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DUTERTE TO THINK ABOUT VP RUN

President Rodrigo Duterte is thinking over his party's call for him to run as vice president in next year's elections, Malacañang said.

Palace spokesman Harry Roque Jr. made the statement after the Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan (PDP-Laban), headed by Duterte, voted to come up with a resolution urging the Chief Executive to run for vice president in the 2022 polls.

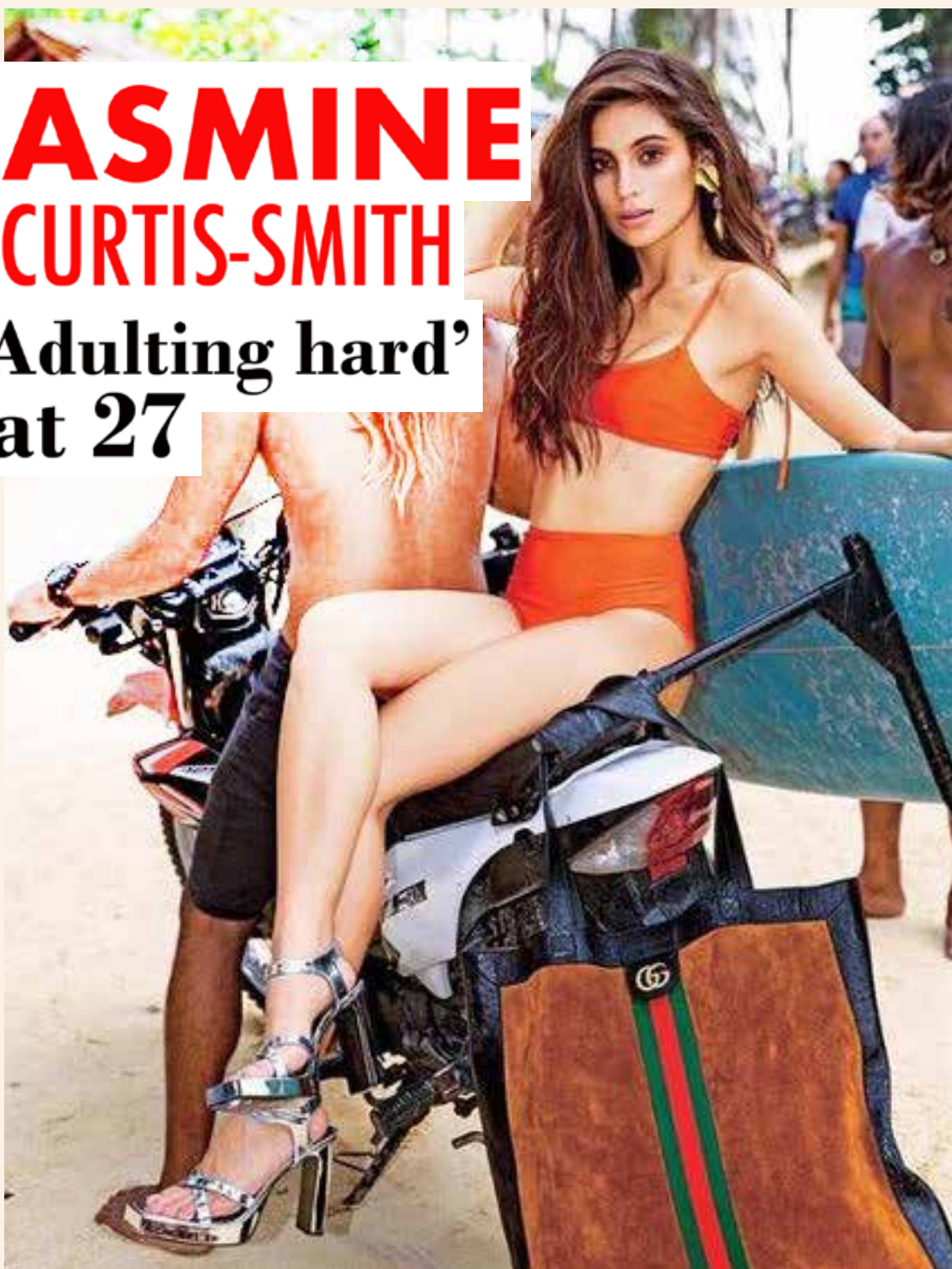
"Sa lahat po ng nagtatanong kung ano ang kasagutan ng Presidente, ang kasagutan po ay pag-iisipan po niya (To everyone who's asking what the President's answer is, he will think about it)," Roque told reporters.

"On the one hand, sabi niya nakapagsilbi na siya sa bayan. On the

other hand, iisipin niya kung ano ang pinakamabuti para sa bayan. 'Yun po ang kasagutan ng Presidente (he said he already served the country. On the other hand, he will think of what's best for the nation. That's his

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JASMINE CURTIS-SMITH 'Adulting hard' at 27



Two Miss Philippines Earth 2021 candidates not in favor of trans women joining pageants for natural-born women; Kevin Balot agrees

Dalawang kandidata ng Miss Philippines Earth 2021 ang hindi sang-ayon sa pagsali ng transgender women sa beauty pageants para sa natural-born women.

Ngayong June ay ipinagdiriwang ang Pride Month.

Ipinakilala sa press ang unang batch ng Miss Philippines Earth 2020 candidates kagabi, June 1.

Dito ay tinanong sina Daena Yapparcon (Miss El Nido, Palawan) at Jerimi Nuqui

(Miss Caloocan) kung payag ba silang maging kandidata sa sinalihan nilang pageant ang trans women.

MISS EL NIDO

Ayon kay Miss El Nido, ang beauty pageants ay pagdiriwang para sa natural-born women.

Kung siya raw ang tatanungin, mas mainam kung magkaroon ng sariling pageant para sa transgender women.

Sagot ni Yapparcon: "I do believe that beauty pageant celebrates the beauty of women, the natural beauty of women.

"So, I do believe that it already celebrates the femininity.

"I believe that transgenders should have their own beauty pageants.

"And it's because to celebrate their own beauty, and to let people know that and to

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Look Back

Cebu Port Pier, 1980's



Sharon Cuneta loses Steven Spielberg project because of fake positive covid19 test



After much speculation, Sharon Cuneta finally revealed the reason why she flew to Los Angeles, California, this month.

In an Instagram live session with her husband Sen. Kiko Pangilinan, the Megastar said she was supposed to be a part of Jo Koy's all-Filipino cast Hollywood film, which was going to be produced by Steven Spielberg.

However, she had to let go of the opportunity after she received a "false positive" COVID-19 test result.

According to the actress, she was supposed to play Jo Koy's character's supportive aunt in the film, which was loosely based on the comedian's life.

"I was coming to Hollywood to do my first Hollywood film, not for any platform, not for Netflix, but for cinematic release with premieres all over," Sharon said.

"Produced by Dan Lin who made 'Aladdin,' and the big boss, the one and only Steven Spielberg, the very first all-Filipino cast [that] I was so honored to be chosen to be part of."

Sharon said Jo Koy talked about her and after several meetings with the casting director, she was cast as one of the two main female roles in the movie.

Because she was a legal resident, she was allowed to travel to the US. She

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Sharon Cuneta leaves family, country to ‘collect myself’

Kapamilya actress Sharon Cuneta left the country and her family to rest abroad.

In her Instagram account, Sharon posted her passport, saying she’s flying to her Mommy’s Gramp’s country. She, however, didn’t specify where country she was bound to. “I’m going home. Of course my real home, where my heart is, is where my husband and children are. But tonight I am flying home to my Mommy’s Gramps’ country, where only my eldest and I are legal residents,” Sharon



wrote. “I need to breathe, collect myself, gain strength. Love you all and will miss you guys. Please pray for me, @mariano.peachy and @annadasig. God bless you always!” she added.

In another post, the “Megastar” posted photos of her with Sen. Francis Pangilinan and their three children being emotional for their farewell.

“Praying and saying bye to my family...” she wrote.

HARSH! Geneva Cruz reacts to ‘Ugliest Cruz’ comment

To say that social media is toxic is underplaying it.

Surprisingly, it doesn’t stop celebrities from using various platforms to further their agenda.

As such, the thing just goes on and on and on...

Recently, singer-actress Geneva Cruz was the subject of harsh criticism courtesy of a fan who deemed her the “ugliest” Cruz comparing her to cousins Sunshine Cruz and Donna Cruz.

The fan wrote, “Pinakapanget talaga tong c Geneva sa magpipinsan pero cya pa nakarami ng julake...”

Hurtful as it was, Geneva didn’t take it sitting down.



She was quick to shut down her social media accounts.

Kidding. She responded to the fan writing,

“LOL ganda mo kasi. Wag ka na mainggit, that’s gonna make you uglier...”

Geneva didn’t stop there.

She added, “WALANG PANGIT SA PAMILYA KO. WALANG PANGIT NA TAO. UGALI MO LANG ANG PANGIT. WHICH MAKES YOU... PANGIT...”

Tit for tat?

Well, that’s how social media turns users into monsters.

Honey Shot

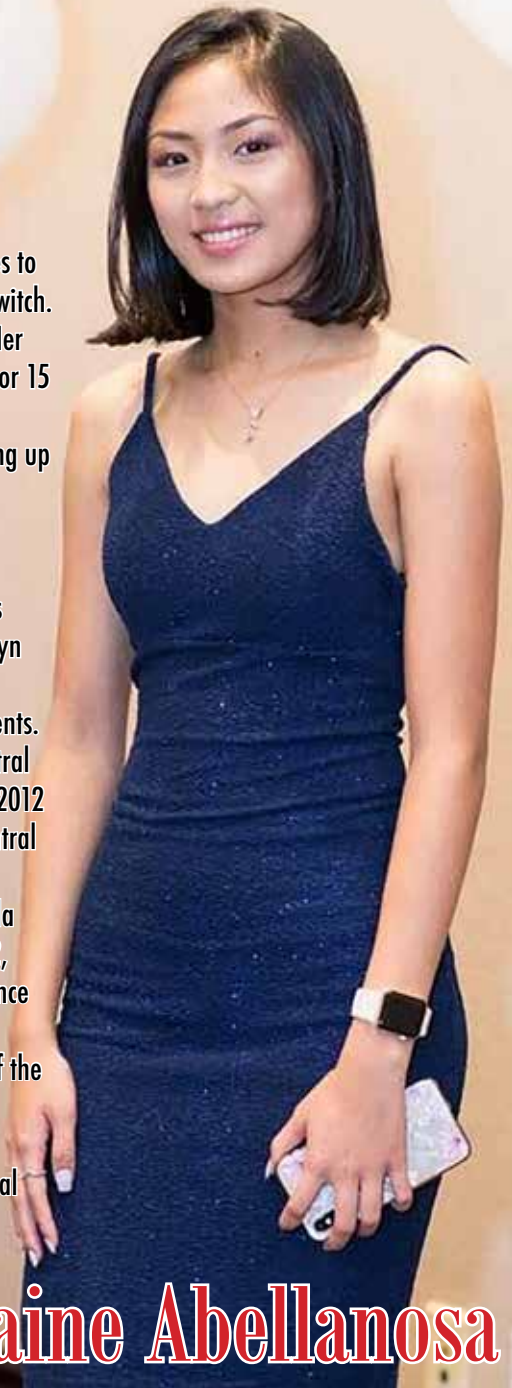
When she has free time, she likes to stream and play video games (twitch.tv/jjesaa) and I like shopping Her sports is figure skating (skated for 15 years)

She goes to York University taking up psychology.

Someday, she wants to be a psychiatrist for children and/or be a Figure skating coach. She is the daughter of Edwin and Jocelyn Abellanos

Notable are her other achievements.

- Member of Skate Canada Central Ontario Future Champion Team 2012
- Member of Skate Canada Central Ontario Elite Team 2016
- Gold Achiever for Skate Canada Central Ontario Free Skate -2012, Elements- 2012, Skills- 2016, Dance 2018
- Elementary Grade 8 Athlete of the Year 2014 / Trustees Catholic Excellence award 2014
- 2nd in Skate Ontario Provincial Championships 2019



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Kris Bernal avoids giving straight answers to questions about network transfer

Is Kris Bernal transferring to ABS-CBN?

This was one of the questions asked during her True or False Q&A session on Instagram on May 1, 2021.

A netizen asked: “May balak kang lumipat sa 2 pero na-wrong timing lang?”

True or false, Kris did not give a straight answer.

Instead, she wrote as her reply, “Kung saan ako dalhin ni Lord.

“I never choose or reject a project because I see opportunities as valuable so I consider every role or show that is given to me.

“As I said, kung saan may trabaho, doon ako.”

Another netizen asked Kris, “Gus-tong lumipat sa ibang network?”

To which Kris answered, “Only if there’s an opportunity or wherever I’ll get accepted that’s where I’ll go for.”

But she gave a direct and pointed answer when a netizen asked: “I heard you have a new project with GMA?”

Her quick answer: “False! So far, there isn’t any offer yet of a new show.”

Kris was a contract artist of GMA-7



for 14 years until 2020, beginning in 2006 after winning the Ultimate Love Team title of Star-Struck: The Next Level with Mart Escudero.

Instead of Mart, however, Kris was paired with Aljur Abrenica. They became one of the prized love teams of the

Kapuso network at that time, and top-billed several top-rating programs, such as Dapat Ka Bang Mahalin (2009) and The Last Prince (2010).

When her love team with Aljur ended, Kris went solo as lead actress in GMA-7’s top-rating afternoon dramas Koreana (2010), Hiram na Puso (2012), and Impostora (2017).

In September 2020, Kris revealed that her contract was not renewed by GMA Artist Center.

In November 2020, Kris joined Cornerstone Entertainment as her new management. She also did the weekly show Ate ng Ate Ko on TV5.

In March 2021, Kris had a brief appearance in GMA-7’s Owe My Love as the young version of Benjamin Alves’s mother.

Zaijian Jaranilla mistaken for a thief

MANILA, Philippines – A scene had to be cut while rolling when actor Zaijian Jaranilla was mistaken as a real-life thief by an unknowing foreigner while on the set of the actor’s crime drama “Almost Paradise.”

“May isang foreigner na hindi kasama sa scene, akala niya nagnakaw talaga ako, so hinatak niya ako. Tapos nag-cut. Chinee ako ng mga staff kung okay lang ba ako tapos in-explain doon sa foreigner na film lang,” the former child actor recalled.

“Almost Paradise” is a Filipino-American crime

drama produced by Dean Devlin and Gary Rosen. It stars Christian Kane as Alex Walker, a former Drug Enforcement Administration agent, who finds himself settling in the Philippines after his forced retirement. While living there, he is drawn to lawless elements that thrive in his community.

The show simultaneously airs on the Kapamilya Channel and A2Z. It also streams on iWantTFC and Kapamilya Onlive Love on Facebook and YouTube.

Catriona Gray clarifies how she managed trip to Australia despite its closed borders

Miss Universe 2018 Catriona Gray on visiting her family in Australia: “In deciding to come here to Australia I had to choose to either cancel/postpone work or to not see my family - and I feel like one of the biggest realizations I’ve had in this season is that relationships and family are the most important things - so it was an easy sacrifice to make.”

Noong May 4, lumipad patungong Australia si Miss Universe 2018 Catriona Gray para makapiling ang mga magulang niyang nakabase roon.



Sa comments section, isang netizen ang nagtanong kung paanong nakapasok si Catriona sa Australia gayong sarado pa ang borders ng Australia gawa ng pandemya.

Tanong ng netizen, “I thought Australia’s border is closed?”

Ipinaliwanag ni Catriona na siya ay pasok sa exemption ng travel ban kaya siya nakarating ng Australia.

Paglililaw ni Catriona, “closed for tourists but not for citizens or returning residents.”

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Life’s brighter under the sun



Vice Ganda calls people behind ABS-CBN shutdown “ganid at masasamang loob”

Tinawag na “ganid at masasamang loob” ni Vice Ganda ang mga taong nasa likod ng hindi pagkakaloob ng bagong prangkisa sa ABS-CBN.

Sa Twitter, May 5, 2021, nagbahagi ang It’s Showtime host ng kanyang saloobin ukol sa unang anibersaryo mula nang namaalam sa ere ang ABS-CBN noong May 5, 2020.

Eksaktong ika-7:52 ng gabi noong araw na yun, naging itim ang TV monitors sa mga kabahayang nakatutok sa Kapamilya network dahil nagtapos na ang free TV broadcast ng network.

Ito ay matapos ipag-utos ng National Telecommunications Commission, sa pamamagitan ng Cease and Desist Order, dahil napaso na ang prangkisa ng ABS-CBN isang araw bago sila magpaalam.

Ayon kay Vice, hindi nagtagumpay ang mga taong kumitil sa prangkisa ng



network dahil nanatiling nakatayo ang ABS-CBN at patuloy pa rin itong sumasahimpapawid.

Mensahe ng It’s Showtime host, “Isang taon na ang nakalipas ng tangkain ng mga ganid at masasamang loob na ang mga KAPAMILYA

ay mapagkaitan ng serbisyong kailangang kailangan nila lalo sa panahon ng pandemya.

“Ngunit di sila lubos na nagtagumpay. Dahil andito pa rin kami at patuloy na isinasabuhay.”

Dagdag pa niya, napanindigan ng ABS-CBN Corporation ang slogan nito dahil patuloy pa rin itong nagseserbisyo sa bayan kahit wala itong franchise to broadcast sa free TV.

Aniya, “ang sinumpaang linyang ‘In the service of the Filipino worldwide’.

“Ang pamilya ay di sinusukuan. Nahirapan ngunit nagtatagumpay.

“Andito pa rin kami para sa’yo KAPAMILYA!”

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Good Moral Character not Required for Philippine Cops C

President Duterte lowered the minimum height requirement for police, firefighters and jail and correction officers. To make everyone almost eligible, clean criminal record and good moral character is not required. Ehe, sus Guinoo ni Roxanne na nakatihaya, ano ba itong nasabi ko?

After all, they already have examples to follow. Police-man Jonel Nuezca killed his neighbour Sonya Gregario, 52, and her 25-year-old son Frank. Prior to this incident, Nuezca already faced five administrative charges and two with murder but both were dismissed for lack of evidence. But he was still allowed to carry a gun while off-duty. Recently, Police Master Sergeant Hensie Zin- ampan, who appeared to be drunk, pulled Lilybeth Valdez’s hair and shot her in the neck, killing her instantly, according to the family.

Senator Miguel Zubiri said he believed the lowering of height requirement would encourage more Filipinos to become policemen, firefighters, and jail and correction officers.

Senator Ronald dela Rosa, a former PNP chief, also believed the measure was a “key in opening the gates of public service.”

Hindi kaya kaya ibig niyang sabihin “opening the gates of hell to public disservice?”

By the looks of it, police officers are starting to look like criminals with badge. Let us not forget, the police were also the ones who killed the 4 intelligence soldiers who were following a suspected terrorist in Sulu. Hay naku, ano ba iyan?

Let’s lower the height, and increase the waist. Forgotten is the increasing size o the beer bellies of the policemen. Unlike in North America where the joke is cops eat donuts, in the Philippines, they more likely get fat on free beer from bars which are also partly-owned by police officers. What is the solution ex-PNP chief Debold Menorias Sinas? Exercise by moving your feet while sitting? Well, let’s see how that works.

Vice Ganda almost took a leave from ‘It’s Showtime’

MANILA - Kapamilya host Vice Ganda revealed that he almost took a leave of absence from his daily noontime show “It’s Showtime” because of the sudden spike in COVID-19 cases in the country.

During the recent virtual press conference of his upcoming concert “Gandemic: Vice Ganda, The VG-tal Concert,” Vice said that he loves the show so much so he reconsidered his decision.

“Noong nagkaroon ng surge, mag beg off muna sana ko na hindi muna ko papasok (It’s Showtime) pero ‘pag ginawa ko ‘yun, hindi rin papasok ‘yung mga kasamahan ko. So ‘pag gi-

nawa namin ‘yon, anong mangyayari sa programa?” Vice said.

“Mahal na mahal ko ‘yung programa na ‘yon kaya kailangan kong i-consider kung kahihinatnatan ng programa,” he added.

Vice also said that all staff of the noontime show, including the hosts, are taking swab tests every day.

“So we made a compromise na ‘sige pasok tayo pero kailangan ganto kahigpit.’ Every day, swab kami sa ‘Showtime’ sa sobrang takot namin na negative ka nga ngayon baka bukas

positive naman. Magka-kasama tayo tapos may isa na palang positive, so every day nagpapa swab kami,” he said.

“Pag walang Showtime hindi talaga ko lumalabas. Kaisa-isang beses na lumabas ako nagpunta ko sa Belo para siyempre maganda ako pagdating sa concert,” he added.

Vice Ganda promises a night of music and laughter in “Gandemic: Vice Ganda, The VG-tal Concert” on July 17, 9 p.m. (Philippines) and July 18 at 11 a.m. (worldwide streaming). Tickets are now available via <http://bit.ly/Gandemic>.



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have the respect they deserve.”

MISS CALOOCAN

Bungad naman ni Miss Caloocan, napapanahon ang tanong at siya mismo ay



Miss Philippines Earth 2021 candidates Jermini Nuque (left) and Daena Yapparcon (center) say that trans women should have their own pageant and should not join beauty pageants for natural-born women. Meanwhile, Kevin Balot (right), a trans women titleholder, also agrees.

nakikita sa social media na kasalukuyan itong pinag-uusapan.

Sabi ng aspiring beauty queen, “It’s a nice question. Some of the transgender and women are talking about it especially in TikTok. I see it.”

Pareho sila ng opinyon ni Miss El Nido na ang pageants na gaya ng Miss Philippines Earth ay para sa mga babae.

“So, my answer is no,” ani Nuqui.

Paliwanag pa niya, “I respect transgender. I respect their community, as their opinion on their selves.

“But I also believe we need inclusivity. “Miss Universe, we are celebrating the natural-born women.

“And I believe too that this transgender, they have their own pageants where they can showcase their skills, their talents, their beauty.

“And as long as we respect each other’s values, I think we can have a better world where a war-zone earth can turn into a beautiful and a wonderful one.”

KEVIN BALOT AGREES

Iginiit naman ng Pinay transgender beauty queen na si Kevin Balot ang dati niyang sinabi na dapat ay hiwalay ang pageants ng natural-born women at trans women.

Noong 2012 ay kinoronahan si Kevin bilang Miss International Queen, ang itinuturing na most prestigious beauty pageant para sa trans women.

Ang isinusulong ni Kevin ay mabigyan ng pantay na pagtingin ang beauty pageants para sa trans women at pageants para sa natural-born women.

Eksaktong isang taon na ang nakalilipas nang nag-trending si Kevin sa pahayag niyang ito.

Binatikos siya ng mga pumapabor na payagan ang pagsali ng trans women sa Miss Universe pageant.

Kagabi, June 1, ni-repost ni Kevin ang Facebook post ng netizen na kapwa niya trans woman.

Sa post ng netizen, sinabi nitong ipinagdiwang niya ang pagkakasali ni Miss Spain Angela Ponce, isang trans woman, sa Miss Universe 2018.

“It felt like the first time a man landed on the moon,” anang netizen.

Pero meron nga raw prestihiyosong pageants para sa trans women gaya ng Miss International Queen, kung saan nanalo si Kevin at si Trixie Maristela noong 2015.

Iyon daw ang nais niyang mabigyan pansin–bigyan ng parehong importansiya ang kanilang pageant, kagaya ng Miss Universe.

Ang ipagdiwang ang pagkapanalo nina Kevin at Trixie, gaya ng ipinagdiwang ang pagkapanalo noon nina Pia Wurtzbach at Catriona Gray.

Sabi ng netizen, ito ang “better definition of inclusivity and equality.”

Sang-ayon dito si Kevin.

Caption ng trans woman titleholder: “Thank you soo much!! [heart emojis] “Hindi lang sa Miss Universe kundi sa lahat ng international platform na sinasalihan natin.”

Lock-in shoots, benefits and disadvantages

Just got word that several new TV series and films are on extended lock-in shoots in different locations around Luzon. It means that networks and film companies have resumed production against all odds, and that augurs well for the entertainment industry.

Filming nonstop in a Laguna resort is the new GMA drama series “Legal Wives,” about a Muslim man (Dennis Trillo) who marries three women.

The wives are played, in proper order, by Alice Dixson, Andrea Torres and Bianca Umali.

Legal Wives” is coming soon on GMA Primetime.

One of the good things brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic is the way TV and movie projects are now being produced.

They are now more carefully planned, mapped out to the smallest detail. Shoots are held in a common location, following shorter working hours in observance of health protocols.

After a month or so, the project is completed. The complete show is put in the can, so to speak. Everyone goes home happy.

Lock-in taping is the order of the day.

To be able to produce a TV show or a movie, producers go the extra mile by housing cast and crew under one roof, so to speak.

The procedure isn’t all that simple.

Days before actual taping, all personnel involved in the project go through a series of health protocols. They are gathered for several days in one place, like a hotel, where they undergo swab testing.

If found negative for Covid-19, everyone is herded off to the location, where they are to stay throughout the filming. They are not allowed to leave, or even mingle with other people outside of their own bubble.

Needless to say, producing a TV show or movie these days entails added costs to producers. Over and above the usual expenses incurred in production, they must also pay for housing the cast and crew in hotels or resorts, including food.

Resorts out of town, either north or south of Manila, are usually the favored locations of shoots these days. They need not be too far, though.

Actors are also not allowed to come with their assistants to limit the number of people on the set.

Producing is one tough nut to crack these days, admits a production staff, yet the show must go on. Content must be supplied to network, no matter the cost or the circumstances.

Sacrifice is a must, especially among actors, who are used to the comforts of the old practices, pre-pandemic.

A veteran actor tells me he entertains lock-in shoots for a number of reasons.

He either likes the role, or the project itself, which means he can still find a medium with which to express passion in his work, which is healthy.

He needs to work to earn his keep and put food on the table. “What’s a little compromise if it means I can still be productive at this time of the pandemic?” He also likes the shortened filming hours that no longer require overnight shoots.

He needs to go out of the house for his mental health. It helps that shoots are often now located in the provinces, by the sea, in beautiful, open-air settings.

Working in these environments can be considered a treat, he says, on top of fulfilling one’s passion in acting while getting paid for it.

“I tell myself, I’m going on holiday in a nice place out of town. That thought inspires me to be thankful to God I can still have a job despite this pandemic.”



Dennis Trillo and Bianca Umali



Moira Dela Torre ridiculed for pandemic performance

Moira Dela Torre is currently trending on TikTok.

No, it wasn't because she posted a video of her dancing to "Renegade."

A video of her performing "Tagpuan" using a huge barrier or shield as propped on a roller made it to the site.

Not that it's wrong, of course.

Note that under the new normal, singers performing live in front of an audience more often than not use such a device to protect themselves and fans from possible COVID-19 infection.

But obviously, many on TikTok aren't used to seeing such, going on to ridicule Moira for it.

One said, 'Di ko kinaya yun face shield! Anlaki!'

A netizen pointed out, "Hind yan face shield, wind shield lol!!"

Another said, "Yang yung tinatawag na GIANT FACE SHIELD!!!"

A fan retorted, "Hindi mali ka diyan. Yang ang face shield pro max!"

It didn't end there.

There were some who deemed it more disturbing that Moira, at one point, made do without it, approaching a fan.

Worse, she actually let him sing part of "Tagpuan" using her mic.

Some of the comments:

"Why is nobody here talking about her using that huge shield yet lending her mic to a fan?"

"May pa giant faceshield pa tapos



iaabot lang din yung mic edi wala rin HAHAAHA-HA..."

"Naku, Wag niyo ito pakita sa IATF! Baka hulihin ang mga yan!!"

"Common sense left the building..."

"Gano ba kalaki ang bills ni Moira at napilitan syang gawin to?"

The video is a huge hit, earning more than 1.5 million views as of this writing.

Meanwhile, in an update, the person responsible for the video said all those who attended the event underwent testing and that they practiced social distancing.

Desiree del Valle on finding out she's pregnant: 'Halong tawa, halong iyak'

Learning for the first time that she is going to be a mommy was quite an emotional moment for actress Desiree del Valle.

She told Star Magic's Inside News, "When I saw this (pregnancy kit showing two lines), sobrang happy namin ni Papi. Halong tawa, halong iyak. Tumatalon kami pareho tapos hawak ko lang ito (kit)."

Papi is, of course, her husband, Boom Labrusca.

The two announced they are expecting their first child together only last week.

Desiree added, "Sobrang happy ko, sobrang ang lakas lakas ng heartbeat niya. Parang I couldn't believe na there's actually a living baby inside me noong time na 'yon at saka kung gaano na siya kabuo."

The 39-year-old related how she immediately told her handlers in Star Magic about it, going on to advise them that she cannot accept projects anymore by June.





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Malaysian police kill suspected Philippine militants

Five suspected members of Philippine militant group Abu Sayyaf have been shot dead in a firefight with police on the Malaysian part of Borneo island, authorities said last May 18.

Police were attacked by men armed with guns and machetes Monday when they raided a settlement near the town of Beaufort in Sabah state, and returned fire.

“Five male suspects were successfully defeated,” said Sabah police commissioner Hazani Ghazali in a statement.

They were believed to be from the Abu Sayyaf group, police said, self-proclaimed Islamic militants whose strong-

hold is in the Muslim-majority southern Philippines, not far from Sabah.

One of them has been identified as Mabar Binda, a militant leader on the Philippine police’s wanted list, Malaysian newspaper The Star reported.

Abu Sayyaf, which has distant links to the Islamic State group, has been responsible for some of the Philippines’ worst terror attacks in recent years.

They have carried out bombings as well as kidnappings of Western tourists and missionaries since the 1990s, often operating in poorly policed sea areas bordering Malaysia and Indonesia.

Sarah and Matteo want to ‘Change the World Together’

Pop queen Sarah Geronimo and her husband actor Matteo Guidicelli are lending their voice to the new theme song of G Diaries, which is now on its eighth season.

The power couple is interpreting “Change the World Together,” written and composed by Jenie Chan, and is also the title of G Diaries Season 8.

G Diaries is a multi-awarded TV program produced by ABS-CBN Foundation which features stories of love, hope, and cooperation among local communities, and promotes advocacies on environment protection, child rights



and development, area development, and sustainable ecotourism, among others.

Sarah and Matteo’s version of the song is exclusive to the terrestrial and cable airing of G Diaries.

“We’ve done seven seasons with five different directors and over a hundred episodes, but our viewers continue to look forward to new episodes. G Diaries has a very positive vibe and a timely message of hope, and we are truly grateful that Sarah and Matteo agreed to be a part of this season.”

Minimum height for cops lowered

President Rodrigo Duterte has signed Republic Act 11549 lowering the height requirement for the applicants of the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and Bureau of Corrections.

The measure, signed by Duterte on May 26, lowers the minimum height requirement for male applicants in the law enforcement agencies from 1.62 meters to 1.57 meters. For female applicants, the original height limit of 1.57 meters is lowered to 1.52 meters.

A waiver for height requirement will be automatically granted to applicants belonging to the cultural communities or indigenous peoples.

In the Senate, Majority Leader Miguel Zubiri said he believed the lowering of height requirement would encourage more Filipinos to become policemen, firefighters, and jail and correction officers.

Senator Ronald dela Rosa, a former PNP chief, also

believed the measure was a “key in opening the gates of public service.”

Meanwhile, Duterte has signed a law granting him the power to defer the increases in Social Security System premium contributions this year.

Under Republic Act 11548, the deferment of the SSS contribution hikes will take effect “for the duration of the state of calamity” due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The measure amends RA 11199 or the Social Security Act which allows the Social Security Commission, the governing body of the SSS, to implement the contribution rate hike.

A one-percent contribution increase is imposed on SSS members every two years beginning 2019 until 2025, based on RA 11199.

Meaning, the SSS members’ contribution rate will increase to 13 percent beginning January 2021 from a contribution rate of 12 percent in 2020.

However, RA 11548 includes a new phrase that states that “the implementation of one-percent 2021

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Alden Richards is Face of Lazada

Lazada, a leading eCommerce platform in the Philippines, welcomes the mid-year with its 6.6 campaign and the announcement of its latest ambassador, Alden Richards.

The popular Filipino actor, recording artist, entrepreneur, and online gaming streamer stars in the latest TVC for Lazada’s 6.6 Mid-year Sale, where shoppers can enjoy 6x more free shipping vouchers and up to 90 percent off for purchases made from June 6-8.



“I am very grateful to be a part of the Lazada family. I’ve had the opportunity to work with them for their Birthday Super Sale last March, and I loved how everyone was just so excited and engaged,” says Alden. “I’m definitely looking forward to this year’s 6.6,” he further added.

“We are half-way through the year and as we kick-off our 6.6 Mid-Year Sale with Alden, Lazada wants to turn this shopping festival into an opportunity to re-ignite hope and inspiration. We hope that our customers will continue to celebrate making it this far and finding ways to thrive during a very challenging time”, shares Neil Trinidad, Chief Marketing Officer of Lazada Philippines.

Ely Buendia on the Eraserheads: ‘We were never friends’

19 years after they split in 2002, the members of Eraserheads still aren’t chummy.

And many of their fans aren’t happy about it.

The band’s chief songwriter, Ely Buendia, earned criticism recently for candidly admitting on “Wake up with Jim and Saab” that he and the rest of the band “were never close” and that they were “never tight friends.”

“That’s why we broke up,” he said. “I mean we weren’t Itchyworms. We weren’t Parokya ni Edgar...”

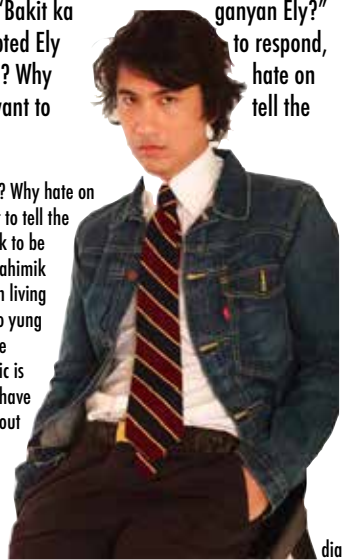
Some fans were quick to react to his statement.

Said one, “Bakit ka ganyan Ely?”

This prompted Ely to respond, “Big deal still? Why hate on people who want to tell the truth?”

Big deal, still? Why hate on people who want to tell the truth? I didn’t ask to be interviewed, nanahimik na nga ko dito eh living a happy life kayo yung makulit about the eheads. The music is all that matters, have you forgotten about that, and who wrote most of it? just sayin.

— Ely Buendia (@elybuendia9001) May 27, 2021



He would go on to add, “Lol it’s also weird that I have more Ehead fans who hate me than DDS. Priorities, I guess.”

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— Ely Buendia (@elybuendia9001) May 27, 2021

Note that it wasn’t Ely who first admitted to the great divide among them.

Prior, the band’s drummer, Raimund Marasigan, intimated they just can’t get along.

“I know a lot of people are asking why we can’t get the four of us here, and the honest answer is, we can’t get along,” Raimund said in a live jam session aired on Facebook last year.

“Some years we get along, some years we don’t get along. This is one of the years we don’t get along,” he added.



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Sharon loses Hollywood role because of fake positive covid19 test

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was supposed to go to Los Angeles on May 18, then fly out to Canada the next day where the shooting was being held. She said the film was on a very tight and efficient schedule especially because Jo Koy was going to have a big and long tour.

“What happened was before you get on a flight, you need to get a COVID test at least 3 days before your flight. I was flying out May 18. On May 16 I got swabbed by one laboratory. I cannot find it in my heart to forgive,” Sharon said.

“I was so happy. Naka-pack na kami and I was going to announce to you the very next day,” Sharon said tearfully.

However, just after getting off of a Zoom call with the film’s travel coordinator, Sharon was told that she tested positive for COVID-19.

And because they couldn’t afford any delays, Sharon knew she couldn’t make it to the filming.

“It was heart-wrenching for me. Literally nanlambot ako para ako nalula (*my knees weakened and I felt dizzy*),” Sharon said. What hurt more, said the actress,



was after she got the result, she took seven more COVID-19 tests.

“After that supposed positive test, all the seven different labs tested me negative,” Sharon said. “That’s why I was so depressed. It was false positive and seven trusted labs tested me negative.”

“Nawalan ako ng malaking oportunidad na ’di na mababalik sa akin. Kahit gusto nila Jo Koy at director na nandoon pa rin ako, wala silang choice na ituloy ’yung movie,” the actress said.

Her role then was given to Tia Carrere, the voice actress behind Nani from “Lilo and Stitch.”

“It broke my heart. It really did because it was such an honor to be part of the very first all-Filipino production in Hollywood backed by a producer as big as Steven Spielberg.”

She added, “I felt like dala-dala naming lahat ’yung bandila ng Pilipinas in the middle of all this Asian hate in America and some parts of the world ... ’yun ang kina-break ng puso ko and pinabayaan ako ni Kiko magluksa.”

Sharon shared that Kiko was very supportive of her, even when she couldn’t attend dinners with the family because she was too heartbroken and was just crying in bed.

“I needed to go to America and just leave the country and make myself productive so I licked my wounds here,” she said. “Hindi na maibabalik sa ’kin ’yung oportunidad dahil lang sa isang pagkakamali sa COVID test kasi seven labs against one. Siguro naman tama ’yung seven.”

The good news, however, is that she’s going to multiple auditions, that’s why she’s staying in the US for a while.

“The good news is my manager hasn’t stopped. I have Zoom meetings left and right, auditions left and right. That’s why I’m here because now people here know I am accessible and I am available,” the actress said. “Don’t worry because I still have commitments at home.”

She added that she and her manager were planning to start their own production company in the US to let the world know more about the Filipino people.

In June 2020, Jo Koy announced that he was working on a film based on his real life experiences with Steven Spielberg and Dan Lin.

“That’s why I was so depressed. It was false positive and seven trusted labs tested me negative.”

Dennis Padilla’s one question he’s too shy to ask daughter Julia Barretto

Comedian Dennis Padilla said that he’s thankful for the second life God has given him.

Padilla, 59, was referring to his full recovery from COVID-19 in March. That time, he recalled, he drew strength from his conversations with his children who would call him every night.

Then the interview touched on the issue of changing Julia’s surname from Padilla to Barretto.

“Why does she have to change the surname? They said for my children to become legitimate, they need to carry the surname Barretto. If not, they will be illegitimate. But that was a long time ago. That was the issue when my children were still underage. Now that they are adults, they have the freedom to choose their surname,” said Padilla.

When asked if Julia has legalized the surname Barretto on documents, Padilla said: “I don’t know. I am too shy to ask her.”

“I might hear words I don’t want to hear,” said Padilla in Pilipino.

Asked what is it that he doesn’t want to hear, Padilla said: “Ayoko maring yung sasabihin nila ‘sorry pa, pinalitan na namin ng Barretto yung apelyido namin.’ ” (I don’t want to hear from them ‘sorry pa, we have changed our surname to Barretto’).

Padilla also revealed that he was really down and out when he broke up with Marjorie in 2006.

“I don’t have a career then. When I left home, I only have P8,000 cash in the bank. My political career has just ended, and I don’t have movie offers and TV guesting,” he recalled.

But it’s all in the past now as Padilla settled his differences with his wife and children. “I’m better off as a father than being a husband. I’ve apologized to them, so sorry for all the wrong things I’ve done.”





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China’s unilateral imposition of a fishing moratorium in the South China Sea under its new coastguard law can curtail and put at risk the legitimate rights of Filipino fishermen to fish in Philippine territorial waters and exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and the Philippines does not recognize such act, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said.

The DFA made this clarification after the Philippines protested China’s imposition of an annual summer fishing moratorium that takes effect from May 1 to August 16, 2021.

China’s new fishing ban places Filipino fishermen’s rights in West PH Sea ‘at risk’

As announced by China’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, the ban covers “waters north of 12 degrees north latitude” in the South China Sea. These waters include areas over which the Philippines exercises sovereignty, sovereign rights, and jurisdiction.

“The fact that it imposes such regulation over an SCS area (north on the 12th parallel) encroaching on Philippine territory (Bajo de Masinloc) and EEZ — is a violation of Philippine sovereignty and sovereign rights,” DFA Strategic Communications Executive

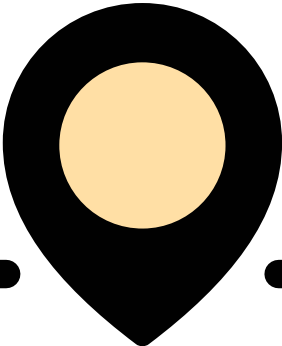
Director Ivy Banzon-Abalos said.

In the diplomatic protest, the Philippines said that based on Paragraph 716 of the July 2016 Arbitral Award on the South China Sea, Beijing’s promulgation of a fishing moratorium, without exception for areas falling within the Philippines’ EEZ and without limiting the moratorium to Chinese flagged vessels, breached Article 56 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) with respect to the Philippines’ sovereign rights over the living resources of

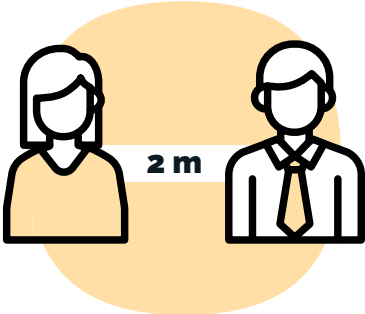
its exclusive economic zone.

The Philippines maintained that the Arbitral Award rendered by the UN-backed arbitration court in The Hague also affirmed the traditional and legitimate fishing rights of Filipino fishermen.

“China’s annual fishing moratorium extends far beyond China’s legitimate maritime entitlements under UNCLOS and is without basis under international law. China cannot legally impose nor legally enforce such a moratorium in the West Philippine Sea,” the DFA said.



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Former Binibinis, top models to vie for MU Phl 2021?

The search for the country’s next representative to the Miss Universe beauty pageant has started as experts forecast a star-studded edition of the prestigious national contest this year.

In a post by MISSUUP-DATES on Instagram May 28, former Binibining Pilipinas titleholders and international Filipino fashion models are reportedly trying their luck in the upcoming Miss Universe Philippines 2021 competition.

Some names that floated for this year’s MUP contest include Bb. Pilipinas Globe 2019 Leren Mae Bautista, who also won second runner-up at the Miss Globe contest in Albania; Bb. Pilipinas Intercontinental 2019 Emma Tiglao, Bb. Pilipinas International 2018; and Ma. Ahtisa Manalo, who finished second at the Miss International 2018 pageant in Tokyo, Japan.

Making a comeback at the MUP stage are Ma. Isabela Galleria, who blacked out of the MUP 2020 after she was tested positive for COVID-19; and Alaiza Manalo.

Also rumored to join the MUP race are Asia’s Next Top Model winner Maureen Wroblewitz, Binibining Cebu Steffi Aberasturi, and pageant veteran Diana Mackey.

If they compete, this will be a star-studded edition of the Miss Universe Philippines beauty pageant, observers said.

Rumor has it that the Miss Universe 2021 competition will be held either December 2020 or January 2021.

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Vice Ganda flexes tandem with Ion Perez amid calls for his expulsion from ‘It’s Showtime’

Vice Ganda made sure management knows how much he wants boyfriend Ion Perez on the show.

Just recently, he took to Twitter to share “Cute ng ViceIon” among trending topics on the social media platform.

He did so amid calls for changes in the show.

Note that many fans want Ion out, believing he has outlived his relevance.

Some noted that he couldn’t pass muster as host.

He isn’t the only one.

Others called for Jug Jugueta and Teddy Corpuz’s removal from the show.

Meanwhile, some fans suggested the inclusion of Pokwang, Rufa Mae Quinto and Ethel Booba in the show.



Kim Chiu recalls the first time she was slapped on screen

In 2007, actress Kim Chiu got a hard slap from co-star Glydel Mercado during a scene for her first teleserye



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“Sana Maulit Muli.”

During her “Truth or Drink” vlog, Kim admitted it actually almost sent her back to Cebu, her hometown.

According to the “Pinoy Big Brother” winner, though the slap was only make believe, it made her rushed to her car and burst into tears.

But Kim pointed out she



does not hold grudges against Glydel.

She said the pain brought about by the slap on her face helped her give justice to her acting.

In the same vlog, Kim discussed being open to her ex-boyfriends, to celebrities who lent money to her but didn’t pay her back.



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Two dose Summer?

While our Prime Minister was touting a one-dose summer for everyone, Premier Ford is starting to talk about a two-dose summer. However, it will be late summer though. In my case, those who got their first those after April 19 can book, rebook or reschedule their second vaccine starting the week of July 19. My second vaccine is scheduled for August 11 at 5pm. I tried resched-

“Some people dream of success while others wake up and work.” -- Unknown

uling online for an earlier second vaccine but it will only allow me to book on August 11 or later. I can change location and time though. So, I changed the location from International Centre to Scarborough Town Centre for 11AM so it will be closer to home.

On July 19, let's see how early I can reschedule my second vaccine. More likely, I'll get a date that is close to August 11.

Theres hope that we will have a Christmas this year. Let's all work towards that.

Take care everyone.

RR Enriquez gets candid about love and business

Model-television personalty RR Enriquez has opened up about her relationship with long-time boyfriend and retired PBA player Jayjay Helterbrand.

RR Enriquez (right) and sister Melissa

“Nag-start kami 2009 so mga 12 years na kami. Noong nag-meet kami ni Jayjay, parang pareho kami ng gusto – ayaw namin magkaroon ng anak, ayaw namin pagpakasal,” said RR during an exclusive interview in Quezon City recently.

It might sound complicated, but RR said that she and Jajjay have learned to love and accept each other through the years without entertaining the thoughts of getting married. Both are Christians.

Asked if they still plan to get hitched, RR said: “I am not closing my doors. Si Alice Dixon nga nagkaroon ng baby kahit na 51 na. I will pray for it

pero I will not force myself to get married.”

RR added: “I’m 37 years old now, but I still think I’m 18 years old, parang ganun, Feel ko bata pa ako. Pero sobrang happy ako kay Jayjay. Kung Christian ako, mas Christian siya.”

After her stints in “Wowowee” and “Banana Split,” RR and her sister have established Cryolipo Coffee which is now a popular brand among showbiz personalities and health-conscious individ-

uals. Cryolipo Coffee is a herbal slimming coffee which has detoxifying properties, non-acidic, and appetite

suppressant.”

RR said that the coffee product is sold online.

Helping RR in the coffee business is her sibling YouTube sensation Melissa Enriquez who also acts as business partner and product endorser for Cryolipo Coffee.

Melissa is a transgender woman who has made a name for herself as a vlogger.

“Mas sikat ito sa akin ngayon at pinagkakaguluhan. So I advise her to invest in the business and use her influence. Higit sa lahat, I always remind her to use her money wisely,” said RR.

RR and Melissa also shared tips to those who want to venture into business. “Take risks. You should be a risk-taker because you don’t know what’s good or effective if you don’t do it. Know your business, have the best products, use and love them. Love your own.”

Dennis Kristel Fulgar fulfills dream of directing Fil-Kor series

Kristel Fulgar added another feather to her cap after directing an online Filipino-Korean series.

Kristel shared the official poster of the series she directed titled Love From Home.

“Yes, I may not be in the photo but I can proudly say that I am one of the people behind this project. Yung isang malaking pangarap lang sakin dati as a k-drama fan, posible palang mang-yari,” she said.

The series stars Filipina actress Joyselle Cabanlong and Korean actor Jaewon



Kim.

She extended her gratitude to her local production channel One Click TV and to one of its founders Yohan

Kim in helping her fulfill this dream.

“This won’t be possible without @o.c.tv and the help and support of Big

Boss @yk20k,” she said.

“At sa aking mga kababayang Pilipino, sana masuportahan po natin ang sariling atin,” she added.

Netizens were quick to congratulate Kristel on her new achievement.

“Congratulations ate. Your dream is here and we’re proud of you,” one netizen said.

“Proud of you direk!” another netizen commented.

Love From Home will premiere on the YouTube channel of One Click TV on June 4.

SELECTIVE AMNESIA? : Another video of Julia Barretto eating isaw resurfaces

Footage taken from a 2014 episode of “Gandang Gabi Vice” featuring Julia Barretto and Enrique Gil is currently trending online. Apparently, it’s a “receipt” that



the young actress has already eaten isaw (barbecued chicken intestine) despite maintaining otherwise in her boyfriend Gerald Anderson’s vlog.

Recall that when she appeared on Gerald’s vlog she was made to sample Filipino street food including isaw, papaya, singkamas, Indian mango, balunbalunan, kwek-kwek, binatog na mais, suman, and dinuguan.

When Gerald asked which one she is most excited to try, Julia quipped: “Wala!”

But she was willing to try for her babe.

Later, photos and videos of Julia eating isaw circulated online.

Fans chide Julia Barretto for making bogus isaw claims

Meanwhile, the new viral video was bombarded with comments from netizens mostly disappointed why Julia had to “lie” about isaw.

Some of the comments:

“So cringe. Julia forgets her own lies.”

“Hahahaha pretentious msyado si gurl”

“Nkaka amnesia pala kumain ng isaw.”

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'All skin tones are beautiful', Proud morena Bianca Gonzalez declares

For the nth time, TV host Bianca Gonzalez is promoting self-love, particularly when it comes to skin color.

"Hindi 'kawawa' ang morena. Hindi dehado, hindi lugi, hindi pangit ang maitim kumpara sa maputi. Tama na ang harmful messaging na yan, please. That would be my message to 17-year old me in this picture, and to all other brown-skinned girls (and boys!) who might be reading this," she wrote on Instagram, then using the hashtag "#ProudMorena."

Bianca also shared the link of her latest episode on "#PaanoBaTo: The Podcast," where she advised her listeners to stop thinking that having dark skin is less than fair skin.

"That maitim is uglier than maputi... All skin tones are beautiful, really! I mean let's encourage our modern children to love their skin they are in; to take care of it, to moisturize, to scrub, to get healthy and glowing skin instead of these harmful messages that they aren't pretty enough because they're



dark or that they have to be whiter in order to get noticed."

AJ Raval kinumpirma ang relasyon nila ng former PBB housemate na si Axel Torres

Ang 2014 Pinoy Big Brother All In housemate at basketball player na si Axel Torres ang boyfriend ni AJ Raval.

Ito ang kinumpirma ng sexy actress bago nagsimula ang virtual story conference para sa pelikulang Nerisa ngayong Lunes ng hapon, May 24.

"Naging kami po noong wala pa ako sa showbiz," sabi ni AJ tungkol sa pagsisimula ng relasyon nila ni Axel.

Nag-umpisa ang mga post ni Axel sa kanyang Instagram account ng mga litrato nila ni AJ noong May 2020. Tumutugma ito sa kuwento ng sexy star na hindi pa siya artista nang maging boyfriend niya ang dating housemate ng Pinoy Big Brother.

May isang anak si Axel kay Aina Solano, ang kanyang ex-girlfriend na naging housemate niya sa PBB All In. Nagkaroon din siya ng relasyon sa GirlTrends member na si Erin Ocampo.

Ginagampanan ni AJ ang karakter ni Lilet sa Nerisa, ang sexy drama movie ng Viva Films na pagbibidahan ng former beauty queen na si Cindy Miranda.



Siya ang kaibigang tutulong kay Nerisa para mahanap ang asawa nitong nawawala, na bibigyang-buhay naman ni Aljur Abrenica.

Nagbida na si AJ sa Death of A Girlfriend kaya marami ang nagtataka sa pagpayag niyang maging suporta ni Cindy sa Nerisa.

Sagot niya sa mga nagtatanong,

"Okay naman po sa akin.

"Sigurado po dito sa bagong karakter, bagong project, meron din naman akong bagong matututunan."

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KIM CHIU

Wurtzbach tells Andrea Meza: Back up your files

'Back up your files'

Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach has one important unsolicited advice for newly crowned Miss Universe Andrea Meza of Mexico: back up your files!

"Marami na ang magsasabi na enjoy, but my real advice is to back up your files 'cause I lost a lot of pic-



tures during my reign. I'll never get those memories back. Invest in a nice camera and back up your files, girl!

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Jasmine Curtis-Smith is ‘adulting hard’ at 27



Jasmine Curtis-Smith is adulting hard at 27.

This was her sentiment as she narrated on social media how she purchased a condominium unit several years back, which, as it turns out, was unlawfully lived in by other people.

“Story of this unit... purchased this as an investment almost 6-7 years ago. Wasn’t able to utilize it for a year and a half after turnover because of my lack of knowledge in property handling! I was about to move in after that year and a half but when I got to the unit, it was LIVED IN,” she said.

“All the plastic sealing of my sinks, faucets etc were torn and with empty bottles, sachets and whatnot left behind! They even stole the range and cabinet handles that came with the unit,” she added.

Curtis-Smith said the condominium association changed security and managements a year or two after that incident so she decided to keep the unit and not sell anymore.

“After all, I still am not that knowledgeable with property handling! Plus thought about how useful this place will be not just for me but for overseas family visiting in the future. Like my mama who likes being near the shops and cafes,” she said.

After deciding to keep it, Curtis-Smith said she is happy to have her own place which she turned into her quarantine nest

and mini studio for work last year.

“Voila! It’s ready. Holy wow, I am adulting hard at 27.”

Regine Velasquez and Ogie Alcasid both had their second shots of the Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine and convinces everyone to get the vaccines

“We [finally] finished our second dose,” Velasquez said as she showed a photo with a volunteer at the Quezon City vaccination facility on her Instagram page today, June 2. She can also be seen holding her completed vaccination card.

The Asia’s Songbird urged her fans to get vaccinated against COVID-19, saying it will help people go back to living “normal lives.”

“For us to achieve herd immunity at least 70 to 80 [percent] of our population need to be vaccinated. This is the only way we can all go back to our normal lives,” she stated.

Alcasid, meanwhile, showed a photo of himself while getting the vaccine, through his Instagram page on the same day.

“After getting exposed again to a [COVID-19 positive patient] at work, wifey and I had to quarantine to fulfill the requirement for the second jab,” the composer-singer recalled.

Alcasid then admitted that he had doubts about getting vaccinated. He stated that he initially preferred to have Pfizer shots but added that it has been “so far, so good” with his Sinovac jab.

“Alam natin na marami pa rin ang nagdadalawang isip magpabakuna. Noong una ay Pfizer ang akala naming mahusay nguni’t sa aming mga nabasa



BIRTHDAYS



1. Alyssa Rae poses with her dad Marvin Torreno on her birthday. 2. Logan poses with her dad Marvin on his 13th birthday.

Darren Espanto is all grown-up in new single, ‘Tama Na’

The artist blends his pop roots with hip-hop and R&B in this song from his upcoming album

Darren Espanto marked a new era in his career with a new single, “Tama Na,” released on Friday, May 28.

In the track, the 20-year-old singer sings about walking away from a one-way relationship that has gone nowhere. It blends Darren’s pop roots with hip-hop and R&B sensibilities, and the electronic beats highlights Darren’s signature soulful vocals.

The song is a collaboration between Darren and fellow artist Zack Tabudlo who wrote, produced, and mixed it.

Darren, who is a fan of Zack’s

music, shared that it had always been the plan for them to work together.

“Last year, Zack told me how he became part of the MCA family and we thought that finally, this would be our chance to work together. In just a couple days, Zack created ‘Tama Na’ and I really liked the song instantly. It’s a sound that people haven’t heard from me before and it’s also a genre I’ve always wanted to try,” he said.

The two worked together via Zoom, with Zack guiding Darren through the



recording process online.

“It was honestly such a chill session, mostly because a lot of it was us just talking

about random things that aren’t even related to the song,” Darren said.

The song is off Darren’s upcoming album. It will be released in a music video format soon, and is currently out on streaming platforms. It’s release also comes as Darren prepares for a virtual concert, set to stream live on KTX on June 19.



pagkatapos ay [nalaman naming] kung ano ang ibigay, yun ang pinakamabisa,” he said.

(We know that many are still thinking twice about getting vaccinated. At first, we thought Pfizer was the best vaccine, but we read and learned that whatever is given to us is the

most effective.)

“Kaya ako nagpabakuna, hindi lang para sa sarili ko, kundi para sa nakararami. Kaya maging protektado, sa bakunang sigurado,” he appealed.

(I got vaccinated not only for myself but also for the rest of us. So be protected with safe vaccines.)



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Nicole Scherzinger, proudly in ‘Trese’

Nicole Scherzinger from The Pussycat Dolls just posted on social media a photo of her character in the upcoming anime adaptation of the Filipino graphic novel “Trese” which will stream on Netflix.

In the caption, the singer-actress wrote, “So excited to announce that I’ll be joining my girl (Shay Mitchell) and an incredible cast of other Filipinos as part of ‘Trese’- a @netflix original anime series coming June 11th.”

“I’m so proud to be a part of such a di-



verse project which brings visibility to beautiful stories, talent and voices from our Pinoy culture,” she added.

Born to a Filipino father, Nicole often crowed about her being a true blue Pinay.

Atasha Muhlach graces Metro cover in her first fashion shoot

Atasha Muhlach is all grown up! Aga Muhlach and Charlene Gonzalez-Muhlach’s unica hija comes of age on her very first fashion cover. As Metro.Style’s newest cover girl, she shared her thoughts on the future, her family, and growing up.

“The overall process of learning new things is not just from Point A to Point B to your destination. It’s a matter of how you can get there and how far you can get,” she said with a smile, showing the confidence she needs to live life the way it was meant to be lived whether she realizes it or not.

The 19-year-old also shared her thoughts about entering showbiz. Despite her affinity for the stage (she

was in a production of “The Sound of Music”), Atasha hasn’t seriously considered a career in showbiz. She’s not opposed to the idea, but it’s not something she wishes to actively pursue at the moment. If a door opens, she’ll keep a “why not?” attitude.

But Atasha talked about other things, too, from her hobbies—like painting—to her thoughts on social media. Visit Metro.Style for the full cover story.

In response, her father, Aga Muhlach, posted a heartfelt message on his Instagram account. He said, “Let me first just say how proud I am of you... my dearest @atashamuhlach... from the day you were born til present I would question myself countless times if I did the right thing raising you as a father. Seeing you on the cover of Metro... just made my heart



so tender. Atasha you did this on your own and you know in your heart that I would always (well I’d like to believe that) make you decide on your own. My happiness is whatever and anything that’ll make you happy and you know that...”

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Maris Racal enjoying a ‘happy’ relationship with Rico Blanco

Speculation about her and Rico Blanco supposedly making sweet music has been going on for some time.

In a recent interview, Maris Racal said more than enough to make their shippers giddy. Asked to describe her relationship with the singer-songwriter, she answered simply, “Masaya.” She didn’t give details apart from them working on a new project. Actually, the singer-actress appeared somewhat uneasy



talking about their relationship.

In any case, let’s take her word for it. Rumors about Rico and Maris having romantic ties emerged early this year, with both exchanging sweet nothings on social media.

Maris was linked prior to Iñigo Pascual.

Rico has been single for the longest time but he was once romantically linked to KC Concepcion.

Rabiya Mateo’s ‘complicated situation’ with BF

The country’s representative to the recently concluded Miss Universe tilt has opened up on her alleged breakup with boyfriend Neil Salvacion.

Rabiya admitted all is not well with her and Neil. She didn’t go into details, relating simply “it’s a complicated situation.” The 24-year-old Ilongga beauty added, “But we’re friends.” We need to talk about things when I go back to the Philippines... (but) we need to have space as of the moment.”

Rabiya is hopeful everything will be sorted out, noting, “We’ve been in this kind of situation before.”

“I’m not closing any doors. We’ve been together for seven years... who knows....”



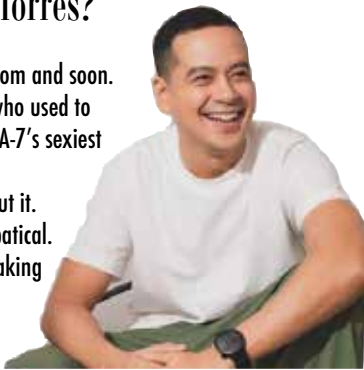
John Lloyd Cruz to be paired with Andrea Torres?

Talk is that the former ABS-CBN star is going to appear in a GMA sitcom and soon.

A GMA insider shared the show will be helmed by Bobot Mortiz, who used to directs shows on ABS-CBN. More, the show is said to also feature GMA-7’s sexiest Andrea Torres as John Lloyd’s leading lady.

GMA is yet to confirm the report but fans are already excited about it. Note the show is going to be John Lloyd’s first after his lengthy sabbatical. More, Andrea is the most recent ex of Derek Ramsay, who is now making sweet music with John Lloyd’s ex Ellen Adarna.

John Lloyd and Ellen have a son, Elias.



House: Senate can still act on economic Cha-cha

MANILA, Philippines — Contrary to senators’ claims, the Senate still has time to scrutinize the proposed amendments to economic provisions of the Constitution, especially when Congress resumes session on July 26.

This was according to Quezon City Rep. Precious Hipolito-Castelo, who explained that the proposed economic revisions in the 1987 Constitution – contained in Speaker Lord Allan Velasco’s Resolution of Both Houses 2 – remain “very much alive and can still succeed within this year.”

“So the Senate cannot really consider it before we go on our annual mandatory break. We will transmit it to them during the recess and they will have time to scrutinize it and act on it during our third and last regular session, which starts on July 26,” she said.

RBH 2 is expected to be passed on third and final reading before the June 4 break.

The measure, which has not been certified as urgent by Malacañang, has the support of the super majority coalition in the House. It aims to relax what its authors claimed were restrictive economic provisions of the Constitution by empowering Congress to change such restrictions whenever necessary.

Castelo said the House would be busy with the proposed national budget for 2022 during the first few months of the last regular session. “While we are considering the budget, we hope the Senate could find time to tackle RBH 2,” she said.

She said several senators have expressed support for the House initiative to relax economic restrictions “so the country could attract more foreign investments to enable it to recover faster from the crippling pandemic.”

She noted that even Senate President Vicente Sotto III stated in January that the Senate was open to considering Cha-cha provided it was limited to economic provisions and would not involve political amendments.

“As we have assured senators, the Cha-cha push is confined to the restrictive economic provisions. There has been no proposal for a political amendment and the House will kill it if there is any,” Castelo said.

Camarines Sur Rep. LRay Villafuerte, who is opposed to Velasco’s leadership, predicted RBH 2’s doom following the refusal of senators to toe the House line.

“Resolution of Both Houses 2 is practically dead in the water. Passing RBH 2 is an exercise in futility as it appears dead in the water in the Senate,” he said.

The House leadership is bent on approving this week the measure on third and final reading before Congress goes on recess on June 4. Sessions resume on July 26 when Duterte delivers his sixth and last State of the Nation Address.

“Going through the motion of passing RBH 2 on third, final reading will just be an exercise in futility, especially when the House leadership could better spend the precious hours on more urgent measures such as on COVID-19 response and economic recovery,” he added.

Sotto earlier hinted at bypassing Velasco’s measure, citing lack of material time as well as the need to focus on other priority measures.



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He blamed the ongoing pandemic,



Duterte has eased lockdown measures in most parts of the country, the opening of theatres and other entertainment venues are yet to be allowed.

Brosas noted that this is the second time in less than six months that a mother died in the

"Talagang nakasiksik na sa utak ng kapulisan ang kautusang kill, kill, kill ng kanilang pangulo. (Their president's 'kill, kill, kill' command has clearly been ingrained in the minds of the police)," lamented Gaité.

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Gladys Reyes, Orabella share tips on starting business

Award-winning actress Gladys Reyes is a part of a growing industry of mompreneurs — mothers who have successfully balanced family life with running a business. Gladys, together with her husband and fellow actor Christopher Sommereux, run a food and catering business. The 36-year acting veteran is also currently conducting a workshop for aspiring actors. Most recently, she was tapped by Orabella to host an online press conference for members of the media and the blogging community that featured Arabella del Rosario, Orabella's skincare brand ambassador; Anne Acuña, Orabella Marketing Manager; and Aina Tejada,



Orabella distributor. Orabella is a skincare and direct selling business that promotes beautiful skin while providing earning opportunities to Filipinos. Gladys shared her insights and tips on how to become a successful mompreneur. Study the business you are entering. "Mas magandang kung ang papasukin mong negosyo ay passion mo," she advised. It takes guts to start a business. "Hindi pwede sa negosyo na konting failure, susuko na agad," Gladys advised. Set realistic goals and timetables. "Sa ano mang gawain, dapat magkaroon ng specific objectives," Gladys said. Find people who will sup-

port you. Having a support system is important. During times when you feel down and discouraged, they are the ones who will help lift you up. Your support system can be your husband, friend, or neighbor, as long as they are someone you can trust. Believe in yourself and use what you've learned in being a mom in running your business. Being a mom is a good preparation for running a business, according to Gladys, as mothers will do everything to give their children a good future. In the same press conference, Orabella user-turned-reseller and distributor Tejada shared her experience in becoming an entrepreneur. "Nagsimula po ako sa pagiging user ng Orabella. Nagustuhan ko 'yung products, kaya naging reseller ako. I found selling difficult at first because Orabella was just being introduced that time.



Is Alex Gonzaga ready to become a mommy?

Alex Gonzaga wants a baby but she is worried. She thinks she might not be able to hack it as a mommy. She told G3 San Diego in a recent interview, "Gusto ko na siya. Pero parang 'pag nandiyan na, feeling ko parang hindi ko pala kaya. (I want to start my own family. But I feel like, when it happens, I'll realize that I'm not ready for it.)" The social media darling surprised followers early this year announcing her marriage to longtime boyfriend and politician Mikee Morada. The couple's intimate at-home wedding actually happened late last year.

John Lloyd Cruz signs up with Maja Salvador's talent management agency

Seasoned actor John Lloyd Cruz is officially back in showbiz! "We are happy to share with you the CAMback of the one and only John Lloyd Cruz, now under Crown Artist Management (CAM)," the talent management agency of actress Maja Salvador wrote on their social media accounts with the photos of the 37-year-old star. The talent company also ploated the teaser video of John Lloyd, who could be seen getting down from a private plane. "The time has already come," said the caption for the video. Recall that news about John Lloyd's comeback in showbiz surfaced recently.

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increase in contribution rates and the monthly salary credits provided in this section may be suspended by the President of the Philippines for the duration of the state of calamity under Proclamation No. 929.

On March 16 last year, Duterte signed Proclamation 929 declaring a nationwide state of calamity due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The entire Philippines is placed under a state of calamity for six months, "unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant," according to the proclamation.

"The other scheduled contribution rates and the monthly salary credits herein provided shall continue to be valid," according to the newly-signed law.

Liza Soberano talks about involvement in 'Trese'

Liza Soberano admitted she is treading unfamiliar path doing voice work for "Trese," the anime adaptation of the Filipino graphic novel. Soberano revealed she was actually hesitant at first to take on the task, doubting her ability to execute it properly. "Honestly when it was first offered to me I kind of had some hesitations and I think that was mostly due to the fact that I didn't really have the confidence or I was kind of doubting myself if I could really do it," Liza shared. "In voice acting, you are supposed to bring that emotion out through your voice. Of course while you are dubbing it there's a bit of emotion that you have to put out in your face pero not all the time. It's carried out in your



voice and that's something I had to learn," she added. She is thankful that Rudolf Balonada was there to guide her. "I have a very high pitchy voice. So I was trained by Sir Rudolf, my voice coach, to modulate it and bring it lower," she said. "I'm talking from my head but they taught me how to talk through my chest, with my chest. So it's kind of hard for me to adjust from head talking to chest talking." Asked if there is any similarity between her and Alexandra Trese, she said, "I think our similarities — we are both very brave. I feel like I'm brave for even taking on the character of Alexandra Trese knowing that it's not my forte, voice acting is not my forte. Basically knowing that it's such a big role, a big project. And it's a big shoe to fill basically. And I know that 'Trese' has a lot of fans, a lot of comic book fans, and they are very protective of these characters and of course they only want the best."

Ella Cruz tanggap ang kanyang insecurities

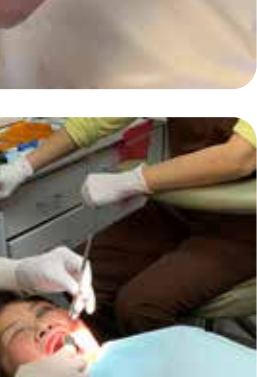
Isang Aeta na umaapaw ang kumpiyansa sa sarili at nangangarap maging beauty queen ang role ni Ella Cruz sa Gluta. Muli ring nagpamalas ng kanyang acting ability sa Ella sa pelikula. Sinabi ni Ella na hindi lamang para sa mga Aeta o dark-skinned ang mensahe na ihahatid ng kuwento ng Gluta dahil para raw ito sa lahat ng mga taong dumaranas ng anxiety at insecurities. "Makakatulong ang movie para ipaabot sa lahat na meron tayong ganda, skills at talent," sabi ni Ella.



na sabihin ang insecurities niya nila bilang tao at artista. "Una sa lahat, ang liit ko. Marami ang mas maganda sa akin, tapos medyo hindi ako makinis noong nagsisimula ako [sa showbiz]. Pero hindi raw niya hinayaang matalo siya ng kanyang insecurities. "Yun talaga ang pinaka-nagsabi sa akin na I'm doing fine. I'm doing great, I'm doing good in this industry. "Hindi man ako palaging nasa cover ng famous magazines na 'yan, at least I have an award confirming that I'm doing great."











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LOOK: James Reid is high up on a billboard at New York's Times Square

James Reid has made it to the iconic Times Square of New York City, appearing on a digital billboard for the music streaming platform Amazon Music.

The actor-singer's billboard in the Big Apple comes after his original song "Crazy" made its rounds online through Amazon Music's Mixtape Asia playlist.

"We up in NYC again [emoji] @amazonmusic #CRAZY," Reid said on his Instagram page, May 15. His announcement came with a photo and video of the billboard that shows the streaming service's logo, cover art for "Crazy" and the words "Mixtape Asia Playlist."

Careless Music, the record label co-founded by Reid, also showed a photo and video of the digital billboard on its Instagram page on the same day.

"It's gettin' #Crazy in NYC," it stated while pinning its location at Times Square, New York City.

The Mixtape Asia playlist features 60 tracks from various artists, including "Crazy," Ylona Garcia's "All That," Olivia Rodrigo's "deja vu," and BTS's "Dynamite." It is said to be curated by the platform's music experts.

Reid's former on-screen partner, actress Nadine Lustre also appeared on a billboard on Times Square last April, after being featured on the Spotify playlist's "EQUAL" campaign.



With Viva comeback, Ruby Rodriguez hopes to work with ABS-CBN, other networks

"Let it be known that I started with Viva. Parang ano lang 'yan eh, bumalik ka sa roots mo."

That's how seasoned comedian and TV host Ruby Rodriguez opened her virtual press conference early this week as she signs with entertainment and talent management company Viva as its comeback artist.

Ruby, who is now based in Los Angeles, California, said that she returned to Viva not only because her Viva batchmates are also returning to the agency, but also because for the longest time, she had no manager and she needs someone to stand up for her to fix her schedule and to choose the right projects.

"So we decided to go back to Viva kasi ang Viva eh kumbaga, subok na matibay, subok na matatag. Saka nagtitiwala ako sa kanila kasi d'un ako nag-umpisa. Viva built my career in acting and the movies. It was really Viva that gave me the biggest break," she enthused.

She clarified that while she was discovered on the set of a Maricel Soriano project that earned her a mainstay role in '90s fantasy sitcom "Okay Ka, Fairy Ko," it was Viva that made her a contract star during her '90s heydays and gave her most unforgettable movie

roles such as those in "Alabang Girls" with Andrew E., "Ipagpatawad Mo" with Vilma Santos and "Kaputol ng Isang Awi" with Sharon Cuneta.

"Of course, Vic Sotto, 'Okay Ka, Fairy Ko.' 'Di natin maalis 'yung (fact) that it was Vic Sotto who put me in. And then there was Maricel Soriano who opened the door. Vic Sotto pulled me in, Viva sealed the deal."

Her acting career, she said, was put on a halt when she hosted noontime show "Eat Bulaga" for 31 years.

She said she loved sitcoms the most because she was not a TV host originally.

"Now that I'm in the next chapter of my career, I think Viva should handle my career and they are the best that should handle my career because they know me, I mean, everything."

With Viva, she can hone her acting skills again.

"I was so happy that Viva didn't look at the age. Hindi sila tumingin sa age, hindi sila tumingin sa race, hindi sila tumingin sa weight. Ang tinignan nila kakayahan. Tinignan nila 'yung talent nu'ng tao so ang feeling ko, 'Wow, eh may asim pa pala ang lola mo!' Kasi kinuha ka kasi they trust you to support their new talent. And when they trust you to support their new talent, ang feeling mo, makakatulong ka talaga sa new talents at mapapsibol mo sila."

She is willing to fly in and out of US for her Viva projects.

"Wala naman akong contract. I'm a freelancer,



actually. Nagkaro'n lang sila ng notion because I was hosting 'Bulaga.' But actually, hindi. Na-identify lang, but I can actually do anything and anywhere."

She wishes to work with John Lloyd Cruz and even ABS-CBN stars Kathryn Bernardo, Anne Curtis, Gerald Anderson, Robin Padilla and Piolo Pascual.

"I've never worked with John Lloyd. I think he's a very, very good actor and I respect him so much," she said of the former Kapamilya star who is now set to have a TV comeback on GMA.

"To all the artists, please keep your feet on the ground. Respect your elders kahit na mas sikat kayo sa kanila. They're still your seniors. Always remember to greet them, even if it's just good morning, hello, goodbye. A little respect is important. Please be on time. If you'd be late, please advise earlier, hin- di 'yung call time na, tsaka lang kayo magsasabi... para the people can adjust," she advised today's new generation of stars.

"Isipin n'yo po na tayong mga artista, we're paid very well. Isipin n'yo po 'yung crew, 'yung mga taong nagsesetup ng ilaw. Kung hindi kayo makakarating, please, sabihin n'yo the day before. Kawawa po 'yung mga taong dumadating ng maaga tapos bigla pong mapapackup ang taping."

"Wag tayong masyadong mag-inarte. Let's all learn how to adjust. Lalo na sa panahon ngayon, 'di na tayo pwedeng magdemand na, 'I want my own dressing room.' Learn to share and be considerate to others, especially to the staff and crew."

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Jinkee, Pera lang ang habol kay Pacquiao

“PINEPERAHAN ko lang daw si Manny (Pacquiao), pera lang daw ang habol ko sa kanya.” Ito raw ang isa sa mga “fake news” na kumalat noon na hinding-hindi makakalimutan ni Jinkee Pacquiao.

Jinkee Pacquiao, wife of boxing-champ Manny Pacquiao, has opened up about gossips which really affected her. In an interview with celebrity doctor Vicki Belo, Jinkee recalled how she would hear rumors that she married her

husband for money. Jinkee recalled how she would ask financial assistance from their godparents so that Manny would have pocket money when he trains for boxing. “Alam ‘yan ng mga ninang namin kasi ginigising ko sila ng maaga. ‘Ninang, help me, help us,’” she

shared. (Our wedding godparents knew our humble beginnings. We would even wake them up early in the morning. ‘Ninang, help me, help us’),” “I never thought: ‘Can he provide for me?’, Jinkee said in Filipino. She never imagined that she’ll have the kind of life she has right now. “Kumbaga, God holds the future. Hindi mo naman alam kung ano ang future mo dito. Basta nagmahal ka lang, magkasama kayo, may mga ups and downs. Pero hindi mo alam kung ano ang mangyayari in the future,” she said. (I mean, God holds the future. You don’t know what will happen in the future. I just chose to love, be with him despite the ups and downs.)

Indonesia study shows China’s Sinovac vaccine highly effective

Two shots 94% successful in preventing symptoms: review of inoculated medics

JAKARTA -- China’s Sinovac Biotech vaccines have proved highly effective among Indonesia’s health care workers, according to a new study by the country’s health ministry. The review, which looked at nearly 130,000 medics, found that two shots of the Sinovac vaccine was 94% effective in preventing COVID-19 symptoms, 96% effective against hospitalization, and 98% effective in preventing death, lead researcher and health official Pandji Dhewantara said.

The effectiveness of a single shot was only 13%, the study showed. The ministry said the study, conducted between January 13 and March 18, was aimed at examining the effectiveness of the vaccine, not its efficacy -- the degree to which a vaccine prevents disease. An efficacy report by the country’s food and drugs administration is scheduled to be released by June after a full clinical trial has been completed.

“This study does have limitations, but the information is important enough for the public and the government to determine what strategic steps can be used for vaccination in the general public,” Dhewantara told an online news conference. “This is an indication that complete vaccination is highly recommended.”

Indonesia has so far received 75.9 million vaccines, with over 90% coming from Sinovac. The country has given at least one vaccination shot to 13.6 million people, and two shots to 8.8 million people as of May 11.



Kim Chiu gets ride of a lifetime with bf Xian Lim

Kapamilya star Kim Chiu has surprised her boyfriend, actor Xian Lim, with the fulfillment of riding a motorcycle with him. On Instagram, Xian said he cannot contain his happiness when his dream came true. “I remember months ago while I was training in @mxmessiah, I told coach @samtamayo that someday, I’ll be able to ride a motorcycle and have Kim in the backseat and we’ll be able to travel to places we’ve never set foot in. Through hard work and patience, grabe I never thought this day would come...nakakatuwa lang,” he said. Xian thanked his girlfriend for the ride of a lifetime. “Thank you for this @chinitaprincess nakakahappy that this is our first time to explore on a big bike. It is such a different experience. I love you for trusting me (heart emoji) thank you! (Sorry sa mga nakaka asa nito at nacocornihan na haha sobrang saya ko lang talaga).” Kim reacted to post with: “As long as you are happy!! Kahit mega init, laban lang!! Hahahha. Thanks x!!” Prior, Xian posted a photo of him with Kim, declaring that exploring the world with her is the “best feeling” he could ever ask for.

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And the memories will stay forever,” said Pia when asked about one important advice for Andrea, during an endorsement for DR. COCO, a brand new locally-made hand soap, via Zoom on May 19. (Many will tell her to enjoy her reign, but my real advice is for her to back up your files ‘cause I lost a lot of pictures during my reign). Pia said that she has reached out to Andrea, and they have communicated via social media. The German-Filipino beauty queen also wished the best for Rabiya Mateo who represented the Philippines at the 69th Miss Universe Competition in Hollywood, Florida last May 17. Rabiya finished in the Top 21 of the prestigious competition. “I’m sure she (Rabiya) will be successful after Miss Universe. People love her and they can relate to her. She’s also funny,” Pia added.



Andrea Torres on working with John Lloyd Cruz: ‘A great honor’

Though nothing is final yet, Andrea Torres is excited to share the screen with returning award-winning actor John Lloyd Cruz. Note Willie Revillame recently announced he’s cooking a sitcom for John Lloyd. He then teased that the initial of the latter’s love interest in the aforementioned show is “A.T.” Willie Revillame says ABS-CBN OK’d John Lloyd Cruz’s appearance on GMA In an article published on PEP, Andrea said the idea of being paired with John Lloyd flatters her. “If ever, it would be a great honor. He is a brilliant actor and I am a fan,” she said. She also thanked Willie for “considering” her for the project.



PH secures 202 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines - Galvez

MANILA – The Philippines has secured 202 million doses of coronavirus disease (Covid-19) vaccines from various pharmaceutical companies and the World Health Organization (WHO)-led COVAX facility. Sec. Carlito Galvez Jr., the Chief Implementer of the National Task Force (NTF) Against Covid-19, said 158 million doses were government-procured while 44 million doses were secured through the COVAX facility. “Ngayon po makukuha po natin na ‘yung 202 million doses. Ito po ang mabibili po natin at ibibigay po sa atin ng COVAX (Now we can get 202 million doses from the COVAX facility),” Galvez said during the Cabinet meeting. A total of 300,000 doses of Sputnik V jabs arrived 1st month and 1.3 million doses this month, along with 25,000 doses of Moderna vaccines procured by the private sector. On May 20, another 500,000 doses of Sinovac was delivered and 1.3 million doses by the end of the month. Galvez said the government will be



signing a head of terms, or summary of the intended terms of a commercial transaction, with Pfizer-BioNTech to purchase 40 million doses. Supply agreements with Novavax and Johnson & Johnson was finalized. The COVAX facility might deliver 2.2 million Pfizer doses between May and June, Galvez added, and two million AstraZeneca doses to be allocated for second doses. Overall, the Philippines will get a total of seven million doses in May and 10 million doses in June. The country’s vaccine inventory may

reach 21,829,050 by the end of June. The current tally is 7,759,050 doses, with 2,623,093 doses already administered. The daily vaccination capacity in the National Capital Region also increased from 59,000 to 83,000. The government

targets to expand it to up to 120,000 daily. To date, the country has activated 3,458 vaccination sites with 5,155,957 doses in its stockpile.

Candid SPOOF

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



Prizes were given out at the Filipino Centre Toronto Dr. De Villa Invitational Golf Open last July 2018.

Kim Chiu says ex-boyfriend doesn't want to be friends with her

When asked if she experienced being cheated on by someone, Kapamilya actress Kim Chiu candidly replied, "Yeeesss! Truuuuth! True!"
PHOTO/S: @CHINITAPRINCESS INSTAGRAM

Natatawa na lang si Kim Chiu, 31, nang mapag-usapan ang tungkol sa dati niyang nobyo na hindi niya pinangalanan.

Sa kanyang vlog noong May 30, sumabak siya sa "Truth or Drink Challenge" kaya nausi-sa ito kung payag ba siya sakaling makipagkaibigan sa kanya ang ex-boyfriend.

"Friends naman kami. Friends kami!" natatawang saad ni Kim.

Sabay ipinahiwatig niyang hindi sila nanatiling magkaibigan ng tinutukoy na dating karelasyon.

Natatawang hirit niya, "Ayaw lang niya ako maging friend!"

Tinanong din si Kim kung naranasan na ba niyang manloko ng karelasyon.

Sagot niya, "Never!"

Sumunod na tanong sa kanya: "Have you ever been cheated by someone?"

Diretsong sagot ni Kim, "Yeeesss! Truuuuth! True!"

Dati nang nabanggit ni Kim sa isang TV interview na naranasan niyang maloko ng isa nitong ex-boyfriend.

Natawa naman ang mga kasama ni Kim na kumukuha ng vlog niya, pero hindi na nagdetalye si



Kim tungkol sa karanasang iyon.

Ang hindi raw naranasan ni Kim ay ang magpau-tang sa isang karelasyon.

Sabi niya, "No, wala pa. Pasalamat na lang sa Diyos at mga naging karelasyon ko ay may pera naman sila."

Hindi kaila sa publiko na isa lang ang ex-boyfriend ni Kim, at iyon ay ang dati rin niyang ka-love team na si Gerald Anderson.

Apat na taon silang magkarelasyon hanggang sa naghiwalay sila noong 2010.

Kilala ang kanilang tamalan bilang Kimerald.

Nagbalik-tambalan sila sa Kapamilya teleserye na Ikaw Lang Ang Libigin, na umere mula May 2017 hanggang January 2018.

Sa ngayon, si Kim ay masaya sa piling ng longtime boyfriend na si Xian Lim. Siyam na taon na silang magkasintahan.

Si Gerald ay masaya rin sa bagong karelasyon na si Julia Barretto.



Jesstin like playing theguitar and video games. He plays basketball. He goes to school at St Rose of Lima Catholic School. He is the son of proud parents Jessie and Geyzel Estavillo. Someday, he wants to be a Musician. We wih him all the luck in his endeavours.

BIRTHDAYS

1. Mae Gales (4th from left) celebrates her birthday indoors.
2. Mae Gales celebrates her birthday outdoors.
3. Noli Silo jr (2nd from right) celebrates his birthday with sister Chiara, mom Cely and dad Noli.



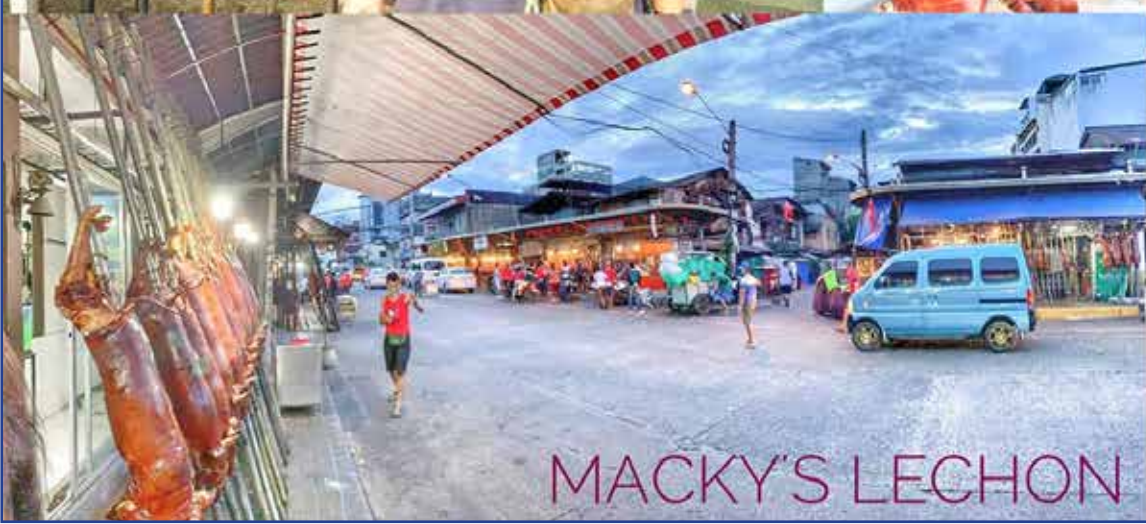


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