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Philippines business support employees

Business supports employees despite falling revenues — survey

PHILIPPINES - Almost all businesses supported their workers during the pandemic even as lockdowns slashed sales, closed operations, and prevented some employees from working in the first year of COVID-19, according to a survey conducted in the second quarter.

The Management Association of the Philippines (MAP),

Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD), and Makati Business Club (MBC) reported that a survey coordinated by MBC and processed by the Philippine Survey and Research Center (PSRC) showed that 99 percent of 200 executives said their companies provided support to their regular employees.

About 71 percent of surveyed companies said they provided support

to their contractual employees and 65 percent to their agency employees during the pandemic.

The survey was conducted from April 6 to May 16 by organizations who had signed the MAP- and ICD-led Covenant on Shared Prosperity in Nov. 2020. It gathered 200 respondents from 34 organizations.

“The survey results show that (local

businesses) in this pandemic, is a caring, nurturing and compassionate sector in our society,” said Rex Drilon, currently chairman of MAP’s Shared Prosperity subcommittee, and chairman of ICD when ICD and MAP spearheaded the Covenant on Shared Prosperity.

“This reflects the true character of

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Flashback
Rizal Avenue, 1970's

Why the Philippines has world’s longest Christmas season



A giant Christmas lantern is seen in a devastated area of Magallanes town, Tacloban city, central Philippines December 22, 2013. Super typhoon Haiyan reduced almost everything in its path to rubble when it swept ashore in the central Philippines on November 8, killing at least 6,069 people, leaving 1,779 missing and 4 million either homeless or with damaged homes.

“Merry Christmas!” This is how Filipinos greet each other on September 1st even if it’s still over three and a half months before December 25.

The Philippines, one of six predominantly Christian countries in Asia, boasts the earliest and longest Christmas season in the world.

Every year, Filipinos all around the world mark September 1, as the start of the Christmas countdown. The “Ber months” countdown, which runs from September to December, is one of the most important traditions that sets apart Christmas in the Philippines from

celebrations in the rest of the world.

Asked how the phenomenon of the “Ber months” first began, Clifford Sorita, a sociologist and former seminarian with the order of the Society of the Divine Word told NPR that it grew organically, without any precise timeline. Sorita, however, said that the frenzy surrounding the “Ber months” represents “a psychological time clock for most Filipinos to prepare” a jammed Christmas calendar with family and friends, especially returning OFWs.

September 1 usually starts with radio and TV stations playing Christmas music. (Cue Jose Mari Chan and

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Kylie Verzosa

sizzles in her first major film

‘The Housemaid’

Pride & high expectations mix as Filipino community celebrates first Filipina-Canadian MP Rechie Valdez

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, riding high in the polls, thought it was the best of times to get a majority when he called an election.

For everyone else, it was the worst time as it was in the middle of a pandemic.

However, for a Filipino who got elected MP of the Liberal party in the riding of Mississauga-Streets-

ville, it was the perfect time.

Rechie Valdez, a Filipina-Canadian joins the Liberal caucus in the 44th Parliament of Canada.

MP Valdez, an entrepreneur, will be the first Filipina-Canadian in the House of Commons and the second Filipino-Canadian in general, following former Liberal member of parliament Dr. Rey Pagtakhan, who lost in the 2004

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MP Marco Mendocino and MP Rechie Valdez (PHOTO BY JEAN PARDO)

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Bamboo mapagkumbaba: Arnel Pineda sikat pa rin sa Amerika

'Kapagod din 'yung sunud-sunod na biyahe ko papunta sa magkakaibang lugar dito sa Amerika para i-cover ang three 'First Light' concert nina Arnel Pineda at Bamboo na produced ng Spotlight Media Entertainment nina Ms. Pen de Leon-Manahan at Kuya Jerry Manahan, huh!



Sabi ko nga kay Ms. Pen, since balak niyang i-produce uli sina Arnel at Bamboo, aba, manonood uli ako.

Sila kasi 'yung tipong hindi ka magsasawa, huh! In fairness, ang bait-bait din nina Arnel at Bamboo.

Type ko ang ugali nila na very down to earth, 'noh?!

May mga nadiskubre rin ako kina Arnel at Bamboo dahil sa pagsama ko sa three shows nila.

Si Arnel, ang gamit pala ay conditioner lang. Noon daw kasi, kapag nagsa-shampoo siya, kumukulot ang buhok niya.

Kuwento nga niya sa amin, pati raw mga anak niya ay sinasabihan niya na conditioner na lang ang gamitin.

Naikuwento rin ni Arnel na may 32-year old na anak na siya kahit nga mukhang bata pa ang lead singer ng grupong The Journey na very famous pa rin sa Amerika!

At si Bamboo? Naku, vegan pala siya. Ang kinakain nga ni Coach Bamboo ay 'yung puwede lang sa mga katulad niya na vegan-diet. Bongga!

Pero alam mo, Dondon (my dear editor), ok lang and I'm not complaining dahil ang saya-saya ng bawat isa sa three shows na pinanood ko.

'Yung sa Las Vegas, Nevada na ginawa sa Sam's Town Hotel Casino, na-enjoy namin talaga at kasama pa nga naming nanood si Raymond Gutierrez na sobra ring nag-enjoy.

'Yung sa San Jose, California show, ang bongga rin at marami ring kinanta sina Arnel at Bamboo na iba naman sa first show nila.

At 'yung ginawa naman sa Snoqualmie Casino sa Snoqualmie, Washington (tabi ng Seattle), iba rin.

Sa third show na pinanood ko, nauna namang mag-perform si Bamboo.

Pero sa totoo lang, parehong ang galing-galing nina Arnel at Bamboo.

Kim Chiu to Kris Aquino: 'I'll always be your panganay'

"Distance is temporary but our love is permanent."

This is what Kim Chiu wrote on Instagram as she thanked Kris Aquino for her recent gesture.

The Queen of All Media gave Kim flowers.

"Thank you ate, love the all pink roses with pink face masks very useful," Kim said.

Then Kim noted how she misses Kris.

"Please know that I am always here for you, praying for your health and will always be your panganay," she declared.

She also hopes that when everything will be okay, they would be able to bond again.

Kim then told Kris: "Stay healthy and happy ate."

Recently, news about Kris making sweet music with former Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Mel Sarmiento made headlines.



POINTS TO PONDER

Everything in moderation - especially moderation.
 How did a fool and his money get together in the first place?
 Bread always falls butter side down. If it didn't, then you buttered it on the wrong side.
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Honey Shot

Kathryn, 22 is Brock University BSc. Medical Sciences graduate. Post-Secondary honouree of the Filipino Centre Toronto's 14th "Annual Rosalinda C. Javier Outstanding Students Awards. Someday, she wants to work in the Social Services field or a Mental Health Practitioner. We wish her all the luck in her endeavour.

Kathryn Carandang

Click, Like, Share out about 'cancel

Click, Like, Share Season 2 stars oppose cancel culture because it's "toxic" and "unhealthy" and they would rather promote "character development" of a person through social media. Maymay Entrata, Janella Salvador, Barbie Imperial, Tony Labrusca and Jerome Ponce expressed their views on it during an online media conference for the series.

Cancel culture, as defined by Cambridge Dictionary, is "a way of behaving in a society or group, especially on social media, in which it is common to completely reject and stop supporting someone because they have said or done something that offends you."

Tony considered that cancel culture is unhealthy. "We're all human eh. Even if you see somebody in showbiz who might be acting a little problematic, it's not in my position to be cancelling this person," he said. "The idea of cancel culture, for me, with my core values, is so toxic and based on hate. I don't support that movement. I don't think it's appropriate."



Season 2 stars speak culture'

Janella echoed, "I don't believe in cancel culture din. I believe in character development. Kung meron mang nagawa yung isang tao, pwede naman i-correct. Pwede naman i-correct. Huwag naman i-cancel kasi lahat tayo pwede magbago."

Maymay also agreed with co-stars by saying, "Nalungkot lang ako kapag may nakita silang mali agad, naka-cancel na sila." "I don't want to judge people who make mistakes. Para maiwasan yung pag-huhusga, you need to make an effort to know and understand that person. Everybody goes through something. Like what Janella said, everyone has a chance to change for the better. We just need to be aware of our mistakes for us to learn."

Meanwhile, Maymay was asked if it's fair to cancel celebrities because of their political beliefs. Her answer was a solid no. "May iba't iba tayong choices at siguro one way para maiwasan yung cancel culture lalo na kami na showbiz people ay respeto," she said.

She also encouraged the youth to register and vote in 2022 elections.

How to Live Long

A patient had appointments with several specialists who all told him that he had only 6 months to live. He meets the most prestigious of them.

After seeing the file: "Hmm, I see what

you need".
No more fatty food, stop smoking, no more alcohol, and no more nighclubbing.
The patient sits down in his seat. "And if I do all of this, how long will I live?"
Six months answers the specialist.
But it's the same thing!
Yes, but it will seem so much longer.



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Life's brighter under the sun



Kisses Delavin tells Boy Abunda how she manages her daily allowance of 1000 during college in De La Salle.

As a child I really valued money, I'm not kuripot pero I'm careful with how much I spent and here in Manila you can just go to the mall and 1000 is gone. So sina mommy and daddy pinababaunan ako ng 1000 per day as La Salle pero I think I would spent mga 100 one week na yun because I always eat at home. - Kisses shared to Boy Abunda during the interview.



Sara Duterte to run for President 2022

MANILA - Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's daughter will run for president in the 2022 election and her father's long-time aide, who has filed his vice presidential candidacy, will be her running mate.

Sara Duterte-Carpio is currently mayor of Davao, and filed her candidacy to run again for mayor. She has previously said she would not run for national office next year.

Duterte was asked after he announced that he was retiring from politics, while accompanying his closest loyalist Senator Christopher "Bong" Go to file his vice presidential candidacy.

He was asked: "So is it clear, Sara-Go?"

"It is Sara-Go," Duterte said in response. Duterte-Carpio's mayorial re-election filing, did little to douse speculation she has her eye on the presidency.

Analysts say it is crucial for Duterte to have a loyal successor to insulate him from potential legal action - at home or by the International Criminal Court - over the thousands of state killings in his war on drugs since 2016.

Candidates have until Oct. 8 to register, but withdrawals and substitutions are allowed until Nov. 15, leaving scope for last-minute changes of heart.



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Better-looking with masks or sunglasses? 😊🤔😏



One accessory that can make people look better than they are and which applies to both sexes is sunglasses. They fix our facial symmetry. When you have on a pair of big sunglasses which protects not only your eyes, but half your face from the sun, you also hide any facial asymmetry. ... Sunglasses cover these up, making us appear more symmetrical, and more attractive. Now, the mask has made people look attractive too. Part of it is our imagination

adding something that is not there. But, just like sunglasses, most of the time, once they remove it, the result is disappointing. Now, kung artista iyan tulad nila Kathryn Bernardo at Daniel Padilla, o si Dawn Zulueta, wala nang surprise na magiging disappointing kapag tinanggal ang maskara dahil alam na natin na good-looking naman sila talaga. Pero, sa ating ordinary people, yikes! 😏

Duterte retires from politics. 😏

Remember iyong magje-jetski siya sa South China Sea at itatayo niya bandera ng Pilipinas doon? Joke only. Deadling ng candidacy is October 8. Pero hanggang November 15 ang deadline ng withdrawals, changes at substi-

tutions. ng mga candidates for election 2022. Right now, mga pro-Duterte are hoping for a Sara Duterte-Bong Go tandem. Names ng loveteams are created by combining a shortened version ng first name-first name or last name-last name ng dalawang tao. So, it will either be Sabong or DuGo. We cannot shorten the name Go anymore. Or if we use the married name ni Sara which is Carpio, it can be Cago or CarGo. 😏

Bongbong Marcos for President?

He did not win for vice-president. He dragged his recount for 6 years para may publicity. Paano kung matalo siya uli? Kay Sara Duterte? Karambola sa gulo siguro sa Pilipinas. Diyos Mio. 😏

The Newlyweds

A newlywed couple had a serious talk about loyalty and faithfulness. They agreed that it was only human to be tempted. That said, they hoped they would be honest, and to take such encounters seriously. As such, they agreed to each keep a jar in their respective secret hiding places.

"Every time you decide that you have no choice but to be with someone else outside our marriage, just put a glass marble in the jar," the groom said.

"Let's check again in 3 years, to test how truthful we are to each other," the bride said.

Three years passed. The husband, by profession a travelling salesman, was on the road fairly often and of course was subjected to his fair

share of temptation.

"Oh, honey!" she exclaimed as he tipped out the marbles in his jar.

His face grew redder still, as his wife took out her jar which contained only a solitary marble, and a large roll of money.

"I'm so sorry, my love!" he cried.

Turning red herself, the wife said, "Did you know that the shop around the corner buys marbles by the jarful for \$10 each...?"

RR Enriquez wants to be the next Lolit Solis

Former TV host-dancer RR Enriquez has decided to become "Queen SawsaweRRa."

"I think kahit matapos na yung pandemic, kung gusto pa rin ng taong marinig yung comment ko or kung nag-e-enjoy pa din sila sa pakikisawsaw ko, gagawin ko ito hanggang sa tumanda ako, pangkatulad ni Manay Lolit (Solis)," she declared.

"Papalitan natin sa Manay Lolit! Charot," she added in jest.

She denied allegations she's just a "fame whore."

According to her, it's far from the truth.

In fact, she would rather be acknowledged as a businesswoman than being a star.

But RR appreciates that she's



becoming relevant.

"Especially I have a business right now, so nakakatulong siya para ma-promote ko yung business ko at magkaroon ako ng maraming followers at benta sa business ko."

RR noted how, nowadays, anyone could instantly become a celebrity with just the help of social media.

She said some of her Tiktok videos are also a big hit.

KC Concepcion: 'Sometimes you just want to be babied...'

Is KC Concepcion longing for her mother Sharon Cuneta's love and affection based on her Instagram?

The video shows her walking by her lonesome.

A voice-over is heard saying: "Just another day of me going to work because who else is going to take me on trips? Who else is going to buy me a house? Who else is going to pay for my nails? Me!"

Then this text: "Tell me... who?"

In the caption, the daughter of Sharon and Gabby Concepcion deemed herself an "independent woman" but reiterated: "...sometimes you just want to be babied."

She asked: "Is it bad to want thiss?"

A netizen called out Sharon for alleged "favoritism" favoring Kacie over KC.



Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla mark TV comeback in '2G2BT'

The Philippines premiere loveteam and box-office royalties Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla will make their TV comeback in the romantic-drama series "2G2BT" in time for their tenth anniversary as a loveteam.



achieved together and how their love story started. Aside from their small-screen return, the series also marks the much-awaited reunion of KathNiel

After starring in the hit series "Got 2 Believe," "Pangako Sa 'Yo," and "La Luna Sangre," KathNiel will be showing their acting prowess in this one-of-kind story that their fans will surely love.

"2G2BT" is one of the surprises Kathryn and Daniel have in store for their fans for their 10th anniversary after they released a special documentary recently, which featured the two reminiscing the milestones they have

and renowned director Mae Cruz Alviar after working together in blockbuster films "Can't Help Falling In Love" and "Crazy Beautiful You."

Under the production of the RGE unit of ABS-CBN Entertainment, "2G2BT" offers another series that will etch in the viewers hearts following the success of its previous shows, "Bagong Umaga," "Ipaglaban Mo," "Nang Ngumiti Ang Langit, and "Pamilya Ko."

Sam Milby hopes

Sam Milby is hoping the former Miss Universe Catriona Gray is already the one he will marry.

"I will not be with Cat if I don't think she's the one. At my age also, why would I be wanting to stay and stick around if I don't feel that we have a future? I'm looking for my life partner, and I really hope that she is," he said.

"We're both growing in our walk with God. That's one thing that's very important to the both

Catriona Gray is 'the one'

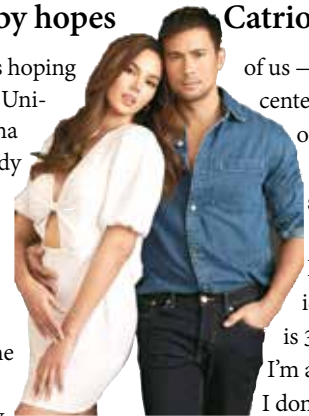
of us — it's keeping God in the center of our individual lives and our relationship," he added.

But, he's in no rush to settle down with Gray.

"If I was in my early 20s, I would've said, 'Oh, my ideal age to start a family is 35.' But now that I'm 37, I'm at a point in my life where I don't want to put a time frame on myself," he said.

Nonetheless, Milby shared that their relationship is going strong and he loves taking care of his girlfriend.

"I like to spoil her also with gifts because that's my other love language," he said.



Why Bernadette Sembrano is a proud Kapamilya

Following the departure of Kim Atienza from ABS-CBN, Bernadette Sembrano took to social media to pen not only a thank you post for Kim but also to write an appreciation post for the network.

"Will miss Kuya Kim :) and we sincerely wish him well :) But this is also an appreciation post on why Kapamilya is Kapamilya," she wrote on Instagram. "Sa pamilya, kapag umalis si tatay, si ate, ang mga kuya — hindi naman nawawala ang pagiging pamilya. May nalulungkot, may nahihirapan, may mangungulila — may sasalo sa naiwang responsibilidad — pero bukal ang panalangin na sana'y magtagumpay ang Kapamilyang umaalis."

She said that even those who are no



longer working for ABS-CBN remain a Kapamilya. "This is why I am a proud Kapamilya. Kasi ganito ang pamilyang Pilipino. Kapamilya pa rin ang 11,000 na napilitan umalis. Kapamilya pa rin ang mga pinipiling umalis. Pamilya pa rin. Always. #kapamilyaforever," she said.

Bernadette also extended her gratitude to the supporters of ABS-CBN amid a difficult time for the network.

Following his departure, ABS-CBN released a statement thanking Kim for his years of service with the Kapamilya network.

"We thank him for his dedication, passion, and most of all, service to the Filipino people. All the best, Kuya Kim! Forever Kapamilya," the statement added.

KABABAYAN CENTRE HOLDS AN ELECTION

PRESS RELEASE
October 1, 2021

CONGRATULATIONS to the NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the KABABAYAN MULTICULTURAL CENTRE- (KMC).

At its 44th general assembly, Kababayan Multicultural Centre elected the new Board of Directors.

Chairperson, Ben S. Corpuz

Vice Chairperson, Isidro Buquiron

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Assistant Secretary - Marites Mayome Abubo

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Board Members: Liberty Contessa Catbagan, Nilda Dosado, Lonylee Garcia, and, Jecris Tubigon.

Outgoing Board members: Jelbert Real (Hon. Board member), Richard Llanera, and, Voltaire Rosacena

The current dedicated and committed Executive Director is Flordeliz Dandal.

KMC is fully staffed with individuals with proven experience, skills, compassion and commitment to serve

the diverse communities.

The annual general assembly was held virtually on September 25, 2021 in Toronto, Ontario with the participation of 70, participants all over Canada.

The Kababayan Multicultural Centre (KMC), registered as Kababayan Community Service Centre Inc, is a registered charity (118976653 RR 0001) since July 7, 1977, <https://tinyurl.com/yk82upbe>.

From the latest strategic planning, the vision of KMC is to be a leader in supporting immigrant communities towards their full participation in Canadian society. While the mission is to develop a strong immigrant community by providing: Effective, client centered programs and services accessible to all; Delivered by caring and professional staff; and in partnership with agencies and organizations.

The charitable organization are currently funded by the three levels of government of Canada. The financial statements are being audited annually by an independent Chartered Professional Accountant (CPAs) in a reputable Canadian accounting firm and presented

and discussed during the annual general assembly by the partner in charge.

It was founded in 1977 by Ruben Cusipag, Tessie Jew, Voltaire de Leon, Carmencita Hernandez and Helen Mascardo.

Over the years, KMC has been a strong presence in the community, advocating for the rights of individuals in Toronto, while assisting in the settlement of newcomers in the greater Toronto area. It has provided a myriad of services to empower and enable newcomers to successfully settle in Toronto, Ontario: Programs and services include settlement services, community social support, employment/job assistance, information

dissemination, workshops, training seniors' support program, youth program, women support program and, more. KMC helped thousands of individuals on its 44 years of existence and made a difference in the lives of many.

The newly elected Board members will strive to meet the mission and vision of Kababayan Multicultural Centre. KMC helped thousands of individuals on its 44 years of existence and made a difference in the lives of many.

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Philippines to import more rice next year

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines is projected to import more rice next year to meet the rising demand for the commodity, according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In its latest monthly global grain report, the USDA said the Philippines is expected to import a total of 2.1 million metric tons (MT) of rice in 2022.

This is higher than this year's import forecast of two million MT.

"With a smaller crop, the country is forecast to import more to satisfy rising demand," the USDA said.

For 2022, the USDA is projecting the country's milled rice production to decline to 12.3 million MT from the 24.4 million MT projected output for the current year.

In contrast, rice consumption and residual in the Philippines may rise to 14.5 million MT from 14.4 million MT this year.

Despite the slightly higher importation forecast, the Philippines is seen to remain the second largest importer after China in 2022.

USDA projects China to import 2.6 million MT of rice next year.

Moreover, world rice consumption is expected to rise by over two percent next year, with

the largest growth in East Asia, primarily in China.

Rice trade is expected to be flat next year compared to 2021.

"South Asia imports are forecast to drop the most, driven by Bangladesh as its production recovers. However, Sub-Saharan Africa is forecast to have a large increase in imports, most significantly in Nigeria and Madagascar," the USDA said.

Imports from Central America, Middle East and the Caribbean are projected to be relatively flat, whereas South America is set to reduce its imports amid ample production and supply.

Does Yen Santos have a child?

Host and talent manager Ogie Diaz shut down rumors that Yen Santos already has a child.

In his latest video blog on his YouTube channel, Ogie was asked by his co-host Tita Jeggs if the rumors about Yen is true.

"Ang daming nagtatanong saakin na mga kaibigan ko, totoo ba na may anak si Yen Santos sa isang politician?" Jeggs said.

"Thank you for that wonderful question, ay Miss U. Actually, nakarating din saakin yan," Ogie answered.

"Si Yen Santos daw ay may anak na, na itinago lang daw. But the truth is, wala pong anak si Yen, yan po ang alam ko ha. Walang anak si Yen at yung tinuturo nilang anak ni Yen ay hindi po anak ni Yen," he added.

Ogie said that Yen's alleged child is her sibling and a politician was her godfather.

"Yun ay kapatid daw ni Yen na inanak sa binyag ng isang politician, kaya doon ay usap-usapan na anak yun ni Yen. Kung si Yen ay nagbuntis, malamang Jeggs, may picture na kumalat. Ang dami pa namang Marites at Mosang, 'di ba?" Ogie said.

Recently, Paolo Contis cleared the name of Yen as the third party of his breakup with LJ Reyes. Paolo admitted that it was Yen who was with him in Baguio and Manaog, Pangasinan but only as a friend.



Dating sidekick na si Andrew Gan, bida na

After more than five years playing best friend o sidekick ng bida, finally bida na ang actor na si Andrew Gan.

Kasama nga sa mga naging proyekto ng alaga ng talent manager na si Leo Dominguez ang Batang Foz, Super Ma'am, The Third Party at Henerasyong Sumuko sa Love. Pero ito, sa wakas, bida na siya, sa BL series na Limited Edition.

Ikinuwento ni Andrew na inimbita siyang mag-audition para sa pelikula na maiden offering ng BragaisTV ng Pinoy shoe designer na si Jojo Bragais.

He got the lead part of Jethro, isang balikbayan mula sa New York.

Anyway, matagal na nilang natapos ang shooting Limited Edition kung saan nag-lock in sila for three weeks. "Madaming heavy scenes na magaganap. Sobrang free will kami gawin yung gusto namin. Kaya sobrang thankful," sabi pa ng actor.

Napapanood na ito sa kasalukuyan sa BragaisTV umpisa pa noong Sabado, Oct. 2.



Janus sa tawag sa kaniya bilang sawsawero: "Mahal ko lang talaga kaibigan ko"

Ipinaliwanag ni Janus Del Prado ang ilan sa mga dahilan niya kung bakit nga ba siya mahilig makisawsaw sa issue ng mga kaibigan niya, tanong ni Ogie Diaz.

Dakilang Sawsawero ang palagiang tinatawag ngayon sa aktor na si Janus Del Prado lalo pa sa muling pagsisimula niya ng isyu laban kay Gerald Anderson.

Ani ni Janus na kahit na anong mangyari ay ipag-tatangol niya mga kaibigan niya dahil sa malaking tulong ng mga ito sa kaniya.

He mentions some friends like Angel Locsin, Bea Alonzo, Paulo Avelino at iba, "Mahal na mahal ko sila dahil napakatotoo nilang tao, kilala mo rin naman sila hidni ka so-showbiz ng mga 'yan. At kahit hindi mo sabihing may pinagdadaanan ka, matik alam nila.

"Hindi laging about money, 'yung tawag lang para kumustahin ka, malaking bagay 'yun. 'Yung alam mong hindi tapping na magka-trabaho lang kaya magkaibigan, hindi ganu'n," kuwento nito.

"Alam ko magagalit sa akin si Paulo nito. Ayaw niya na pina-public na tumutulong siya," panimula ng kwento niya patungkol kay Paulo Avelino.

"Matic 'yan ha, hindi ka manghihingi wala siyang



itananong kung may pambili ba ako o ano. Ang aga-aga makikita mo (text), 'may pinadala ako

sa 'yo, magla-lockdown daw ulit."

At nang banggitin ni Ogie ang pangalan ni Angel, "Bagay na bagay sa kanya ang pangalan niya. Sumakto do'n ang mga magulang niya na pinangalanan siya ng ganu'n.

"Nagka-tigdas ako ng 2014."

"Nasang hospital ka? Pupuntahan kita' Tinanong niya kung magkano ang bill tapos ano, nasa mahigit 150k kasi tumagal ako sa hospital ng two weeks."

Sabi ni Janus na very lucky siya sa mga kaibigan niya, kasi wala akong masyadong mai-offer, eh.

"Hindi ako mayaman, hindi naman ako sikat, hindi ako influencer, so ang ano ko (tulong) na lang kapag may umagrabyado siyempre ipagtatangol ko, nando'n ako!

"Walang nag-uutos sa akin (ipangtanggol sila), may mga nagsabi nga na binayaran daw ako, asan ang resibo? Ako marami akong resibo hindi ko lang inilalabas!" nakangiting hamon ni Janus sa mga troll na bumibira sa kanya dahil sa pagtatanggol niya sa mga kaibigan niya.



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Alternatives to scarce COVID-19 treatment drug sought

MANILA - The shortage in Tocilizumab, an off-label drug used to treat COVID-19 patients, will last until December so the government is now looking for alternatives, the Department of Health (DOH) said.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said the DOH was already informed of the shortage by Roche Phils., the local manufacturer of tocilizumab.

"We had a discussion with the manufacturer Roche Philippines and they already gave us the



Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire.

declaration until the end of the year, it seems, we'll be having a hard time accessing these drugs," she said.

Vergeire said the shortage is felt not only in the Philippines but around the globe due to the rising cases of COVID-19.

The DOH is now looking for other "re-purposed drugs" that can be used as an alternative to tocilizumab.

"We are looking for investigational drugs from other sources. Currently, some hospitals are using Baricitinib drugs for their COVID-19 patients," Vergeire said.

She said the DOH is also talking the private sector and "hopefully in the coming weeks, they will be able to help us for this supply."

Illegal sale

Gen. Guillermo Eleazar, chief of the Philippine National Police (PNP), ordered a crackdown on the illegal online sale of tocilizumab.

Eleazar instructed the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) and the Anti-Cyber-crime Group (ACG) to coordinate with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to address the issue.

He vowed to unmask the people behind the illicit sale of the in-demand drug which now fetches exorbitant prices.

"This is an exploitation of our countrymen direly in need in the middle of a pandemic and we won't allow it," Eleazar said.

Tarzan & Jane 1st Sex

When Jane initially met Tarzan of the Jungle, she was attracted to him and during her questions about his life, she asked him how he had sex:

"Tarzan not know sex!" He replied.

Jane explained to him what sex was.

Tarzan said. "Oh, Tarzan use hole in trunk of tree!"

Horrified, she said. "Tarzan you have it all wrong, but I will show you how to do it properly!"

She took off her clothes and lay down on the ground. "Here!" She said. "You must put it in

here!"

Tarzan removed his loincloth, stepped closer with his huge erection, and then gave her an almighty kick right between her legs.

Jane rolled around in agony, but manages to gasp for air and screamed. "What did you do that for?"

"Tarzan check for bees!"

Andrew E. katambal ang bagong pantasya ng bayan na sina AJ Raval at Sunshine Guimary

Hindi makapaniwala si Andrew E. na makalipas ang tatlong dekada, nagbibida pa rin siya sa mga pelikula.

He appreciates his career dahil because the rapper-comedian underwent surgery before the coronavirus pandemic last March 2020.



their understanding.

ANDREW'S SONG 17 YEARS AGO

Ang "Shoot Shoot!" ang hit na kanta ni Andrew E. sa TikTok, few know was written 17 years ago. "I wrote 'Shoot Shoot' in 2003. At that time, usong-usong yung mga long-distance relationship. Andrew E. found out his song is popular from his children. Lahad niya, "Nagulat nga ako. It was my kids who were telling me, 'Papa, is this your song?'"

"What song? I don't have a new one."

"Shoot Shoot!, it's all over TikTok! I can't believe it."

Si Andrew E. ang lead actor sa Shoot Shoot! Di Ko Siya Titigilan, the comedy movie with sexy stars Sunshine Guimary at AJ Raval.

Ayon kay Andrew E. did not think he can go back to moviemaking after his surgery to his shoulder at groin last February 2020.

"I ahd cholesterol blockage sa right shoulder blade. I underwent two operations.

"I had to deal with it for 2 hours kasi maha-ba blockage, thank God, nalampasan ko."

His strength weakened. Then, I recovered a bit.

"And then came my movie, Pakboys, I was a little bit gaining like 50 or 60 percent energy.

"With Shoot! Shoot!, I was, like, maybe 80 to 90 percent energy. Kahit papaano, hindi ako napapahiya sa aking mga kasamahan sa pelikula. Baka isipin nila, I'm carrying the situation just because I want to be pabida."

Andrew E thanks Sunshine, AJ, at sa ibang mga kasamahan nila sa Shoot! Shoot! for

SEXY COMEDY MOVIE

Hindi naman pinalampas ni Andrew E. ang alok ng Viva Films na gamiting pamagat sa pelikulang pinagbibidangan niya ang kanyang kanta na popular sa TikTok.

Base sa trailer ng Shoot Shoot!, gumaganap na best friends sina Andrew E. at AJ.

Susuportahan ni AJ si Andrew E. sa pangarap nitong mag-audition para maging artista. Pero biglang magiging bilyonaryo si Andrew E. at magiging lapitin ng mga babae.

Si Sunshine ang isa pa sa mga babaeng maghahabol sa kanya. Sino ang pipiliin ni Andrew E.?



AJ Raval reveals real score with Aljur Abrenica



Sexy actress AJ Raval has confirmed her real score with hunk actor Aljur Abrenica.

The 21-year-old didn't hesitate to admit that the 31-year-old star is currently courting her.

"Yes, totoo. Hindi ako magpapakaipokrita. Di na ako magsisinungaling, di na ako magdeny, kasi mukha lang kaming tanga kapag nag-deny kami. Well, totoo naman na nag-uusap kami," AJ said.

Apparently, the estranged husband of Kylie Padilla is the one whom AJ was talking about during her vlog with Donnalyn Bartolome some weeks ago.



Then, AJ opened up about that one suitor she has.

"Yung nag-iisa na yun, ramdam na ramdam ko talaga na special ako," AJ told Donnalyn.

Asked if she'll make it official soon, AJ answered: "Hindi ko pa alam, pero na-appreciate ko siya. Pero di pa lang siguro ako ready rin pumasok sa relationship kasi kakagaling ko lang sa relationship."

Maymay Entrata pleads for fans to stop romance rumors about her, Donny Pangilinan

Maymay Entrata has once again denied she is in a relationship with Donny Pangilinan and is asking fans to stop spreading romance "rumors" about her and her fellow actor.

The actress clarified that she is not dating Pangilinan. She also expressed gratitude towards those who support her, including MayDon fans.



"Gusto kong magpasalamat sa bawat isa sa mga sumuporta sa'kin since day one. Sa lahat ng MayDon fans, thank you pero gusto ko rin pong klaruhin na wala pong namamagitan sa aming dalawa," she said. "Sana ma-stop po ang pag spread ng rumors about sa 'min."

"Siguro nagsimula 'yan kay Donny dahil kasama ko siya lagi sa 'ASAP.' Nami-misunderstood nila yung mga galawan namin, yung smile namin na akala nila nagtitinginan," she told DJ Jhaiho. "Pero hindi po kami ni Donny."

She also stressed that she does have a special someone who is not from show business, though she did not reveal the person's identity.

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Happiness

Pia Wurtzbach wants career in the Theatre

"ultimate dream."

"Pero seriously, iba 'yung teatro sa TV, sa movies, ibang discipline 'yan. I really have high, high respect for theater actors and actresses. Parang ibang mundo siya," she went on.

"It really takes a lot of talent and a lot of discipline to do it. Every time I watch a play or a musical in person, I feel like I'm transported to that world. And I can't help but think na, 'Grabe, ang galing nila. Ang galing nilang lahat.' Kahit saan ako tumingin, may nangyayari."

Wurtzbach also mentioned how theater actors and actresses only get one chance to deliver their lines per show, which means they could not afford to make mistakes.

"Hindi ako expert, but theater is a kind of discipline where... Wala kasing cut, take two, walang ganun. You only get one chance to do it because live siya. So kapag nagkamali ka... actually hindi ka puwedeng magkamali," she said.

"Basta, it's my big 'what if' in life. Frustrated singer din kasi ako, kung hindi niyo alam."

While she started out as an actress, Wurtzbach found fame in pageantry in 2015 when she won the Miss Universe crown, ending the Philippines' 42-year drought.



She has since become a sought-after endorser and magazine cover girl both in the Philippines and abroad, and has also ventured into business and hosting.

On top of these, Wurtzbach is an ambassador for both UNAIDS and WWF-Philippines, and has been supporting initiatives by organizations for children, the environment, and the LGBTQIA community.

Angel Locsin's father recovers from COVID

Angel Locsin herself shared the good news to fans via her latest vlog.

She did so showing a video of her 94-year-old father doing some exercises.

The actress shared: "Eto 'yung tatay ko, matigas ang ulo, nage-exercise na..."

"Isipin mo, 94 years old, bulag, na-survive niya 'yung World War II, nasurvive rin niya ang COVID," she added.

Note that the video also shares inspiring advice on how to make "everyday count."

Angel said: "Hope this video we made could help turn your bad days into good ones!"



Hunk Shot

John is an Outstanding Student Awardee 2020 of the Filipino Centre Toronto's 14th "Annual Rosalinda C, Javier Outstanding Students Awards. Someday, he wants to become a Public Accountant and Financial Investment Advisor. We wish him all the luck in his endeavours.



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Will Taliban takeover of Afghanistan affect the security situation in Mindanao?

“What happened in Afghanistan has a certain parallelism with what’s happening down south in Mindanao,” said Department of National Defense (DND) spokesperson Arsenio Andolong.

Andolong, who emphasized that he was speaking as a panel reactor and not as a DND spokesperson, likened Taliban’s takeover of Afghanistan to attempts of militant groups and insurgents in southern Philippines to overthrow the government.

The Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), and Dawlah Islamiyah (DI)



among others were reported to have links with Al-Qaeda, Taliban, and even the Islamic State (IS) either through financing, equipment sourcing, or training.

But Major Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr., commander of the 4th Infantry Division and a Marawi siege veteran, believes terrorists and insurgents in Mindanao “are really too far out” to be affected by the Taliban’s success.

“Right now, we are seeing that armed groups here in the Philippines don’t even receive the same amount of support that they got prior to the Marawi siege,” he said, referring to the 2017 siege perpetrated by the Lanao-based

Maute terrorist group in collaboration with the ASG.

BARMM

Perhaps one of the “game-changers” in the Philippines’ insurgency problem was the government’s successful brokering of peace talks with the biggest Islamic militant groups in the country — the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the result is the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) and the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) which created the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) [formerly Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao] in 2019.

“What happened is that we allowed the self-determination of our Muslim brothers down south,” said Andolong.

BARMM dilemma.

The BARMM leaders are requesting to extend the transition

period for another three years. Such is a move opposed by the aspiring leaders in BARMM which could spark a new conflict.

“There is a move by the current leaders of the BARMM to extend the transition period for another three years. There is a resistance for aspiring leaders which are the other political leaders in the area,” Brawner admitted. “There might be [conflict] on the side of MILF, some of leaders or elements ready to wreak havoc in case BTA is not extended,” he added.

Brawner said talks are being done “to prevent any violence in the area.”

Moreover, Brawner stressed that the Afghanistan collapse proved the importance of investing in a professional military organization that is well-led, well-trained, well-equipped, and well-motivated.

“Your AFP is ready for any kind of violence that may take place,” he assured.

Albert at 60: I’m still at my prime



With his ageless looks and good physique, Albert Martinez is still “desirable” at 60.

The veteran actor, who officially became a senior citizen last April, revealed his secret to maintaining a youthful appearance — “working out, eating properly and not abusing self.”

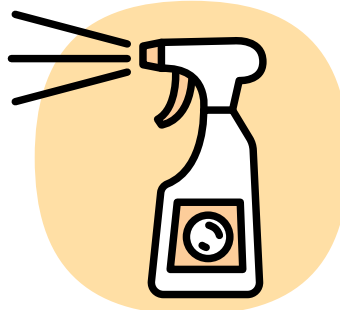
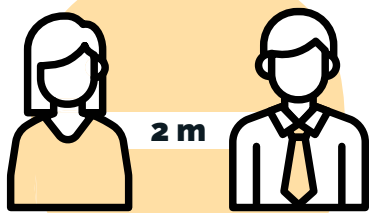
“I know for a fact na ito yung investment namin lahat kami sa industry — to make sure na we stay fit. We stay looking good. I guess that’s about it. Siguro konti about genes but then again it’s all about the discipline,” shared Albert during an interview for the erotic thriller *The Housemaid*.

To be that “sex symbol at 60” for the film, he worked on his fitness and mentally prepared for the role.

Albert has three children with his late wife, actress Lielzel Martinez and three adorable grandchildren.

Albert will be next seen in the GMA teleserye *Las Hermanas*, while his ABS-CBN series *The General’s Daughter* is now streaming on Netflix.

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Vaccination of general population, kids vs COVID-19 begins in October–Palace

President Duterte has green-lit the start of the vaccination of the general population, including children, against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) starting this October.



“master listing” of kids will be done first before the actual administering of shots.

He didn’t say any details regarding the age range of children eligible for vaccination, or the brand of vaccine that will be used on the minors.

This was bared by Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque.

“The vaccination of the general population will start this month of October. This was approved by the President based on the advice of vaccine czar Carlito Galvez,” Roque said.

“Let’s wait for the details, but those under A1, A2, A3 will not lose their prioritization,” he said.

A key factor in the President’s decision to allow the vaccination of the general population is the current abundance of supply for COVID-19 jabs in the country.

“Our problem in the past was the scarcity of supply. Now that we have a lot of supply, we will begin the vaccination of the general population,” Roque said.

As for the inoculation of children, Roque said this will also start in October but clarified that the

“Ang ating hinihikayat ngayon ay magpa-master listing na po ang mga magulang ng kabataan para mapalistahan na iyong mga kabataan, pag nagsimula na po tayo. Inaasahan po natin magsisimula rin tayo sa buwan ng Oktubre, aprubado na rin po yan ng ating Presidente (What we’re urging right now is the master-listing of the children by their parents so that we’ll have a list once we start. We also expect to begin this month of October, it has also been approved by the President).

“So pag mayroon na po tayong master list, antayin po natin ang anunsyo kung sino ang mauuna (So once we have a master list, we’ll wait for the announcement on who will be inoculated first),” the Palace official said.

The Philippines rolled out its mass vaccination program against COVID-19 on March 1, 2021.

Sharon Cuneta & KC Concepcion not in good terms again?

“You have another daughter in LA.”

This is what a netizen said to Sharon Cuneta via social media, when she shared she’s on her way to New York to surprise, Kakie, her eldest daughter with Kiko Pangilinan.

Note that Kakie left for the US last August to pursue her studies there.

Several online users find Sharon’s caption “offending,” reminding her to give time to KC Concepcion who is currently in LA.

The Megastars’ response?

“Yes I HEARD! I wonder how she is and what she is doing?”

Meanwhile, a concerned netizen went on to actually admonish Sharon: “You will visit Frankie. But have you ever

visited @kristinaconcepcion when she was still studying at Paris? Guess, no! But now, will you ever visit there in the US? You will say that KC seems to be too far from you.. she is not. It is that you have your favorites. You chose Frankie over her. She feels out of place when she is with you... with your family.

Thank goodness that gabby is caring for her boundlessly... because she is the first.”

Then added: “Yes, KC is independent but have you ever thought that she might be longing for your love? You will say that she is distant from you but really, the problem is not



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Sharon retorted: “You obviously know nothing about us and because I am their mother, you cannot expect me to talk badly about any of my children. Remember, we are all human beings, we all can be hurt by those we love. And generally speaking, kahit 100 na tao ang mahal mo, doon ka mapapalapit sa sobrang nagmamahal at rumerespeto sayo.”

Some say that based on Sharon’s reply, all is not well between her and KC. Again.

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I remember reading a column about him in a Canadian newspaper after his time as Minister of Veteran Affairs. The columnist was praising his work. Not only that, veterans were also very appreciative of him when he was the minister. They said that he listened to them and that he addressed their concerns and problems. From what I can read, the columnist and the veterans he interviewed were actually pleasantly surprised



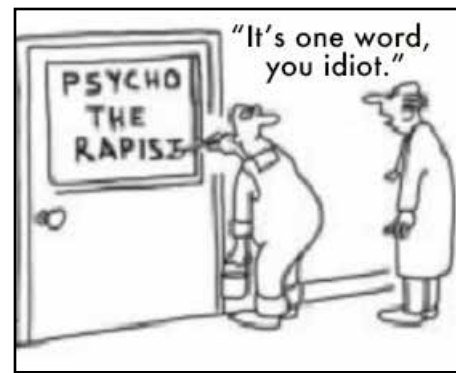
because it took a person who was not even born here to act on their problems.

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the Filipino community. Community leaders only have high praise for MP Valdez.

Here’s to MP Rechie Valdez. May she serve the Canadian and Filipino community well and make Canadians and Filipino-Canadians proud in having elected her.



Geneva returns to recording after 8 years

Eight years after the release of her last album “To Manila,” Geneva Cruz is back to the musical grind with the release of her latest single “Sinungaling,” penned by Junji Arias.



“I called Junji right away upon arriving from the US and asked him for a song,” Geneva shares. And two hours later, she received a video of Junji on the piano, singing “Sinungaling.”

The song, the singer-actress recalls, was still raw at the time, but was already relatable and catchy. “So I asked my good friend Tox to arrange it,” she adds. “He thought the song was beautiful, as well. After the meeting, I signed up with Curve Entertainment—and the rest is history.”

Geneva is best remembered for the Smokey Mountain hits like “Kailan” and “Better World.” As a solo act later, she released the smash hit, “Anak ng Pasig,” from her solo debut album, “I Like You.”

“Just one song, for now,” she says. “I’m still testing the waters to see if people will be able to relate to it. I want a sound to genuinely represent who I am in my life right now.”

Geneva also inked a contract with GMA Network to do a teleserye set for release in January 2022.

Celebs running for office is a comeback trend for 2022

Registering to vote isn’t the only “in thing” among celebrities for the upcoming national elections in May 2022.

Some are running for public office.

Comebacking TV loveteam Bobby Andrews and Angeline Leon



Bobby Andrews and Angeline Leon

Comebacking TV loveteam Bobby Andrews and Angeline Leon are both running as councilors in the upcoming elections. Angeline is running in the Pasig second district under Mayor Vico Sotto’s ticket, and Bobby in the fourth district of Quezon City where he was born and raised. Bobby cited that after his experience as a board member in the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), he has set his sights on his own district.

Bobby also has a thing to say to those detractors putting down showbiz personalities who decide to run for office. “I just want to change their minds... I’m awakened with the fact that if I win, it’s not because I’m Bobby Andrews eh, it will be because of what I’m doing.”

Another veteran star who is about to run is Ilongga Claudine Barretto. But she has her sights on running as a councilor in Olongapo City under the ticket of her manager Arnold Vegafria, who is joining the mayoralty race.

The talent manager clarified though that Claudine’s grandfather was once the governor in the province of Zambales, which makes her connected to Olongapo. So are Ejay Falcon, former child actor Nash Aguas. Arjo Atayde has been active in Quezon City and rumor is the actor will run under the administration party of Mayor Joy Belmonte.

Belmonte. Could it be the explanation for his active donations of service vehicles to the city that the local government’s official social media page gave him a special shoutout?

Tito Boy Abunda has a tip for the personalities who will try their luck in the upcoming elections.

“Mag-aral ka. Short courses like public ad (administration). Mayroon mga short courses online... for as long as your heart is in the right place, marami nyan ay natutunan. If people will continue to diminish the capabilities of movie stars, we will continue to elect many movie stars who are not qualified as many of them are qualified.”

Arci Munoz receives special recognition from PAF

Arci Munoz proudly showed off the special recognition bestowed upon her by the Philippine Air Force (PAF).

On Instagram, Munoz shared a photo of her plaque, which was given to her for her “invaluable services rendered through active participation in the different PAF relief operations.”

“THERE IS NO LIMIT TO WHAT WE, AS WOMEN, CAN ACCOMPLISH,” Munoz wrote in the caption.

“To the @philippine_air_force thank you so much for this recognition. Truly I am blessed and it is an honor to serve,” she added.

The PAF also recognized Munoz’s contributions during the conduct of its fund-raising

activity dubbed “PAF Musicale,” as well as her efforts in advocating the PAF Reservists Program “that created positive impact in our society which immensely contributed on the overall mission accomplishment of the Philippine Air Force.”



Munoz enlisted as a reservist for the Philippine Air Force in June 2020.

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Kylie Verzosa sizzles in her first major film 'The Housemaid'

Former Miss International Kylie Verzosa revealed that she gave her all in her first major movie called "The Housemaid" produced by Viva Films.

"Still in awe to be playing my first title role, not to mention the most challenging role I played to date. I poured my blood, tears, and sweat to give life to Daisy and I can't wait for everyone to meet her," Kylie said.

For her first lead role, Kylie said she came prepared for her scenes with award-winning stars Jaclyn Jose and Albert Martinez.

"Siguro ang mga pinakamahirap na eksena ko would be the scenes with Ms Jaclyn (Jose) and Tito Albert (Martinez). Kay Ms Jaclyn dapat lagi akong handa, hindi puwede mag take 2," said Kylie when asked about the difficult scenes in the movie.

She added: "Yung kay Tito Albert naman

napapag-usapan naman namin yun. Very choreographed lahat ng sexy scenes to make it appear real and sensual."

Direk Roman Perez said that Kylie and Albert did not give him problems during the shoot of the sexy scenes.

"Wala naman kami naging problema sa kanila kasi well-prepared kami. Nagwo-workshop talaga kami. Naging process ko na yun sa paggawa ng movies na dapat mag wo-workshop kami ng mga artsta bago namin gawin. Gabi-gabi nag-u-usap kami nila Kylie and Albert at nag-pe-prepare kami. Dapat one take lang dahil nasa gitna tayo ng pandemic so dapat precise yung mga galaw. So pagsalang namin, dapat ready siya," said Roman.

Kylie said that it was her boyfriend Jake Cuenca who encouraged her to accept the project. "Sabi niya (Jake) ang ganda ng project. Kung ako, kukunin ko yan, sabi niya."

Kylie plays Daisy, a woman in her 20s who is offered a huge salary mainly to take care of Nami, daughter of William (Albert Martinez), a billionaire, and Roxanne (Louise Delos Reyes), who is pregnant with twins. Trouble starts when Daisy and William have a relationship.

What does Daisy expect to get out of her stolen moments with William? What is the price to pay for sleeping with this powerful married man?

Perez said "The Housemaid" is an adaptation of a South Korean film that was first shown in 1960, then had a remake in 2010, originally entitled "Hanyo". The latter won awards in different international film festivals, including Fantasporto in Portugal, Oslo Film Festival, and even our very own Cinema International Festival. It received a nomination for the Palme d'Or, the highest prize

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My wish for the future generations of women is to remember that you can do anything you put your mind to.



Sheena Yap Chan (in red), gives her book Asian Women Who Boss Up to Cassandra Adajar, Samantha Gavin and Angela Castillo. Part of the proceeds will go to nonprofit organizations combatting anti Asian racism.



Francine Diaz denies competing with fellow actors

When one of her followers asked her if she felt like she was in competition with her peers in showbiz, Francine clarified that this was never true for her.

"Hindi ko naman kailangan makipag-compete sa mga kasabay ko lalo na dito sa showbiz kasi naniniwala ako may sarili tayong time para mag-bloom. So kung mas sikat itong tao na 'to or kung sino man siya kesa sa akin, I'm happy for her or for him. Siyempre

hindi naman makakarating sa taas ang tao kung hindi niya pinaghirapan yun.

"And kung nandito siya tapos nandito ako it's okay kasi for me part yun ng process ko and part yung ng journey ko. At hihintayin ko yung tamang oras na mag-sa-shine ako or mag-bu-bloom ako. Kasi I trust in His timing. Nagtitiwala ako sa timing ni



Bro. Kaya wala akong kakompetensiya. Hindi ko naman tinitingnan or tinuturing na kalaban ko dahil ang tanging kalaban ko lang naman dito ay sarili ko. Yung sarili ko kahapon kailangan ko siyang talunin para maging better version ako ng sarili ko today," she shared.

"Hindi ako na-i-insecure sa mga kasamahan ko sa showbiz na mas sikat sa akin. Actually natutuwa ako sa kanila. 'Pag tinitingnan ko sila, na-i-inspire ako. Walang

halong joke ha. Hindi ko ito sinu-sugarcoat promise. Hindi ako na-i-insecure sa kanila. Na-i-insecure ako sa sarili ko. Hindi ko alam kung paano ko siya i-e-explain pero wala naman akong tinuturing na kalaban dito bukod sa sarili ko. Kalaban ko yung sarili ko. Actually yung mga sikat na artista ngayon, nakakatuwa kasi pagka nagkaroon ako ng chance na maka-kuwentuhan sila, alam mo yung hindi sila mayabang. So nakakatuwa na kahit mataas silang tao, sobrang humble nila," she added.

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Aaron Perez turns 12.

High Expectations for First Filipina-Canadian MP Rechie Valdez

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election after serving since 1997. Dr. Pagtakhan represented a riding in Winnipeg, MB, where there is also a big Filipino community.

"Rechie's victory is going to inspire Filipino-Canadians across the country to consider service and public office as something that can be achieved for themselves and for their communities," said Grant Gonzales, co-founder of the Filipino-Canadian Political Association (FCPA), a grassroots, cross-partisan, non-profit organization.

The newly-organized volunteer-led group aims to encourage more Filipinos across Canada to engage in politics by either volunteering or joining political parties with the hope that they would run for public office at all lev-



els of government. The goal is to have Filipino representation at decision-making levels.

"What's special about Rechie's victory is that she will be the only Filipino-Canadian serving in the House of Commons. So, even though she only represents one riding, as all MPs do, she has a special responsibility ... to make sure that the voice of the community - the broader Filipino community - is heard."



LEFT, JEAN PARDO WITH MP VALDEZ; ABOVE, Liberal MP Rechie Valdez poses with IPEN model Melissa Ventocilla at the Filipino meet & greet at Kalayaan Centre. RIGHT, MP Valdez with well-wishers



Aside from being a rookie Member of Parliament, she needs to balance the expectations of her own riding's constituents with the rest of the Filipino community in Canada. Gonzales said Valdez's responsibility should first be to the community that voted for her.

Valdez said there is no issue in balancing

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Kapamilya's newest singer Shanaia Gomez looks up to three co-Kapamilya stars, wants to be an actress too!

Even so, the young artist thought of acting as a great platform for her to grow not only as an artist but also as a person. Through the help of Star Magic and RISE Artists Studio, she is certain that she will grow more.

Up-and-coming Kapamilya singer Shanaia Gomez expressed her interest to become an actress and considered three of ABS-CBN's biggest stars Anne Curtis, Liza Soberano, and Kathryn Bernardo as her idols.

"Yes! I'm very very interested in acting," she expressed in an exclusive interview.

Even so, the young artist thought of acting as a great platform for her to grow not only as an artist but also as a person. Through the help of Star Magic and RISE Artists Studio, she is certain that she will grow more.

"It's a really great platform for me to grow as an artist. And not only as an artist pero as a person din. Star Magic and RISE have provided a lot of workshops to help us grow.

"Kaya sobrang grateful ako dun."

That is why when it comes to acting, Shanaia is looking up to three of the best actresses in the Kapamilya network.

"I'm very vocal about my idols when it comes to acting. I really love Anne Curtis, Liza Soberano, and Kathryn Bernardo."

Shanaia started by explaining why she idolizes Bernardo. The newbie talent got inspired by the journey of the Teen Queen to stardom.

"S'yempre I love Kathryn and her journey to acting, how she became an inspiring actress."

Regarding Curtis-Smith, Shanaia loves how the "Dyosa" of Philippine showbiz for being genuine.



"For Anne Curtis, I really appreciate how she is unapologetically herself. She is just very funny, she does not listen to what anyone has to say. She is just very happy to be herself."

And for Soberano, she explained that it is because the actress grew to become one of ABS-CBN's greatest talents, improving in every way possible, even her Tagalog.

"And s'yempre with Liza Soberano naman, I look up to her acting din and her growth as an artist. Especially her growth sa Tagalog.

Kasi 'yun din 'yung isa sa mga need ko rin i-improve," said Shanaia.

Moreover, the young singer, if ever she'd be given the chance to pursue acting, she'd like to do romance, comedy, and even drama.

"I really want to become a very versatile actress. So gusto ko

mag-try ng mga roles na pakilig, comedy, or drama. I want to push myself to the limit and see kung anong kaya ko talaga."

For now, Gomez is trying to bring back her passion for songwriting. She wrote her first original song around eight years old. However, for some reason, she stopped.

That's what she is aiming to do right now as a Kapamilya talent.

"Actually I'm trying to write a little something. Kasi the first song that I ever wrote, siguro 8 or 9 lang ako. Tapos nag-stop ako. Di ko alam bakit. At sayang naman. Ngayon I'm trying to bring it back, the inspiration that I had nung bata palang ako."

This is just a secret, that even her management, Rise Artists Studio, does not know. But Shanaia intends to present it to them once it is perfect.

"Actually, hindi pa alam ng RISE na I'm trying to write pa eh. Pero I'm very excited to perfect it first and make sure na when I present it to them, it's the best that I could do for them."

Gomez is among the talents of RISE Artists Studio.



Flashback

Where are they now? Can you identify the 10 new faces introduced as Stars '66 by the Sampaguita Starmaker Dr. Jose R. Perez in a glamor/glitter coming-out party? Seems only yesterday but...gasp!!!...that was 54 years ago! The boys, from left: Ramil Rodriguez, Pepito Rodriguez, Edgar Salcedo, Dindo Fernando and Bert Leroy Jr. The girls, from left: Shirley Moreno, Rosemarie Sonora, Gina Pareño, Loretta Marquez and Blanca Gomez. Ramil, Edgar, Dindo and Loretta are gone; while Bert, Shirley, Rosemarie and Blanca are all living in the States with their families. Pepito is happily retired attending to his business. The only one still active in showbiz is Gina (who is busy doing Tiktok during this pandemic).



Skyea D'aoust blows bubbles as her brother Atlas looks on during the Dolorosa picnic.



1. Marivic Lacasandile Bulangcao celebrates her 60th birthday; 2. Nathan Gumapac turns 18; 3. Candace Santos celebrates her birthday with her mom Claudia.



4. Birthday celebrant Judith Gonzales (with headband) celebrates her birthday with Leah Gonzales. 5. FCT President Mary Ann San Juan receives a certificate of Appreciation from Councillor Cynthia Lai. 6. FCT Officer Theresa Lumanlan poses beside Frank Cruzet's painting on display during the FCT Members Appreciation dinner.



3. Candace Santos celebrates her birthday with her mom Claudia.



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Darryl Yap delves into the dark side of catfishing in new movie 'Sarap Mong Patayin'

Deception is rampant on social media and despite numerous warnings, many people still fall victim to it and suffer terrible consequences.

This is the relevant issue that Sarap Mong Patayin would like to tackle. Directed by Darryl Yap, the Vivamax movie centers on the story of a gay guy who connives with a woman to lure men, but when they picked the wrong guy, things turn deadly.

A film about "catfishing" — a



term which means that someone is pretending to be somebody else online — delves into how perpetrators steal photos and even personal information of others and set up fake profiles that would attract people who are looking for love or a hookup.

Darryl Yap's forthcoming sexy psychological comedy 'Sarap Mong Patayin' features Ariella Arida in her first major role opposite actor Kit Thompson and comedian Lassy Marquez.

Also written by Darryl Yap, the sexy "psychomedy" promises to give viewers various emotions.

Each character and turn of events will leave viewers scared and thinking about catfishing.

"This film is not for everybody. The movie was made to give the audience an idea kung ano ang nararamdaman o nakikita ng isang tao under the influence of prohibited drugs," Yap stated.

"But if you're looking for something different, I guarantee you na, ito, walang kagayang ibang pelikula. So I'm really glad that the MTRCB is not into the digital platform kasi, in this movie, I was able to tackle the evil essence of sex, drugs and the internet. Nandito 'yun lahat," he added.



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Rafael Nebres at Bicol Canada events

1. Action Honda's manager and former BCCA President Rafael Nebres (3rd from right) pose with guests at the Bicol picnic; 2. BCCA President Earl Dacara and former BCCA President Rafael Nebres receives the Quincentennial award from Congen Orontes Castro; 3. BCCA officers Suzy Llanera, Joseph Redoblado, Letitia Toral, Rafael Nebres and Earl Dacara pose during the Bicol Peñafrancia fluvial parade.

Kuya Wally Yerro's Birthday



Kuya Wally Yerro celebrates his birthday with family at Lobster Fishman Clubhouse Restaurant.



Maja Salvador now a Dabarkads host of Eat Bulaga

Maja Salvador is now part of Eat Bulaga, the country's longest-running noontime show.



The Kapuso show made the announcement after the surprise appearance of Salvador in a dance number, which described the former Kapamilya star as the DC (Dance Classic) Queen.

"Mga Dabarkads, ang bagong nating makakasama mula Aparri hanggang sa Eat Bulaga Studio, at sa mga telebisyon niyo... ang DC Queen, Maja Salvador!" read the show's post over Facebook.

Salvador will host a new dance competition segment called "DC2021."

Is Jennylyn Mercado pregnant?

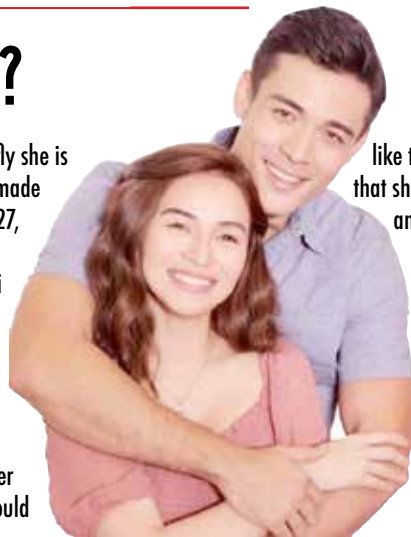
BALITANG hindi na papalitan si Jennylyn Mercado sa Kapuso series na "Love. Die. Repeat." matapos matigil ang lock-in taping nito kamakailan.

Nagkaroon daw kasi ng "medical emergency" ang Kapuso Ultimate Star kaya kinailangan nitong magpakonsulta agad sa doktor. Kaya ang ending, nagdesisyon ang production na ihinto muna ang taping.

Lock-in taping ng limited series ni Jennylyn at ni Xian Lim started and should have ended Oct. 2 but had to stop. Doctor advised rest to

recover quickly. Rumors fly she is pregnant but Jen has not made any statement. Last Sept. 27, nag-post si Jennylyn sa FB ng dalawang litrato nila ni Xian sa set ng kanilang serye na may caption na, "Sometimes things get complicated."

GMA& has not said anything but Jen's manager Becky Aguila did. "We would



like to assure the public that she is in good condition and in good health.

"On behalf of Jennylyn, we would like to thank GMA, her Love Die Repeat co-stars as well as the whole production group for their understanding and support.

"Thank you."

Ni-repost naman ni Jennylyn sa kanyang Facebook page ang statement ng talent manager na may caption na, "Maraming salamat sa inyong lahat."

Taping ng "Love. Die. Repeat" might resume next year pero si Jen pa rin ang bida. GMA to wait for Jennylyn.

Dahil dito, bibigyan na lang daw muna si Xian ng ibang project at bagong leading lady habang nakatengga pa ang kanilang proyekto.

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Mr. M recalls AIDub made ABS-CBN 'panic'

Remember when "AIDub" was a big hit a few years ago?

Apparently, AIDub's success alarmed the Kapamilya network, adding the broadcast network was threatened for a moment.

This was



revealed by talent maker Johnny "Mr. M" Manahan on "The Howie Severino Podcast." Severino asked Manahan about his reaction to the tandem of Alden Richards and Maine "Yaya Dub" in 2015.

"Nataranta sila ru'n sa success nila Maine, ni Alden. And panic sila. 'Wala ba tayong ganyan?' Ang sagot ko, 'Mayroon kaming talent dito. Alam naming may talent pero ayaw n'yong gamitin,'" Manahan recalled.

"Ang dami niyan.

Naka-ano 'yan sa notebook.

At least ten, really talented people. Pero hindi pinapansin ng mga executive. So 'yung ang mistake. They didn't look closer at what we had."

Mr. M said it was then that he actually noticed GMA was willing to "gamble a little and field the newbies all the time."

And he thinks it's an effective strategy.

"The more people you field, may tatama ru'n, e. Kung ang sinalang mo lang dalawa, 50-50 'yung chance mo pero kung sampu o 20 ang sinalang mo, the odds are more... You come up with more stars," he related. "So ayun. Taranta sila kay Alden at saka si Maine."



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Ivana Alawi portrayed Madonna in 'FPJ's Ang Probinsyano' from 2018 to 2019. ABS-CBN

Ivana Alawi is 'really, really proud' to have been part of 'Ang Probinsyano'

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MANILA — Social media darling and actress "FPJ's Ang Probinsyano" is the latest former cast member to join the celebration of the primetime series' sixth anniversary.

Alawi expressed her pride in having been part of the ABS-CBN program.

"Happy sixth anniversary, mga Ka-Prob-

insyano!" she said. "I'm really, really proud dahil naging parte ako ng longest-running teleserye here in the Philippines."

Alawi was a cast member of "Ang Probinsyano" from 2018 to 2019. She portrayed Madonna, the lover of Gustavo (the late Eddie Garcia) who later drew his ire after she had an affair with rival Gascon (Ryan Eigenmann).

She exited the series in February 2019,

with the defiant Madonna dying in the hands of the tyrant Gustavo.

In her message, Alawi also greeted "Ang Probinsyano" on its milestone.

"Congratulations, and keep giving us amazing, amazing action dahil the best tala-ga. Congrats, Coco and the team!" she said, referring to lead star and creative head Coco Martin.

Mavy feeling no pressure from passionate 'MavLine' fans, just 'positive energy'

Mavy Legaspi (right) with Kylene Alcantara

Mavy Legaspi's first teleserye, "I Left My Heart in Sorsogon," has yet to even

announce an airdate

but, already, fans have begun shipping his love team with Kylene Alcantara.

Fan pages for "MavLine" have already sprouted across social media platforms, where candid shots and sightings of the two actors are posted and fawned over.

"There was no signal in most our locations in Sorsogon, so we couldn't go online until we returned to our hotel. And then, we saw that fans were posting photos of us,"

Does the 20-year-old GMA 7 artist feel any pressure from passionate fans hoping to see their relationship blossom in real life?

"When they tease us, I just tease them back. "The pressure, I guess, is related to work. But between us, it's all just fun."

The important thing, the 20-year-old artist said, is that he and Kylene are able to spread joy at a time people need it the most.

"I just want to make them happy and smile, especially these days. Kinikilig sila, kinikilig din kami," he said.

Though Kylene is a year younger than Mavy,

she has had a more considerable experience in acting.

"She guided me, but not too much, because I have to learn on my own, too," Mavy pointed out. "We always support each other."

This is Mavy's first time away from the family.

That's why things turned a bit emotional when he bid goodbye to his parents, Carmina Villaroel and Zoren Legaspi, and twin sister, Cassy.

Fun, challenging

Mavy started feeling anxious the day before he had to undergo preshoot quarantine.

"My nerves started to set in. But luckily, Cassy had already experienced a locked-in taping and gave me advice. She told me to just enjoy each day—that comes naturally when you love your job," he said.

And while this was his first full soap, he wasn't about to use it as an excuse for his mistakes. "That's not an excuse for me not to do well. I'm hard on myself. Each mistake, I take to heart and learn from it. That's because I want to prove to people rooting for me that I can do it, that I'm capable of more."

The goal, he said, is to be a well-rounded artist.

"We had opportunities to hone our hosting,

dancing, singing, acting skills. I love that we have a healthy environment that allows us to be more versatile; that lets us push ourselves and encourages us to be more independent."

Madam Inutz hindi makapaniwalang recording artist na: 'Kasi ang alam ko lang magtinda ng ukay-ukay online'

Recording artist na ang social media sensation na si Madam Inutz o Daisy Lopez sa totoong buhay. Heer debut single titled "Inutil" na base sa famous catch line binabanggit niya tuwing magkakaroon ng online selling sa Facebook.

Former Mr. Gay World title holder, Wilbert Tolentino, her manager is the reason why Madam Inutz an ukay-ukay online seller became a recording star.

Madam Inutz prepared by memorizing the lyrics and not drinking cold water.

Dagdag pa niya, "Hindi naman ako nahirapan sa kanta dahil sa umpisa pa lang memorize ko na. Umabot lang kami ng mahigit dalawang oras sa recording."

She thanks her manager a lot.

"Malaki ang pasasalamat ko sa pagkakataong ibinigay sa akin. Biro mo sa edad kong ito puwede pa pala akong kumanta at magkaroon

ng single. Hahaha! Sa dinami-dami ng mga mas bata sa akin na nangangarap maging recording artist na may sariling music video, ako pa ang napili ng tadhana. Siyempre, sa tulong ito ng aking one and only manager na si Sir Wilbert," very grateful niyang pahayag.

She never thought she will be a recording artist.

"No, hindi! Sa totoo lang, hindi sumagi sa isip ko na sisikat ako sa pagmumura online. Kasi ang alam ko lang, magtinda ng ukay-ukay online para lang may pambayad sa upa at panggamot sa nanay ko na na-stroke at five years nang bedridden.

"Pero may dumating na anghel sa buhay ko at binigyan ako ng opportunity na maging singer at recording artist. Siyempre, hindi ko tatanggihan ang grasyang ito," deklara niya.

May paliwanag naman si Wilbert kung bakit ang "Inutil" ang napili niyang maging single ni Madam Inutz.

"Yung kanta kasi pasok sa pagkatao niya at sa kanyang boses. Higit sa lahat, pangmasa. Madaling itong sayawin, madaling kantahin plus, mahalaga na catchy talaga ang song," sabi ng talent manager na isa ring social media influencer.

Samantala, bukod sa pagiging recording artist, gusto rin ng manager ni Madam Inutz na maging exposed ito sa showbiz, ma-experience ang pag-aartista at maging sikat na vlogger.



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the good Filipino: caring, nurturing and compassionate," Drilon added.

"The Philippine business community's collective response during the pandemic truly embodied our bayanihan spirit," said Sharon Dayoan, founding member of Filipina CEO Circle and chairman of KPMG RG Manabat & Co. "Appropriate policies and support programs are being implemented to safeguard not only our employees' physical wellbeing but their mental and emotional health as well," he said.

However, as a group, one of the key findings, which may be a gauge of larger companies across the country, was that while 61 percent said revenue dropped, 55 percent said they maintained or even increased the number of employees.

"A key objective of businesses is to create jobs and in a crisis like this, business' top priority is to protect jobs and the health and safety of our people," said Edgar Chua, chairman of MBC.

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Why did Jao Mapa chose an erotic-thriller film in his showbiz comeback?



Returning actor Jao Mapa explained why he chose an erotic-thriller film in his comeback bid to showbiz.

During the virtual press conference of his upcoming movie "Paraluman," Jao said he received an offer from Viva and he liked the story of the film so he decided to accept it.

"Well actually gumawa na ako ng Matrikula before [with]

Rosanna Roces. This is like a... it's not new," Jao said.

"Jao we have this film for you baka magustuhan mo, ano lang sexy lang siya pero don't think of it as a sexy film but think of it as a comeback film.' So yeah, that's what triggered me to get back to this and the rest is already history," he added.

Jao also wanted to know if the public will embrace him

again as an actor.

"Actually para saakin, yung pagbabalik. Kung matatanggap pa ba ko for me as an old actor, I mean, returning actor," he said.

The 90s actor said he is happy that he got along with the cast and crew of the film.

"I'd like to say na open arms naman ako na tinanggap ng crew, production ni direkt. It was really a surprise for me na yung mga fears ko 'di naman pala ganon. Niyakap naman ako nang industriya. Eto, niyayakap ko siya pabalik."

He also credited his wife Cecille for supporting his showbiz comeback.

"My wife, first and foremost, is very supportive. If she wasn't supportive, I wouldn't be doing this film actually. Of course, I consulted her first before doing this. She's full support and I love her for that really. I can't find any other woman like she's very special to me. I'd like to put that note," he said.

'JaDine's' loss is Marco and Aubrey's gain

Director Darryl Yap has a bottomless reservoir of creative juices. After "Revirginized," "Tili-Ko Gusto Kong Pornstar" controversy, comes another intriguing creation of his, titled "Ang Manananggal Nahahati Puso," now streaming.

He wrote it originally for Nadine Lustre and James Reid. But Aubrey Caraan and Marco Gallo ended up as its lead stars.

"Both Marco and Aubrey exceeded my expectations," says Direk Darryl. "They made me forget that it was intended to be a 'JaDine' movie."

Also part of the cast are Chad Kinis, Lassy Marquez and MC Calaquian, collectively known as the Beks Battalion.

May the manananggal tale remind us that we don't need to search for our "other half" if we find ways to be complete on our own, après tout. Here are quotes from Aubrey (A), Marco

(M), MC, Chad (C), Lassy (L) and Darryl (D):

D: I like the underlying meaning of a manananggal, that's why I conceptualized this movie. After we are broken apart by life's trials, we find a way to reassemble ourselves to fly again. It's very much like that mythical creature in Pinoy folklore.

M: My fave scene is the one with my butt exposure (laughs). I hope it doesn't get edited out. As the cliché goes, if you have it, flaunt it.

A: My fave scene is the finale, at the bural. That's when my character shows what she really feels, so the audience will understand why she did what she did.

MC: Vice Ganda molded Lassie, Chad and me as his sidekicks. Now, it's our turn to take centerstage. In this movie, the three of us stepped out of our comfort zone, which is comedy. We are out to show that we can also do drama.

C: I still can't believe the turn of events for Beks Battalion. But we make it a point to help our colleagues, who are still waiting for their big break.



L: There's nothing wrong with loving too much. We just sometimes love the wrong person. For gays like me, 'di lang puso ang nahahati, pati budget (laughs).

D: The original plan was to shoot in Capiz, but we decided to film in Siquijor instead. It's a rising tourist destination. Just like me, Siquijor is misunderstood. It's a misconception that it's a place full of aswangs. It's a magical island. Shooting there was life-changing for me.

Richard Yap to try hand at politics

Second time is a charm?

Actor Richard Yap might be banking on the adage, filing certificate of candidacy (COC) for congressman of Cebu City's First District.

According to a report, his wife filed the COC on his behalf.

Richard is currently under lock-in taping for GMA's "I Left My Heart in Sorsogon."

He first tried his hand at politics in 2019, aiming to represent Cebu's North District. He lost to Congressman Raul del Mar.



Jinggy Estrada shares thoughts on Toni Gonzaga's interview with Bongbong Marcos

On Facebook, Estrada said: "ATENISTA DIN PO AKO!! But I totally DISAGREE with the statements made by the Ateneo Martial Law Museum concerning the interview of Ms. Toni Gonzaga with Bongbong Marcos."

Recall that the digital museum housed at the School of Social Sciences of the Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City invited Toni to talk to the victims and surviving families of Martial Law.

Jinggy said: "Sa ilalim ng malayang pamamahayag sa isang demokratikong bansa, kung ano man ang opinyon, suhestiyon, posisyon, pahayag o

aksiyon ng isang mamamayan ay dapat respetuhin." "Huwag natin itong sikilin para lamang umayon sa kagustuhan natin," he added. Jinggy pointed out that Toni used her own channel.

"So she has every right to invite whoever she wants. She can discuss any topic. She can express her own opinions. Simply put, to each his own! And please don't force your opinion or stand on certain issues on her," he reiterated.

"And lastly, my advice to those people behind the Ateneo Martial Law Museum - Put up your own youtube channel and invite/interview personalities that can satisfy your beliefs. Thank you! OBF!"

Fully vaccinating 70% of PH's population possible by February 2022 - NTF

Fully vaccinating 70 percent of the country's population, the initial target eyed to achieve herd immunity, is possible by February 2022, National Task Force (NTF) Deputy Chief Implementer Vince Dizon said. As vaccine deliveries are arriving at a faster speed and the younger age group will be included in the government's inoculation program, the country will fully inoculate 70 percent of its population of 111 million by February 2022.

"We are confident that with the vaccines coming in starting October, we will be able to meet or even exceed that target," Dizon said. "It looks like we will reach our goal of 70 percent fully vaccinated so that when the campaign period starts, our countrymen will be safe," he added. The Philippines has received a total of 77.4 million doses of COVID-19 jabs, with 46.3 million administered nationwide.

Of the total administered doses, 24.5 million were given as the first dose and 21.8 million were second dose.

Lovi Poe is now a Kapamilya

Lovi Poe is now officially a Kapamilya! Lovi Poe penned an appreciation post to her former network. She expressed gratitude to her Kapuso family for planting her dreams.

Her colleagues from both networks were quick to react and show her support also.

Lovi's "Owe My Love" leading man Benjamin Alves showed support. "The One That Got Away" star Max Collins and Lovi's film producer boyfriend Montgomery Blencowe shared heart



emojis in the comment section. Kapamilya stars Iza Calzado and Bianca Gonzalez welcome Lovi to the network.

Lovi will be part of the Hollywood biopic titled The Chelsea Cowboy with Alex Pettyfer and Poppy Delevingne.

"The film is a biopic based on the life of actor, gangster, and lothario John Bindon. I'll be playing blues British singer Dana Gillespie!

Lovi is set to headline a teleserye alongside Piolo Pascual.

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between the needs of the Filipino Canadian community and her constituents.

"I am the voice of both groups," she said.

She said her win is a "huge win for everyone — whether you're a Filipino Canadian, an immigrant, a woman, a mom. I think who I am and what I represent is very similar to what everyone feels, and I'm really here to be an advocate for all those different hats that I wear or the person that I am."

For community leader Erie Maestro, a Filipino sitting in Ottawa should also balance the interests of Philippine and Canadian policies.

Gonzales said it will benefit the community if Valdez is appointed to a high-profile position within the Liberal

caucus. There, she would have a better chance of placing her constituents' and community's demands on the government's agenda, than by "just occupying a seat."

Gonzales said he hopes that Valdez's victory will be a catalyst for political parties to seriously pay attention to the needs of the Filipino community and prioritize nominating Filipinos as candidates in forthcoming elections at all levels.

Maestro said there will be lots of expectations from Valdez as she is the first woman from the Filipino community to reach Ottawa and because of the void left behind by Dr. Pagtakhan. Dr. Pagtakhan held cabinet positions in the 36th and 37th Parliament. He was at one time a Secretary of State (Asia Pacific), Minister of Veteran Affairs and Minister of Western Economic

Diversification during his term in office in Ottawa.

"I believe constituents of Mississauga-Streetsville have made their choice to move forward with the Liberal Party because we are focused on ensuring we are taking care of our middle class families, we're focused on affordable housing and \$10-a-day daycare... a lot of the choices they made were really to help us move forward through this pandemic," said Valdez.

"I have listened to you and I will continue to listen. This is a two-way conversation and it will not stop," she told her supporters.

"Canadians chose the path of unity," said Valdez in her victory speech. Valdez will be replacing Liberal incumbent Gagan Sikand, who announced in August he

wouldn't be seeking re-election after six years as MP for the riding.

She vows as the next MP to listen to the community and engage in dialogue. This election is Valdez's first time running in any election. She called this moment making "history and herstory" as the first female Filipino member of Parliament. "I've been asked to be their (Filipino people and Mississauga-Streetsville residents) voice, so now to be here to say that I can officially be your voice in Parliament is a very proud moment," said Valdez.

Volunteer Teresa Pham, 35, has known Valdez for six years prior to this election.

"She's always a goal-getter and she believes in supporting women," said Pham. "She listens to everybody's needs and tries to advocate for it."

"I am the voice of both groups,"

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Celebs flee city for serenity

The hustle and bustle is now definitely out of trend, especially for most celebrities. In recent years, we have seen the exodus of showbiz personalities from Metro Manila, and the list just goes on and on.

Five years ago, it was a big deal when Chito Miranda and Neri Naig chose a life in Tagaytay to start their family.

Andi Eigenmann even trended back in 2018 when she chose to settle down in Baler. She is now in Siargao, where she is raising a beautiful family alongside partner Philmar Alipayo. Nadine Lustre has also been living the island life in Siargao.

After getting married, Mikael Daez and Miss World 2013 Megan Young relocated to Subic earlier this year to start a life there as well.

If it is not a home, celebrities are building their semi-permanent get-



aways via farms and resorts with the likes of Bea Alonzo's farm estate in Zambales; Gerald Anderson's resort in Zambales as well as Sam Pinto's in Baler; Gwen and David Semerad's cabin in Batangas; the resort sanctuary of John and Camille Prats in Batangas; and Zsa Zsa Padilla's Casa Esperanza in Lucban, Quezon.

Even Kylie Verzosa along with boyfriend Jake Cuenca went back to Kylie's family in Subic before the third Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) was enforced in the NCR earlier in August.

Kylie's co-star in The Housemaid, Louise delos Reyes, just left Manila for



Tagaytay. Louise revealed that moving to Tagaytay was an amazing decision for her mental health. She decided to leave the metro during the pandemic in an attempt to feel more free and at ease despite the raging COVID-19 cases that we have.

Louise added that at least in Tagaytay, she could go out for a walk in her area, just relax. It is her mental getaway to face her feelings of being in a rut somehow because of the pandemic.

"Kasi before, noong wala pang pandemic, kapag nalulungkot ka, drive ka lang, you can go to the beach or go to other place else kapag na-burn out na ako aside from my house," she said. "Pero now hindi ka makakaalis sa bahay, you're very limited and kailangan mong harapin yung mga issues mo sa sarili mo. Those issues are valid."

Louise is very grateful because moving away from the city is very reminiscent of her childhood in Cavite, where she grew up. It is also perfect for the new lock-in set-up in filming, which she is very grateful for.

"I'm thankful. It is a daily reason to live," she said. "I have my work, I have my family and I think hindi lang ako nag-iisa sa struggle na ito, madami nakaka-relate and it is still valid."

Jane de Leon turns emotional fitting 'Darna' costume: 'Naiyak ako'

"Grabe. Goosebumps. Naiyak ako. 'Yung feeling na nilalagay na sa akin 'yung headdress, grabe. Nagpapasalamat ako kay Lord na matutuloy na," she said.



The Darna series will start filming this November.

"Kinikilig ako na excited na kinakabahan, sa totoo lang. Iba 'yung pakiramdam 'pag malapit na, kasi malapit na talaga kami magsimula," she stated.

Jane shared that she has been undergoing physical training and dieting for her role. Jane also extended her gratitude to the Mars Ravelo family for entrusting her the role of Darna.

It was in December 2020 when ABS-CBN announced that Darna will be a TV series with Jane as the lead star.

"Masaya po kaming ibalita sa inyong lahat. Tuloy na tuloy na po ang paglipad ni Darna," ABS-CBN COO of Broadcast Cory Vidanes announced back in December.

"Ang gaganap bilang Darna ay walang iba kung 'di si Ms. Jane de Leon, na patuloy na nagpapakita ng sipag at determinasyon sa paghahanda sa muling paglipad ni Darna," she added.

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Vice Ganda lambasts corrupt officials, urges youth to register and vote



Vice Ganda criticized public officials engaged in corruption following the release of audit reports by the Commission of Audit involving various government agencies.

In "It's Showtime's" Reina ng Tahanan, a grade school teacher contestant said that she intends to share portions of her winnings to students for their gadgets.

"Sobrang makapuso, makatao itong si Nanay. Samantalang ang ibang government officials, my God, magkano ang ipinapatong nila sa mga kontratang ipinambibili nila? Kuning-kuning, echos-echos, ibibigay kunyari sa eskuwela, pang medical equipment. Nakakaloka!" Vice said.

"Iyong iba, ang laki na ng cut niyo, hindi pa kayo nakuntento talaga. Ang kakapal na ng mukha ng madami. Sana tablan naman ho kayo. Marami sa ating mga opisyaes, maawa naman

ho kayo, hirap na hirap na 'yung mga tao," he added.

Vice asked government officials to give justice to the Filipino people as she called on the public to register in the upcoming elections and choose the right candidate.

"Sa ating mga officials, bigyan niyo po kami ng hustisya. Bigyan niyo po ng hustisya 'yung mga ninakaw sa aming mga Pilipino na taxpayers, kasi pera natin 'yun. Utang na loob, bigyan niyo kami ng hustisya. Ang lala ng nakawan. Nakakaloka," Vice said.

"Sa eleskyon talaga, please, huwag na tayo magpanakaw ulit," he said. "Magparehistro na 'yung mga hindi pa nagpaparehistro, utang na loob. Bigyan niyo ng hustisya ang bawat isa. At 'pag magparehistro, bumoto tayo," she added.

Sunshine Guimary regrets house tour for vlog

The star of the upcoming Vivamax movie "House Tour" said "At 6 a.m. he was ringing on my door. Apparently, he was able to get into the village and knew exactly where I lived based on the facade of my house, which was featured in my house tour..... I really regret showing all the details of my home. Bilang vlogger at YouTuber darating talaga sa part na mauubusan kayo ng content at once kasi na 'yung mga suki mong viewers, number one talaga nilang nire-request 'yung house tour. We called the village guards and the police, but he would not leave until he spoke to me, so I went down to talk to him. He said he loved and would protect me from all harm for as long as I will be with him. He bought a ticket from Manila to Cebu and went straight to my home. The problem was it was a one-way ticket because he planned to stay with me for life! I took pity on him and bought him a ticket back to Manila."

It was a hard lesson for Sunshine for revealing too much about herself and



her home on YouTube.

"Trauma ang nangyari sa akin as in two weeks na hindi ako lumabas at hindi ako puwedeng walang kasama as in 'yun ang lesson talaga na worst ang nangyari. Kaya inisip ko dito sa movie (House Tour), paano pala kung ganito nangyari, buhay pa kaya ako?"

The vlogger's advice to future content providers planning to give a house tour and upload on YouTube. "If you're planning a house tour, think twice or maybe think 10 times as much."

Ganiel Krishnan nag-resign bilang Miss World PH 2021 Second Princess, mas pinili ang ABS-CBN

NAG-RESIGN ang "TV Patrol" reporter na si Ganiel Krishnan bilang Miss World Philippines Second Princess 2021.

Sa pamamagitan ng kanyang social media accounts, ipinaalam ng dalaga sa madlang pipol ang kanyang desisyon na ibalik ang napanalunang titulo at korona sa Miss World Philippines

organization.

Narito ang kabuuan ng mensahe ni Ganiel, "I regret to inform you of my decision to relinquish my Miss World Philippines Second Princess 2021 title and consequently resign from the Miss World Organization effective immediately.



"As you very well know, I have a thriving career as a lifestyle and entertainment news reporter in

ABS-CBN before I entered the competition and have never kept my intentions to go back to it a secret, regardless of the outcome of the pageant.

"While I am deeply honored to have been named a Princess in this year's MWP search, my contractual obligations with the network will not allow me to serve two masters.

"Realizing this led me into making a decision to pursue the dream which will have the greater impact to actually serving my fellow Filipinos and that is through broadcasting.

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Beautiful Naked Woman

A doctor in Duluth Minnesota wanted to get Off work and go hunting, so he approached his assistant. 'Ole, I am goin' huntin' tomorrow and don't want to close the clinic. I want you

to take care of the clinic and take care of all my patients.'

'Yes, sir!' answers Ole.

The doctor goes hunting and returns the following day and asks: 'So, Ole, How was your day?'

Ole told him that he took care of

Three patients. 'The first one had a headache so I gave him TYLENOL.'

'Bravo, mate, and the second one?'

Asks the doctor..

'The second one had stomach burning and I gave him MAALOX, sir,' says Ole.

'Bravo, bravo! You're good at this and what about the third one?' asks the Doctor.

'Sir, I was sitting here and suddenly the door opens and a woman enters. Like a flame, she undresses herself, taking off everything in-

cluding her panties and lies down on the table and shouts:

HELP ME - I haven't Seen a man in over two years!!'

'Tunderin' Lard Yeezus, Ole, What did you do?' asks the doctor.

'I put drops in her eyes!!'

KYLIE, page 11 awarded at the prestigious Cannes FilmFestival. The director added that he watched both Korean versions, carefully noting what's similar and different about them. He guarantees that he was able to incorporate the Filipino context and adapt it to the treatment of this film.

"The Housemaid" is the first

movie for Kylie to play the leading role. Feeling both curious and challenged when it was pitched to her, Kylie opened up to director Perez about her limitations. She had complete trust in the style and process of this director, who was praised for directing the erotic thriller film "Adan".

"The Housemaid" also stars child actress Elia Ilano who played

the young Maya in "Ulan", and Jobelyn Manuel, the original "Jowable" woman ranting on Vincentiments Facebook page before it became a blockbuster movie.

Perez also shared, "We got all the actors we wanted for the role. We chose the actors for this project. This is a very timely film. And yes, this can also join film festivals abroad eventually."

Bea Alonzo's appearance on 'All-Out Sunday' is trending

Bea Alonzo finally appeared on GMA's "All-Out Sunday" over the weekend.

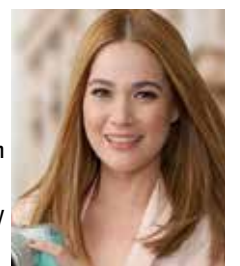
Her appearance there was hot topic on social media.

On Instagram, Bea shared with fans her experience being on the show.

"I had so much fun meeting other Kapuso stars and being greeted with a very warm welcome," she

said. Bea extended gratitude to fans and supporters who made the whole event trend on Twitter.

"You supported every launch and every single announcement, from my new movie as TALA, to my LAZADA NEW TVC LAUNCH, to my ALL OUT SUNDAYS..."





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PHL Senate to raise sexual consent age from 12 to 16

MANILA, Sept 28 (Reuters) - A bill to raise the minimum age of sexual consent in the Philippines from 12 to 16 has moved closer towards becoming law, after senators approved it its final reading.

The bill aims to protect children from rape and other forms of sexual abuse and was backed by 22 senators on Monday, with one abstention. A counterpart measure was approved by the lower chamber in December last year.

A bicameral committee must now consolidate the two drafts and pass it to the president for approval.

The Philippines currently has the lowest minimum age of sexual con-

sent in Southeast Asia, and one of the lowest in the world.

Seven of 10 victims of rape in the Philippines are children, data from the Center for Women's Resources show.

Under the bill, any adult, both men and women, engaging in sexual contact with anyone 16 years old or lower would be committing statutory rape. For more than a century, the minimum age has been 12.

"Today, the senate has finally and clearly said no to child rape. Today, the senate has sounded the clarion call for change," Senator Risa Hontiveros, a principal author of the bill, said in a statement.

Pokwang's advice to those considering network transfer: "Don't burn bridges."

Tatlong buwan nang Kapuso si Pokwang.

LESSONS ON NETWORK TRANSFER
Hindi rin kasi madaling desisyon ito, dahil nandiyang may mga mam-ba-bash, may mga magagalit dahil sa pag-iwan sa dating istasyon at meron din namang magwe-welcome sa lilipatan.

"Unang-una, nagpapasalamat kami dahil may mga pintong nagbubukas, di ba? Kagaya ng GMA, salamat po," saad niya.

"Don't burn bridges. Napakaliit ng industriyang ito. Dapat gano'n po tayo. Hindi mo alam kung sino ang makaka-



trabaho mo ngayon, bukas o sa darating na ano... so dapat friend ka sa lahat."

FAMILY ABOVE ALL

Si Pokwang ang bibida sa bagong month-long episode ng Daig Kayo ng Lola Ko na "It's Not You It's Me" simula sa Linggo, 7pm sa GMA-7.

"Ang gusto kong matuntunan ng mga manonood lalung-lalo na sa panahon ngayon, ang pamilya ay dapat nagsusuportahan.

"At walang ibang pinakamahalaga kung hindi ang pamilya."

WHAT'S HARDER, DRAMA OR COMEDY?
Bilang isang Kapuso, open daw si Pokwang sa kahit na anong proyektong ibigay sa kanya. Mapa-teleserye man 'yan.

Kilala man siyang mahusay na komedyante, inamin niyang mas mahirap pa rin daw ang magpatawa ng tao kesa magpaiyak.

"Mas mahirap magpatawa ng tao. Alam mo naman, tayong Pilipino, ano tayo, e, malalambutin ang puso natin.

"Madali tayong maapektuhan ng mga nangyayari sa paligid. Pero sa comedy kasi, kailangan mo munang pakiram-daman ang audience mo, kailangan mo silang pag-aralan.

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'OMG nakakakilig' Vice nai-excite sa 'kasal' kay Ion

Going strong pa rin ang relasyon nina Vice Ganda, Ion Perez na naubo sa "It's Showtime".

Sa latest na rebelasyon ni Vice sa podcast nina Jugs at Teddy, sinabi niyang muntik na palang hindi matuloy ang love story nila dahil ayaw raw noong ipasok ng "It's Showtime" management si Ion sa programa.

Ayon sa komedyante, inilaban niya si Ion para maging Kuya Escort sa segment na "Miss Q&A" dahil sa angkin niyang kagwapuhan at charisma. Pero paglilinaw ni Vice, hindi pa niya bet noon si Kuya Escort.

"Gusto ko 'yung lalaki na iba 'yung dating niya. Hindi Hashtags, hindi rin BidaMan, 'yung ganun. Nago-grow din. Naku-cute-an din ako paunti-un-ti, pero 'di ko talaga siya bet agad," sey ni Vice.

"Wala kaming spark. Hindi ko nararamdaman 'yun. Pero nagagwapuhan ako sa kanya. Alam mo 'yung nilalandi ko siya kasi siyempre malandi ako 'di ba, pero hindi malalim. Hindi agad. Slow burn kumbaga, tapos ang ganda nung pumutok," dagdag na chika ni Vice.

Hindi naman nagtagal at nag-iba ang turin-gan nila sa isa't isa matapos ang isang trip nila sa Hong Kong. Sabi ni Vice, nang malasing umano si

Ion sa HK, nag-open up ito sa mga mi-yembro ng Hashtags na tila pinagalaruan lang ng unkabogable star ang kanyang damdamin.

"Noong nagkalasingan na, nag-confess na si Ion na 'bakit ganun si Meme parang 'di ko alam kung trip niya ko o 'di niya ko trip... parang pinagalaruan niya ko.' Tapos na-hurt siya. 'Hindi kasi ako ganun eh. Kung friends lang, eh di friends lang.' Nahe-hurt daw kasi siya," saad ni Vice.

Doon daw niya na-realize kung gaa-no kasinsero at kabait si Ion kaya naman nahulog na ang loob niya. Ang tanong naman ngayon, ready na kayang i-level up nina Vice at Ion ang kanilang relasyon sa pagpapakasal?

"Pero nae-excite



na rin sa konsepto ng...oh my God one of these days baka magpakasal ako. Nae-excite ako. Lalo na pag nararamdaman ko na ang daming nagsu-support sa love namin sa isa't isa. Kinikilig ako," sabi niya.

Speaking of "It's Showtime," parami nang parami ang mga pasabog nito para sa mga manonood. Maliban sa patimpalak nitong "ReINA ng Tahanan" at ang trending na "Madlang Pi-Poll," inilunsad din ng programa ang online show nitong "Showtime All Access" tampok ang mga nakakatuwa at eksklusibong behind-the-scenes videos kasama ang hosts, guests, staff, at crew na napapanood sa ABS-CBN It's Showtime YouTube channel. (Dondon Sermino)

Faith Da Silva, 20, neither confirms nor denies relationship with Albert Martinez, 60

Walang paligoy-ligoy na tinanong nina Boobay at Super Tekla kay Faith Da Silva, 20, ang tunay na estado ng relasyon nito kay Albert Martinez, 60.

Pero walang itinanggi o inamin ang anak ng 48-year-old actor na si Dennis Da Silva, na nagdurusa sa bilangguan ngayon dahil nahatulang guilty sa kasong rape at child abuse.

Sagot ni Faith: "Iba yung relationship namin together. Komportable kami sa isa't isa.



AGE DOES NOT MATTER

Apatnapung (40) taon ang agwat ng mga edad nina Albert at Faith, pero halos magkasunod ang kanilang mga kaarawan.

Aniya, "For me, walang edad na pinipili ang pagmamahal. Basta maramdaman mo na totoo yung nararamdaman mo sa tao.

"Regardless of the age, kahit anong bagay 'yan, basta mahal ninyo ang isa't isa, wala kayong tinatapakang tao, e, go lang 'yan!"

Biyudo na si Albert dahil pumanaw ang kanyang misis na si Liezl Martinez noong March 14, 2015 kaya malayang-malaya itong muling magmahal at makipagrelasyon.

Angeline pinaiyak, tinakot ipakulong ang kasambahay

Pinaiyak ni Angeline Quinto ang kasambahay niyang si Turang nang dalhin ito ng mga Baranggay official dahil sa isyu ng pakikipagharutan sa text sa isang lalaking may asawa.

Halos himatayin sa nerbyos si Turang nang malaman nitong dadalhin na siya sa isang presinto kung saan nandoon ang nagrireklamong asawa ng ka-text niya, at ikukulong na siya.

'Yan nga ang prank ni Angeline sa kasambahay niya na mapapanoot sa YouTube channel niya. Kumasap si Angeline ng mga barangay tanod para sa prank na 'yon.

Pumunta ang mga tanod sa bahay ng singer at gusto itong isama sa barangay hall para iharap sa misis daw ng ka-text nito. Panay ang tanggi ni Turang sa akusasyon at sinabing wala siyang ka-text na sino man.

Naiyak at halos himatayin si Turang nang malamang ikukulong siya.

Nang iabot ni Angeline ang listahan ng mga bilihin ni Turang, na siyang reklamo nila dahil wala nang supply sa kanilang bahay, nagtatalon sa tuwa at napaiyak na nang husto ang huli.

Mabuti na lang at walang sakit sa puso si Turang.



CHRISTMAS from page 1

the endless memes.)

Stalls selling Christmas decorations and fireworks begin to line the street. In some households, Christmas decorations are already hung up this early. The most common of which is the "parol," a star-shaped Christmas lantern made of wood and paper, or metal and a shell called capiz usually used for window panes.

Disney UK even created a heart-warming advert on the "parol" featuring the story of a Filipina grandmother.

Another Christmas tradition that starts early for Filipinos is Christmas caroling. Similar to trick-or-treating, Filipino children go from house-to-

house to sing Christmas carols in exchange for some coins, otherwise known as "aguinaldo." They usually sing with make-shift instruments like tambourines made from metal bottlecaps, maracas made out of bottles filled with coins, and drums from empty canisters.

Before the pandemic, children usually started in September.

Some establishments also offer early Christmas sales and discounts. Filipino shoppers usually stock up on groceries for their Christmas midnight feast Noche Buena months before to avoid the Christmas rush. Some even start their gift shopping as early as September.

Unlike Christmas in most Western countries, the Filipino

Christmas is more centered on Jesus than on Santa Claus. In fact, they have Misa de Gallo, a nine day-long series of masses that commence on Christmas eve. A Christmas nativity scene decoration is also common in Filipino households.

Known for their resilience, Filipinos have celebrated Christmas amid storms and even the pandemic. Most typhoons hit the country during the monsoon season from October to March of the next year. Last year, during our first Christmas with a pandemic, three destructive typhoons hit the country in a span of three weeks, but Filipinos did not lose hope and still managed to celebrate the season in simple ways.

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Andrea Brillantes sa ilang artista na

Naglabas ng kaniyang saloobin si Andrea Brillantes patungkol sa mga artistang biglaan ang pag-sikat

Usap-usapan ngayon ang isang clip mula sa isang interview ng kapamilya actress na si Andrea Brillantes patungkol sa totoong saloobin niya sa nagaganap sa kasikatan ng iba.

Itinanong kasi sa kaniya ng interviewer na kung ano ang pinaka ayaw niyang experience sa trabaho, "Meron ka bang pinaka ayaw na experience sa trabaho?"

At dito ay inamin niya ang kaniyang nararamdaman sa mga artistang mabilis ang pagsikat sa industriya na siyang tila hindi umano niya nagugustuhan o ikinalulungkot niya raw para sa sarili.

"Antagal ko na kasi di ba, sobrang sakit sakín na pag may mga bagong dumadating sikat na sila agad. Na ako yung mga hindi na kailangan na... ansakit... parang plato na binasag, ako," panimula niya sa pag-aming nasasaktan siya kapag nakakakita ng mga artistang biglaan ang pagsikat.

"Yun ako, ako yung plato, sa tuwing nakikita ko ang lahat ng taon na pinagtatrabahuhan ko. Lahat ng taon na dasal nang dasal ako para



naglabas ng saloobin mabilis ang pagsikat

makuha iyon."

"Tapos etong bagong to, makukuha niya lahat. Maki-kita ko siya diyaan. Tapos ako bakit, ginawa ko naman lahat, nagdarasal ako araw-araw. Ilang taon na. Tapos mapupunta lang sa iba."

Dagdag pa ni Andrea na ginawa naman na niya ang lahat ngunit ano pa nga ba ang kulang, "Anong kulang sakín, ano pa bang dapat kong gawin. Ang sakit-sakit. Sakit-sakit."

Nilinaw naman nito na hindi umano siya naiinggit o naiinsecure ang dalga at masaya siya para sa mga artistang nabibigyan ng pagkakataon sa showbiz ngunit hindi lang talaga niya maiwasan na masaktan.

Matatandaang bata pa lamang sa edad na 7 nang magsimula si Andrea na pasukin ang mundo ng showbiz ng mapabilang ito noon sa 'Goin Bulilit'.

Matapos nito ay kinakitaan siya ng angking galing sa pag-arte ng bumida siya sa hit teleseryeng 'Annaliza' taong 2013 at tunay na kinahangaan siya ng marami dahil sa magaling niyang pag-ganap.

Sa kabila ng magaling niyang pag-arte ay naghintay pa ng mahigit sa limang taon si

Andrea upang muling bumulusok paitaas ang kaniyang career matapos na mapabilang siya sa phenomenal daytime series na 'Kadenang Ginto'.

Matapos ang naturang serye ay nagsunod sunod na ang mga big projects niya katambal si Seth Fedelin, katulad na lamang ng hit iWant original movie na 'Wild Little Love', at ang kasalukuyang umeereng serye nila na 'Huwag Kang Mangamba'.

Bianca pinanggigilan ng mga yakman

Pinanggigilan na naman mga kapwa artista, yakman ang kaseksihan ni Bianca Umali. Hindi nagpaawat sina Rodjun Cruz, Maricar de Mesa na purihin ang kaseksihan ng Kapuso actress.

Kahit nakatalikod sa photo, agaw-pansin ang kanyang kurba suot na two-piece outfit. Lutang kasi ang magandang kurba ni Bianca.

Sa hanay ng mga batang Kapuso female star, wala na ngang papantay sa kaseksihan ni Bianca.

Mahirap makuha ang ganung body frame. Puwede siguro kung idadaan sa matinding retoke.



Bitoy, Manilyn nanawagan ng tulong para kay Direk Bert

Nanawagan sina Manilyn Reyes, Michael V. gamit ang Instagram para sa kanilang fundraising show project pagtulong sa medical needs na si Bert de Leon, ang "With A Little Help For Friend" na magaganap sa Oct. 10 via Facebook.

Tinamaan ng COVID-19 ang premyadong direktor at kasalukuyang nasa ospital.

"Bert de Leon is the director of #PepitoManaloto and #BubbleGang for the longest time. He's handled top rating shows throughout his and our lifetime, a lot more than you can imagine! (Google it and you'll be surprised).

"He unfortunately contracted COVID last month and has been in the hospital since then. Some of his friends decided to produce a fundraiser for him. If you wish to participate. Checkout the details in the photo. Feel free to share this with your friends," sabi ni Bitoy.



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Sanya Lopez on Daniel Padilla; "Ka Jowa jowa siya!"

Nang tanungin kung Jojowain o Totropahin ba ni Sanya Lopez si Daniel Padilla, mabilis na jojowain agad ang sinagot nito

Puring puri nga ni Kapuso Actress Sanya Lopez ang kasintahan ni Kathryn Bernardo na si Daniel Padilla dahil umano sa pagiging humble at mabait nito.

Ito nga ang nasabi ni Sanya Lopez ng mapabilang sya sa isang YouTube show ni Allan Diones na 2NYTwithAllanD kung saan dito ay ginawa ang segment na Jojowain o Totropahin.

Kinakailangang sabihin ni Sanya kung Jojowain ba o Totropahin niya ang artistang lalaki na itatanong sa kaniya, ng mapunta ang kay Daniel Padilla ang pagpipilian kung jojowain niya ba ito o totropahin lamang ay mabilis niyang sinagot na jojowain niya umano ito.

"Ang lakas ng dating ni Daniel, pang jowa

siya. Pang jowa tala-
ga siya," sabi nito.

Ipinaliwanag ni Sanya na nakita niya kung paanong inilagaan ano ni Daniel ang kaniyang long time girlfriend na si Kathryn Bernardo.

"Grabe yung sweetness niya kay Kath, parang pag naging girlfriend ka niya aalagaan ka niya ng sobra-sobra," paliwanag nito.

Dahil dito ay naibahagi na rin niya ang isang pangyayari kung saan nakita niya si Daniel Padilla noon sa isang mall at dito ay nakita niya raw kung paanong pakitunguhan ni Daniel ang mga fans lalo pa at sikat na siya ng mga panahong iyon.

"Nakita ko yan si Daniel one time sa isang mall, grabe siya sa mga tao talaga," panimula ng



kwento niya. "Dun ko nakita na sabi ko 'ah kaya si Daniel Padilla' its because kung paano siya makitungo sa mga talagang sumusuporta sa kaniya,"

dugtong pa niya.

Ipinaliwanag ni Sanya na pinagkakaguluhan umano ng panahong iyon si Daniel Padilla ngunit hindi raw ito naging masungit sa mga ito, bagkus ay naging mabait pa raw ito sa lahat.

Naging mapagbigay umano si Daniel sa mga ito at pumayag pa na makipag picture sa mga fans.

Dahil nga raw sa pangyayaring ito ay kinahangaan na niya si Daniel Padilla, bukod sa pagiging mabait na Boyfriend kay Kathryn Bernardo ay tunay ngang mabait din siya sa kaniyang mga fans.

Rey Valera's favorite song is also political

Filipino singer-songwriter Rey Valera has written tons of monster hits that establish him as an icon of Original Pilipino Music.

But there's one song or composition that remains to be his favorite up to these days.

"Ito ay 'Malayo Pa Ang Umaga.' Para sa akin meron itong political leaning. Parang Pilipinas. Nakikita mo. Parang malayo pa ang umaga, parang ganun," said Valera during an interview.

"Naghahantay pa rin tayo ng hope. Alam mo sa abroad, pagbababa na yung eroplano, makikita mo yung mga bahay nila nakahilera, maayos. Pero pag-umuwi ka ng Pilipinas, madilim yung clouds. Pag nakita mo na yung mga bahay, nakupo.

"So doon naikumpara ko na malayo pa ang Pilipinas (sa ibang bansa). Hindi ito love song. In a sense love song dahil mahal mo ang Pilipinas. At pag narinig mo (ang kanta), parang iisipin mo baka meron pang maganda sa Pilipinas," the OPM hitmaker said.

"Malayo Pa Ang Umaga" has also been rehashed by other OPM artists over the years.



DJ Mo Twister, sina Paolo Contis at Yen Santos nga ba ang tinutukoy sa tweet?

Nagbitaw ng isang blind item ang showbiz personality na si DJ MO Twister sa kaniyang tweet na siyang idinidikit ng netizens sa hiwalayang Paolo at LJ

Sa ngayon naman ay patuloy pa ring pinag-uusapan ang hiwalayan ng dating mag-asawang sina Paolo Contis at LJ Reyes na sa kabila ng mga sweet moment nila sa isa't-isa sa social media ay mauwi pa rin pala sa hiwalayan ang pagsasama.

Kinumpirma nga ni LJ Reyes sa ang paghihiwalay nila ni Paolo Contis.

Wala pang inilalabas na official statement si Paolo Contis hingil sa hiwalayan nila ni LJ Reyes.

Nitong nagdaang araw lamang ay namatagan si Paolo na may kasamang ibang babae na hindi mamukhaan ng netizens lalo pa't ang kumalat na litrato nila na magkasama ay nakatalikod ito.

Samantala dahil patuloy ngang pinag-uusapan si Paolo Contis at ang di pa nakikilalang babae ay kani-kaniyang kuro kuro ang lahat sa kung sino nga ba ang kasamang ito ni Paolo.

Sa kaniyang twitter account ay nagbahagi ng tila 'tea' o blind item niya ang kilalang showbiz personality na si DJ Mo Twister patungkol sa mga artistang nagkakahulugan ng loob kapag sila ay nagkakatrabaho.

"Not surprised to be honest. actors/actresses often develop feelings for each other when



shooting such romantic films. especially if you shoot in destination locations like europe. most especially if you get your b*tth*le licked." tweet ni DJ Mo Twister.

Agad na nagbahagi ng mga haka haka nila ang mga netizens sa kung sino ang pinatutungkulan niya sa kaniyang tweet, marami ang nagkakabit ng kwento nina LJ Reyes, Paolo Contis at Yen Santos sa naturang tweet.

Matatandaan pa ngang nagkasama sa pelikulang "A Faraway Island" sina Paolo Contis at Yen Santos kung saan kinunan sa Faroe Islands ang pelikula na siyang bahagi ng Europe.

Kylie Padilla, Aljur Abrenica agree to date others

Kapuso actress Kylie Padilla revealed that she and former husband Aljur Abrenica mutually agreed to date other people.

In her Twitter account, Kylie said there is no issue if ever rumors are true that Aljur is dating Viva artist AJ Raval.

"Guys there is no issue. We separated April pa and we have already mutually agreed to date other people," she said.

"Please stop dragging other parties into this. I have no intention of disclosing anymore of what happened because I want to cherish the littlest ounce of privacy I have left," she added.

Actor Robin Padilla's daughter also said that



it is more important that her sons Alas and Axl are now happy and stable despite the breakup.

"Thank you for everyone's concern. The boys are happy and stable. Which is our main priority. Love and light to everyone," she said.

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Melissa Ventocilla receives a free t-shirt at the Dolorosa picnic.

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Dolorosa Canada holds their annual picnic at Philip and Marites' Beloso's place.

FELIX'S SICHANTHA BIRTHDAY



1. Felix's family; 2. Felix and cousin Madi 3; Felix and his cousins 4. Therese Monique turns eleven; 5. Arbin Dreyne Mariano turns 18

Bianca Umali, may payo sa mga heartbroken

Muling ibinuhos ng Kapuso actress and Legal Wives star Bianca Umali ang kanyang damdamin sa heartbreak song na pinamagatang Itigil Mo Na under GMA Music.

Bukod nga sa kanyang accomplishments bilang actress, Bianca is also making a name for herself in the music scene. Ang kanyang debut track na Kahit Kailan was nominated at the 34th Awit Awards for Best Performance for a New Female Recording Artist and Best Engineered Recording.

Anyway, Itigil Mo Na paints the sad and cyclic unrequited love story familiar to Filipinos in a soothing and groovy musical arrangement of modern sensibilities.

Tungkol ito sa isang girl who's falling for a guy who is in love with someone else.



to the point na hindi na natin kayang i-let go 'yung taong mahal natin, kahit na hirap na hirap na at ang sakit-sakit na. To those experiencing heartbreaks, okay lang 'yan. Normal lang 'yan. Wag natin lalabanan o tatakbuhan ang hirap at sakit. Kailangan natin mapagdaanan at tiisin lahat yan, dahil ito ang huhubog sa atin na maging mas mabuti, mas matibay at mas matapang na

Both cinematic and good for easy listening, the song was written by award-winning writer-director-singer-songwriter Njel de Mesa. "The

message of the song is that nagkakaroon talaga ng mga pagkakataon na sobra-sobra tayong magmamahal,

tao. Worth it lahat ng sakit, trust me," chika ni Bianca.

Currently, Bianca is starring in Legal Wives and is gearing up for HBO's Halfworlds.

Edu, may message kay Jennylyn!

"Have a great life!" ang message ni Edu Manzano kay Jennylyn Mercado nang lumabas ang official statement ng management team ng actress, Becky Aguila Management Team, three days ago kung saan sinasabi ngang nasa good condition ito sa kasalukuyan matapos ma-pack up ang taping nila ni Xian Lim para sa



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teleseryeng Love.Die.Repeat na first project pa naman ni Xian sa GMA 7.

Maaalalang ex din ni Luis Manzano si Jennylyn. Pero hindi nagtagal nun sina Jennylyn at Luis at

wala akong maalalang sinabi nila kung bakit sila nag-break.

Anyway, sinisisi ang title na Love.Die.Repeat ng teleserye dahil bago ito nag-umpisa ay nag-positive na si Kim Domingo at pinalitan ito ni Myrtle Sarrosa.



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