite at aralin nya nang bongga ang script. Which might lead to her acting being overly studied and calculated. Para mas instinctive siya mag-react.”

Clearly, everything paid off in the end and Charlie Dizon is now a full-fledged Best Actress awardee!

Kris, napagod sa pamimigay ng pamasko

Ipinadala ni Kris Aquino ‘yung Happy New Year gift niya. So nice na unang balyada ng 2021 heto at may padalang limited gift card si Kris, so thoughtful and sweet of her.

Mukhang tahimik siya ngayon dahil hindi siya natuloy sa dinner nila ng Ramsay family sa invitation ni Derek kaya ang anak na si Bimby lang ang nag-attend sa dinner. Mukhang talagang masama ang pakiramdam lately ni Kris dahil nga siguro napagod na naman sa nakaraang holidays kaya medyo hinay-hinay na naman.

Kung iisipin mo talaga, si Kris kasi tuwing Christmas, hindi lang sa trabaho pagod, sobra niyang sineseryoso ang kanyang yearly duties sa mga kaibigan, staff and families na pagbibigay regalo at ‘yung mga small dinner at lunches niya for people she wants to be with sa mga ganitong panahon. Last month ay golden girl na siya, na

buti na lang andiyan sina Joshua at Bimby na nagpapasaya sa kanya kahit medyo masama ang pakiramdam niya. Sana naman, sa birthday niya maganda na ang resulta ng medical reports niya, for a very active person like Kris Aquino, dusa talaga ‘yung hindi siya gaanong makakilos dahil nga sa masamang nadarama sa katawan.

Angel Locsin reveals she was set to ‘freeze her eggs’

She is not married as yet but Angel Locsin already wants to make sure she’ll have babies, revealing she even went as far as to enter a



program where she could freeze her precious eggs. She was supposed to undergo the procedure last year, but due to various stress-inducing happenings including ABS-CBN’s shutdown as with the ongoing pandemic, it was put on hold.

Among other plans affected by the tumult was their planned preup photo shoot in Oslo, Norway.

She noted she and Neil Arce were all ready to go until it was postponed.

If anything, Angel is not worried about the nitty-gritty relating to their wedding as Neil is on it.

“May choices na siya tas yes or no na lang ako,” said she on Radyo Katipunan’s “Level Up” program.

What these actresses discover during Japan shoot

NAKAPAG-BOND nang husto ang apat na pangunahing bida ng action-comedy movie na “Steal” na sina Ella Cruz, Meg Imperial, Jennifer Lee at Nathalie Hart sa kanilang two-week shoot in Japan nung February 2020 bago ang pandemya. Nagkataon na wintertime, tiniis umano nila roon ang sobrang lamig at natuto umano silang maging independent at magtipid.

Aminado rin ang apat na lead stars ng movie that it was their first time to shoot abroad at first time din nilang nagkatrabaho sa pelikula. “Although magkakaiba ang mga personalities naming apat, nagkasundo kami kaagad,” dugtong naman ni Jennifer. Being the youngest in the group, inamin naman ni Ella na nagkaroon umano siya ng instant Ates (older sisters) sa set.

Dahil wala silang kasamang chap-



erone o alalay, natutong maging independent ang apat kasama na rito ang pagmi-make-up, pagbubuhat ng kanilang mga sariling gamit at pagpi-prepare ng mga kailangan sa shooting. Magkakasama din umano silang naggu-grocery doon at naisangit din nila ang shopping at mapamamasyal sa ilang lugar sa Japan.

“We learned about their culture and being independent,” susog naman ng dating Starstruck alumna na si Nathalie, a single mom to a one-year-old daughter na si Penelope, courtesy of her ex-fiance, ang Indian real estate businessman na si Mayank Sharma.

Idinugtong pa ni Meg na wala umangong nagpa-prima donna at nagpa-star sa kanila habang nagsu-shoot sa Japan kaya naging smooth-sailing ang takbo ng shooting ng movie nila, ang “Steal.”



A last-minute COVID-19 vaccine event at Seattle University in Seattle on Friday after a freezer failure at a nearby hospital.

even reason to think that things could go better in some respects with this new tool than the press release numbers suggest. Stat News reporter Helen Branswell pointed out that “the immune

response seemed to improve over time,” meaning that it’s possible that the vaccine is more effective if you look at people who are several weeks out from getting it, rather than just a month. It could also be more effective with a booster shot. According to its website, Johnson & Johnson is also running another study with two doses of the vaccine “to see if a second dose might provide greater, or longer, protection.” But knowing now that we have a vaccine that works pretty well with just one dose? That’s good news.

Claudia signs up with Viva

ISA na ring contract talent ng Viva Artists Agency (VAA) ang nakababatang kapatid ni Julia Barretto, ang singer-songwriter na si Claudia Barretto, second daughter ng estranged couple na sina Dennis Padilla at Marjorie Barretto na parehong dating talents ng nasabing kumpanya. Bukod kina Julia at Claudia, ang dating mag-asawa ay may isa pang anak na lalake, si Leon.



Although singing at songwriting ang priority ni Claudia, bukas na rin umano siya sa ibang posibilidad na pasukin din ang acting just like her elder sister na si Julia.

Hindi ikinakaila ni Claudia na may halong kaba but more of excitement at motivation ang kanyang nararamdaman ngayong nasa bakuran na siya ng Viva. She’s also open to work with her elder sister na si Julia in a film.

“Maganda siguro if it’s about sisterhood,” aniya.

Kung ang parents niya, her aunts (Gretchen and Claudine), cousin (Cholo Barretto) and sister ay acting ang naging entry point sa pagpasok sa showbiz, si Claudia naman ay sa pamamagitan ng kanyang pagiging singer-songwriter.

“Music will always be my passion,” pahayag niya. “I love singing and writing songs”.

Isa sa mga music influences ni Claudia ay ang 31-year-old American singer-songwriter na si Taylor Swift.

Ayon kay Claudia, she’s open umano sa different ideas and new things and even act on her own music video. Bukas din siya sa iba’t ibang music collaborations with other OPM artists including Moira de la Torre and KZ Tandingan at mga talents ng Viva.

Aminado si Claudia na baguhan pa lamang siya sa industriya at marami siyang kailangang matutunan but she’s willing to learn and explore laluna pagdating sa music.

Ngayong nasa bakuran na si Claudia ng Viva kung saan din kabilang ang kanyang amang si Dennis at kapatid na si Julia, posible kaya ang isang TV o movie project na pagsasamahan nila?

“That could be possible,” aniya.

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don't care. It depends on which country buys the vaccine.)

"Yun ang dahilan kung bakit ayaw ipa-anunsiyo mismo ng Tsina kasi nga baka magalit 'yung hindi masyadong nilang BFF na alam nilang bumili nang mas mahal," Roque added.

(That is the reason why China does not want us to announce the price of the vaccines because it may anger other countries that are not their BFF and purchased the vaccines at a higher price.)

Angara later clarified that the data had been supplied to the Senate by the Department of Health during budget hearings last year.

Recently, Duque said that they based the prices on google.

Meanwhile, Roque also defended the government's deal with the Chinese firm to purchase 25 million doses of



COVID-19 vaccines, of which 50,000 are expected to arrive in February.

"Doon sa Brazil, napatunayan na doon sa 50 percent na posibleng magka-COVID, 78 percent mild asymptomatic na hindi na kinakailangan magpatingin sa doktor, at 100 percent walang naospital. Hindi ba napakaganda rin noon? Bakit natin tatanggihan 'yan?" the Palace official said.

"Bakit tayo mag-aantay sa isa na dating pa sa end of the year? Kung nakakahawa na 'yung normal variant, mas nakakahawa na ngayon. Bakit naman tayo magsusugal sa ating kalusugan samantalang nandiyan na ang proteksiyon?" he added.

(Why would we wait for a vaccine that will only arrive by the end of the year? If the normal variant is infectious, the new variant is more infectious. Why would we risk the health of the people when we can already give them protection?)

Dingdong, kabi-kabi-la ang endorsement

Kumain kami nina Gorgy at Jerry sa Mesa restaurant at standee ni Dingdong Dantes ang nakita namin doon. Naalala ko tuloy na siya nga pala ang bagong endorser ng Beauderm ni Rhea Tan at talagang all over din ang dami ng commercials na napapanood siya, solo, kasama si Marian Rivera, at minsan kasama pa si Zia, ang anak nila. Siguro nga dahil mabait at very credible na endorser kaya naman halos lahat ng products, hayan at si Dingdong ang gustong kunin.

'Yung endorsement niya sa pagkain, kilalang foodie si Dingdong. Mahilig kumain at appreciative sa masasarap na kinakain niya. Kaya nga hindi ako nagulat nang makita ang photo niya sa Mesa resto.

Tiyak ako at sure na type niya ang pagkain ng resto ni Mommy Flor Santos na nanay ni LA, ang mahusay na singer. Pagtapos kumain, hayan gamitin ang Beauderm ni Rhea Tan, para ma-maintain ang good looks.



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What Barbie really loves doing with Jak during lockdown

BARBIE Forteza has been idle since the lockdown started in March so she is glad that her soap, “Anak ni Waray vs. Anak ni Biday”, which was interrupted by the virus, will soon be back on primetime in GMA Telebabad.

“Sa wakas, ‘yung fans ng show na noon pa nagtatanong kung kailan kami uli mapapanood, abangan nyo lang po at malapit na kaming magbalik,” she says.

When they were last seen, Barbie as Ginalyn and Kate Valdez as Caitlyn are fighting over Migo Adecera as Cocoy. “So, malapit nang masagot ‘yung laging itinatanyag sa akin ng viewers, tuluyan

na bang nasira ang friendship nina Ginalyn at Caitlyn dahil kay Migo,” adds Barbie. “Pero abangan nyo dahil marami pang pasabog ang show namin between Tita Snooky Serna and Tita Dina Bonnevie, who play our mothers, over Tito Jay Manalo, na siya palang ama namin.”

“For this year, balak kong mag-aral ng driving so I can drive by myself. Balak ko



na noong kumuha ng driving lessons, pero nagka-pandemic. This year, sana matuloy na, para hindi ko inaabala ang daddy ko o si Jak (Roberto) para ipag-drive ako kung may importante akong appointment.”

Off cam, Barbie’s love life continues to bloom in her relationship with Jak Roberto. During the lockdown, they got to communicate regularly to their fans through their vlog where they share cooking various dishes and giving tips about relationships. They also got to do their first endorsement together which was shown on Jak’s Youtube channel. Jak

says doing a commercial together with Barbie is really a milestone for both of them.

“Working with Barbie in a teleserye is one thing, but having our very first endorsement together is such a fulfillment for both of us,” says Jak, who just renewed his exclusive contract with GMA Network. “The whole shoot went smoothly and we all had fun. Barbie and I didn’t even get to sleep the night before the shoot because of excitement and we’re glad na maganda namang lumabas. We have to do more projects together in the future.”

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Kapamilya actor Xian Lim revealed that his house was robbed.

In his Instagram account, Xian started his lengthy post apologizing for his followers for not being able to share the past few days.

“Hi everyone, my apologies for not

‘Diyos na ang bahala’: Xian Lim reveals his home was robbed

being being able to post these couple of days. I was really struggling to decide if I should make a post about this or not. I still don’t know if this could be a right decision but I feel that it is my duty and obligation to let my followers know what it is I’ve gone through or what is currently happening and hopefully, maybe we can learn a thing or two from the decisions made and moments experienced,” he said.

“The other day, I came home and witnessed a nightmare. I saw that a couple windows were shattered, metal grills hammered and filled down. Pag bukas ko ng pintuan, they left a piece of cloth in the front door (I guess to let me know that the place was robbed prior to entering? I’m not really sure),” he added.

The Viva actor said that robbers took all his television and computer.

“I looked around and saw that all the tvs and computer are gone. They also left two planks with nails sticking out. (I’m assuming that this is what they used to break the windows and the locks in the door..could also be used as a weapon? I dont have answers...),” he said.

He said that four people robbed his home and he already reported it to the police as they are now taking steps to secure his home.

“Anyway, no need to elaborate on the details. Basically there was forcible entry and about 4 people ransacked my home. We are done with the police report etc. and we are now taking the necessary steps and precautions to keep

our place and everyone safe,” he said.

The actor added that he feared for his life, mother and grandparents after the incident.

“At first, there was nothing but fear and hatred running through my me..I feared for my life, my mom, lola and lolo...as time passed by, I became grateful that no one was hurt,” he said.

“At this point, I hope na kung sino man ang nanghimasok at nagnakaw ng mga kagamitan dito sa amin ay mag-amit niyo ang perang yan para mapaka-in ng husto ang pamilya niyo. Diyos na ang bahala sa inyo,” he added.

He ended his post with a quote “It is only in our darkest hours that we may discover the true strength of the brilliant light within ourselves that can never, ever, be dimmed.”

Is a star born or made?

Of the four “judge detectives” of the recently-concluded Masked Singer Pilipinas talent search, produced by Viva Entertainment for Cignal TV5, it was Matteo Guidicelli and Kim Molina who stood out for their knowledgeability and entertaining way of assessing (Matteo called it “analyzing”) the contestants’ chances and guessing who were behind the masks (grand winner was Daryl Ong).

The two are back co-hosting the resumption of the 2016 “reality singing competition” Born To Be A Star/BT-BAS (again produced by Viva for Cignal TV5). The show follows the journey of the contestants starting the auditions they are in by the Star

The grand champion will receive P1 million cash and a recording-management contract with Viva.

Excerpts from separate interviews with Matteo and Kim:

Before serving as host, you sat as judge. How can you tell if somebody has star potential?

Matteo: “Just like what the saying says, ‘You can never judge a book by its cover.’ It’s the vibe, the energy one gives out.”

Kim: “The moment you realize that the person has that charm aside from talent, that magnetizing appeal, then that person is definitely a star.”

If you were a contestant in a talent search, how would you try to impress the judges (would you resort to gimmickry)?

Matteo: “The best way is to come prepared with your material, be yourself and give it all!”

Kim: “As cliché as it sounds, I would just be myself. I always believe that if it’s not meant for you, then try again next time. You wouldn’t succeed

if you overdo things and pretend to be someone you are not.”

What are your personal criteria (outside of the search’s requirements) in judging a contestant?

Matteo: “Someone that gives off great energy. Most importantly, an artist that is authentic and honest.”

Kim: “Charm. You need to have that captivating aura that would make the audience glued to you.”

Kim: “Yes, both are emotional for Masked Singer, Diwata (Katrina Larde) who moved and for BTBAS, a kid who performed a song close to my heart made me bawl.”

(To Matteo) Your wife, Sarah Geronimo, is a product of a star (Star For a Night).

shows me. For it was me. Do you



In Masked Singer and now in Born To Be A Star, has a contestant ever so touched you as to make you cry?

Matteo: “Oh yes, our applicants are awesome. A lot of them give me chills!”

get pointers from her on how to spot a talent?

Matteo: “No, not for this show where I am a host. My job is to let our contestants feel comfortable and ready before they perform.”

What’s up with Sarah Geronimo’s Mommy Divine?

The controversial mother of singer-actress Sarah Geronimo has been scarce since the supposed altercation that occurred during her daughter’s marriage to Matteo Guidicelli Feb. 20 last year.

Many are awaiting for her to finally reconcile with the couple but it looks like she is not in a hurry about it.

Apparently, she is busy.

She has another baby to think of.

The family’s cafe and resto in Quezon City has recently resumed operation and she is more than eager to keep things going.

She is in-charge of everything there including the sourcing of ingredients, among others.

Mommy Divine is also keen on strengthening the presence of the business online.

Maybe this is the reason why she didn’t have time to visit Sarah and Matteo at their new home last Christmas as many were expecting.

Just a guesstimate, of course.



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Future of sea code

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, meanwhile, has put a lot of faith in the code.

“The President’s declaration is, let’s finish the code of conduct and we hope all claimants in the West Philippine Sea follow the code of conduct,” Presidential Spokesman Harry Roque said on Monday, January 25, when asked about China’s Coast Guard law.

But in November 2020, Duterte expressed some impatience for what he called a “long wait” for the code in a virtual meeting with other Southeast Asian heads of state and their allies, including China and the United States.

Three months before that ASEAN Summit, Philippine Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr said he would fight to ensure the Hague ruling is mentioned in the sea code.

The 2016 Hague ruling legally backs the Philippine position that the West Philippine Sea belongs to the Philippines and that China’s claim to it, through its 9-dash-line, is illegal.

In 2020, after years of refraining from gathering international support for the legal victory, Duterte brought up the Hague ruling before the UN General Assembly and declared it cannot be “ignored” by any country.

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GOD'S LITTLE PARADISE

Another gem of the Visayas, Bohol's Historical significance extends way back to the blood compact between boholano chieftain sikatuna and the Spanish Conquistador, Miguel Lopez de Legaspi, in 1565.

Scenic Bohol Casts an enigmatic charm drawn from the many archaic mementos spread throughout the oval-shaped island: from the chocolate hills and the tarsier to the 16th century watchtowers and jesuit baroque mission churches. The Chocolate Hills that abound in Central Bohol, two have been developed into top class resorts.

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One of the Rare Faunas found in the Philippine archipelago, the Tarsier is the smallest primate in the world. It is a nocturnal primate measuring from four to five inches, with a tail that is longer than body.

Those interested in tarsier watching are always welcomed by the Boholanos to see the famous primate in its natural adobe up the hills in the town of Corella

A black coral forest is among its main attractions but virtually anywhere you drop in is sure to be rewarding. another major attraction, Cabillao is renowned for the hammerhead sharks that shoal around the clear waters. Large pelagics are very common here. And if you are really lucky, you can find yourself swimming with a passing school of dolphins.

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Did Dionne Monsanto just bid showbiz goodbye?

Dionne Monsanto's recent "des- on pedida" as seen on social media, has ignited rumors she is leaving the country for good. Adding fuel to the fire is the comments of her friends Beatriz Saw and Cris- tine Reyes.

Beatriz said they're celebrating "Dionne's new chapter in life." Cristine wrote: "Hintayin namin pagbalik mo.....ninyo!" Dionne replied, "PBB & Tubig at Langis are my most life-changing experiences. Challenges in the entertainment industry are bearable when you have real friends who understand your struggles. I'm

the luckiest to have these two on and, even more so, off-cam. Always grateful for you @beatriz_saw & @cristinereyes." Note that in the most recent post of Dionne, she is seen arriving in Switzerland, where her boyfriend Ryan Stalder is based.

Ai Ai delas Alas congratulates fellow Papal awardee Nova Villa

Comedian Ai Ai delas Alas is among those quite happy with Nova Villa being granted a Papal Award or the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, a recognition conferred to individuals for their distinguished service to the Catholic Church.

She took to Instagram to congratulate Nova, writing, "Congratulations Tita NOVA VILLA for your

Papal Award (Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice is awarded for those who in a general way deserves well of the pope on account of service done for the church and its head)."

"We are very happy and rejoicing with you (my co Papal awardee) .. and thank you for spreading GOD's goodness and mercy .. TO GOD BE THE GLORY ALWAYS AND FOREVER," she added.

Ai Ai was granted the same award in 2016. Janine Gutierrez now with ABS-CBN



Cindy Kurlito spills tea on Vic Sotto, Jericho Rosales

Cindy Kurlito has finally addressed the decades-old rumor about her and Vic Sotto.

According to Cindy, she and Vic were never an item. "I considered him as a friend. We were both in happy relationships during the years we worked together," she related.

Cindy and Vic worked together years prior as hosts of "Eat Bulaga!"

During that time, many believed she was the ladies' man's new apple of the eye. This was further bolstered with Vic picking her as leading lady for the 2001 sitcom "Daddy Di Do Du."

Beyond Vic, Cindy was more than ready to spill the tea on her past relationship with Jericho Rosales.

According to her, she and Jericho dated for almost two years until she decided to dump him for the man who became the father of her children.

"Someone somewhere will not like this post, but I'm not lying," she added.



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Janella after giving birth: Are fans still interested?

JANELLA Salvador finally admitted what we already know: that she got pregnant by Markus Paterson and they had a child in London. The baby is a boy and named Jude Trevor and was born on October 20, 2020. She already uploaded on her and Markus’ joint vlog a video chronicling her pregnancy up to the time that the baby was delivered.

Prior to this, Janella wrote that she was so hurt because of all the body shaming she got for the excess weight she gained during her pregnancy. Now, she admits she didn’t confess to her pregnancy right away because people can really be so harsh. But her being so proud of her baby got the better of her. This is what she wrote about her baby: “You’re too precious to not be shared. The world deserves to see the precious smiles you give us, the ones that melt our hearts. The world deserves to see you grow into your own unique self. I can’t believe you’re mine.”

It’ll be recalled that Janella was first linked to Elmo Magalona and their relationship ended badly with hints that she was a battered girlfriend. After that, she was linked to Joshua Garcia when they did “The Killer Bride”, but it now appears that it’s just part of the hype to help promote the show, as it turns out that she was already on with Markus by then, although they didn’t admit



their relationship in public. In September, they finally admitted that they’re going steady and soon after that, Janella flew to England where Markus lives with his family. Tongues wagged that she’s already infanticipating, but they just kept quiet. It’s so easy to deduce even then that the rumors are true as they could have denied it right away. But there’s no denial at all. Even from Janella’s manager, Manny Valera, who chose to just stay silent when asked about this. Well, now that the cat is out of the bag, even their celebrity friends are congratulating them on the internet for their newborn baby. The reaction to the video they uploaded showing the baby is very positive. Markus said: “We didn’t expect that the reaction of the public will be so warm. But I guess it really was the perfect time, kaya inilabas na namin. Pero noong una, talagang we wanna shield our son from everything

it’s just part of the hype to help promote the show,

and keep things as quiet as possible. We’re just happy na maganda ‘yung video, maganda ‘yung introduction. I can’t wait for Jude to watch it himself and appreciate it.” Janella says seeing their baby surely changed her priorities. “The moment na I saw him, parang lahat ng priorities ko noong time na ‘yun, nawala. It went out of the window. Like everything is now for him, forever is always for this whole man that I’m holding in my arms. Hindi ako naiyak, hindi ako natawa, nakatulala lang ako, nakatitig lang ako sa kanya for hours. Sa lahat ng family and friends namin that kept the secret with us, that helped us throughout the journey:

he’s out, he’s happy, he’s growing, he’s fat, and we’re happy and everything’s beautiful. Until now, his smiles are the most beautiful in the world. Lahat ng hirap, lahat ng early morning wake up, sobrang worth it kapag nakita ko na ‘yung mukha niya.” The question now is: Can Janella still come back in showbiz and will people continue to support her? Well, that all remains to be seen. Let’s hope she can follow in the footsteps of Jennylyn Mercado, the single mom who staged a successful return after she gave birth to her love child and is now one of the biggest stars of the Kapuso network.

Ellen Adarna denies she is ‘malandi,’ refutes allegations she is after Derek Ramsay

Rumors about her making sweet music with Derek Ramsay has earned Ellen Adarna a huge number of detractors.

One of them wasn’t able to hide her true feelings, accusing Ellen of being “malandi.”



The hot momma calmly retorted, “Actually di man si derek ung gusto ko...wag ka na ma strong jan.” It all started with actress Ruffa Gutierrez sharing photos and videos of Ellen and Derek looking very much like they’re more than friends. Although Ruffa already made clear “walang malisya” between the two, it didn’t stop fans from criticizing both Ellen and Derek. Thankfully, there are some fans who are only too willing to take the cudgels for Ellen. Said one, “nag comment lang malandi agad?” Said another, “Wag muna judge lalo na kung wala naman tayong alam.”

Catriona Gray is now ‘Make-a-Wish’ ambassador

2018 Miss Universe titleholder Catriona Gray has a new title.

She was named “Make-A-Wish” ambassador.

Taking to social media, Catriona announced to her followers:

“This year, for the whole month of January, I’m partnering up with Make-A-Wish Philippines as their first ambassador for 2021.”

She added, “Give hope and happiness to children who battle against huge challenges day in and day out.”

“Any amount is welcome! God bless you and from the bottom of my heart, thank you.”

The Make-A-Wish Philippines foundation helps grant life-changing wishes to children with critical illnesses.



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the issue died down.

Ivana Alawi’s alleged nude video

Although she has a sexy image, YouTuber and actress Ivana Alawi said she will never ever be in any scandal.

“You know, alam kong mukha akong wild, ‘yung walang pakialam, liberated. Proud ako dito — you will never, ever see any scandal of mine on the Internet,” Alawi said on her May 14, 2020 vlog.

She addressed the then circulating video of hers allegedly in the nude.

“Unang-una, wala akong makukuha doon, pag nag-video ako o nag-video ako nang nakahubad. Bakit? Never ko siya naisip na gawin, ever in my life. Tapos isi-send mo sa mga lalaki? ‘Pag ginagawa mo ‘yun, I have nothing against you, pero I’m just saying that for myself,” she stressed.

Maine Mendoza denies ‘deepfake’

Just like Liza, Maine Mendoza is also a showbiz sweetheart with a family-friendly image.

Perverts love abusing females who are considered wholesome and the “Eat Bulaga” host fell victim to them.

Last December, Maine vehemently denied the “deepfake” video scandal.

“Wtf???? Sobrang kamukha ko kinilabutan ako pero hindi ako to!” she



K-pop star Nancy (left) and Filipino star Liza Soberano.

wrote on her Twitter last December 22.

Her agency, All Access Artists, denied the videos and said it will pursue legal actions. Maine’s mother filed a complaint last December 28 at the Cybercrime Division of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

Catriona Gray fights back

Miss Universe 2018 was subjected to malice when alleged nude photos were falsely attributed to her in July 2020.

The Filipina-Australian beauty queen, together with her legal counsel Joji Alonso, filed the complaint against the unnamed perpetrator at the NBI.

ANSWERS TO VALENTINE QUIZ

Female Correct Answers

- 1) Delilah Y. Samson
- 2) Josephine..... L. Napoleon Bonaparte
- 3) Maria Clara.....W. Crisostomo Ibarra
- 4) Roxane..... K. Cyrano Bergerac
- 5) Elizabeth Taylor ...B. Richard Burton
- 6) Laura..... D. Florante
- 7) Leonor Rivera..... A. Jose Rizal
- 8) Juliet C. Romeo
- 9) Gregoria De Jesus...S. Andres Bonifacio
- 10) Eve.....M. Adam
- 11) Cleopatra.....R. Mark Antony
- 12) Queen Victoria ...E. Prince Albert
- 13) Bonnie.....H. Clyde Barrow
- 14) Isolde..... V. Tristan
- 15) Coretta King.....F. Martin Luther
- 16) Mahal..... G. Jahan
- 17) Helen O. Paris
- 18) Guinevere..... U. Lancelot
- 19) Gabriela..... X. Diego Silang
- 20) Lady Marian.....I. Robin Hood
- 21) Yoko Ono..... T. John Lennon
- 22) Susan Roces.....P. Fernando Poe, Jr.
- 23) Marian Rivera.....N. Dingdong Dantes
- 24) Amalia Fuentes....Q. Romeo Vasquez
- 25) Korina Sanchez... J. Mar Roxas

Male

- A. Jose Rizal
- B. Richard Burton
- C. Romeo
- D. Florante
- E. Prince Albert
- F. Martin Luther
- G. Jahan
- H. Clyde Barrow
- I. Robin Hood
- J. Mar Roxas
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We can’t wait to have parties again like this one by the Bicol Canada last December 2019.

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singer, songwriter and a recording artist. She recently released her first original song last month titled: "So Fine" that is now available on all streaming platforms. She is one of the Toron-Kids Week Solo Artist Gold Medalist 2020 of World Championships of Performing Arts. This year She'll be representing Miss Teen Canada Globe, and will also be one of the Cast Member of a new series called Unlocked By: Epic Generation. Watch out for this new addition to the entertainers in the local Toronto community.



JADINE flies again

New version of 'On The Wings of Love' premieres on MYX global, Amazon Prime Video launch to follow

The 'reimagined' version of the show distills its original 145 episodes in to 24 Heads up, JaDine stans – a "reimagined" version of On The Wings of Love is premiering to a global audience.

The show made its premiere on January 27 via cable and satellite in the United States and Middle East via MYX, and is also available on MYX's global Twitch channel. It will also soon be available on Amazon Prime Video and iTunes in the following weeks.

The "reimagined" version of the show has been re-edited, distilling the original episodes into a snappy 24 episodes. It features new music by Jayda, Morissette, Alex Gonzaga, and KidWolf.

The original show premiered in August 2015, and starred Nadine Lustre, James Reid, Cherry Pie Picache, Joel Torre, Nanette Inventor, and Isay Alvarez.

The show, which ran until February 2016, saw ratings climb. Its finale was celebrated with a live viewing party at the Ynares Center in Antipolo.

Full episodes of On The Wings of Love are also currently available on the ABS-CBN Entertainment YouTube channel.



Korean actor Jung Il-woo cooks kaldereta, sinigang for close friend Sandara Park

Korean actor Jung Il-woo showed his cooking skills by preparing popular Filipino dishes sinigang and kaldereta for ex-2NE1's Sandara Park.

The two stars have been close friends for 13 years and Dara became a guest of Jung Il-woo in a video he uploaded on Jan. 29 on his YouTube channel 1DAY 1LWOO JUNGILWOO.

"I'll be cooking some Filipino food for Dara. I've actually never



been to the Philippines before. I've never been there but I tried my best to search information on YouTube," said the 33-year-old actor who has starred in dramas such as "Moon Embracing the Sun" and "Haechi."

He added, "I also looked everywhere up for 'the favorite Filipino menus of Dara.'" "Sinigang is my favorite. It's my favorite Filipino menu out of all Filipino food and I never had my meals without it," Dara told Jung Il-woo.

Hunk Shot

Lederf John Carreon or LJ goes to Oakdale Middle school. LJ wants to be a famous singer someday. He is the son of Fredelito and Elsie Carreon. His talents are singing and scatting.

He takes karate and taekwondo. He loves art and cooking. He also plays soccer. He is with the Undercover Talent Group (UTC) and he is the top one performing talents in singing, modeling and monologue. He is also in a JAMM STAR talent and is the first runner up by singing on 2018. He is also the top one performing Jane Hollywood talent. LJ is a member of TN Model&Talent Agency.

He is a participant in Shine Like A Star in singing. He is also with Moskha Canada foundation. He performed singing in the Jane HUB Community Center and Weston road HUB Community center.

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