



## Fake news benefit some candidates

Vice President Leni Robredo loses while Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. benefits from fake news

MANILA - Launched in 2019 for the mid-term elections, Tsek.ph collaborates with media partners anew for the May 2022 polls.

“We already have since January curated more than 200 fact checks. Unfortunately, the trend persists despite efforts into

stemming disinformation. A lot has come out ahead of the May elections based on our initial analysis,” said University of the Philippines journalism associate professor Yvonne Chua.

“Majority of those are directed against presidential candidate and Vice President

Leni Robredo. So marami po talaga (there are really many). Every week, she is the biggest victim of disinformation or negative messaging, whether it has to do with the typhoon, with all sorts,” she added.

But while there is negative messaging, there are also positive but misleading

posts, this time for Marcos who, like Robredo, is also running for president.

“There is also positive messaging and we see substantial or significant volumes of false or misleading claims about presidential candidate Ferdinand Marcos Jr.,

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“Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.”  
— Robert Frost



**DONBELLE**  
Donny Pangilinan  
Belle Mariano

**IN A  
HAPPY  
PLACE**



## Will Vogue Philippines appeal to Tiktok youth?

**N**ews that fashion magazine Vogue is to launch a print edition in the Philippines has created a buzz in a nation that prides itself on its love of celebrity culture, glamour, and beauty.

Conde Nast’s would follow-up the soft-launch of

its Philippine website with a monthly printed edition of glossy fashion and lifestyle spreads in September 2022.

Vogue hopes to tap the Philippines’ “growing luxury fashion market and vibrant creative scene”, says managing director for glob-

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## Belle Mariano ‘body swaps’ with Shanaia Gomez in Click, Like, Share

Belle Mariano Belle will star in the third season of the original anthology series, Click, Like, Share, along with newbie Shanaia Gomez, for the episode Swap.

As per synopsis, Swap tells the gripping tale of two sisters whose bond is torn apart by jealousy. Jessie (Belle), a deeply insecure jologs who envies the life of her famous vlogger sister Jenny (Shanaia), gets her ultimate wish when she wakes up to find out they have switched bodies. What follows is a startling realization that there is more to their lives than meets the eye.

“Somehow naninibago rin ako,” said Belle, about Donny’s absence.



Belle and Shanaia are sisters who will switch bodies in iWantTFC’s Click, Like, Share Season 3 episode titled Swap.

“In Click, Like, Share, iba naman mga kasama ko. The Click, Like, Share episode is somewhat a “breather project” for Belle and Donny’s loveteam, known as DonBelle.

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**Flashback**  
Quad, Greenbelt Park 1970's

## Philippines lifts ban on foreign tourists as outbreak eases

MANILA - The Philippines will lift a ban on the entry of foreign tourists and business-people next month after nearly two years, in a move to revive

the battered tourism industry as the latest coronavirus outbreak started to ease, officials said.

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## Extramarital Affairs: ‘Give men allowance for mistakes’



Actress Bianca Manalo with boyfriend, Senator Sherwin Gatchalian

MANILA — Filipino fans are easily hooked on ABS-CBN’s “The Broken Marriage Vow,” the Kapamilya adaptation of popular British show “Doctor Foster”

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# FILIPINO CANADIAN COMMUNITY IN ONTARIO DONATES TO VICTIMS OF TYPHOON ODETTE

The Filipino Canadian Community in Ontario has initiated a donation drive for the victims of typhoon Odette in the Philippines. At the invitation of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce Toronto (PCCT) and Filipino Centre Toronto (FCT), Consul General Orontes V.

Castro and Consul Rodney Jonas L. Sumague went to the Centre in Scarborough, Ontario to inspect the donations to be sent to the Philippines.

The donations, to be shipped in a total of 30 Balikbayan boxes, are composed of foodstuffs, hygiene kits, face masks and

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## TYPHOON ODETTE RELIEF

Filipino Achievers of Canada, The Filipino Centre Toronto, Fil-Core Support Group, Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto Filipino Canadian association of Vaughan and Silayan initiate a relief drive for typhoon Odette victims in the Philippines.



Consul General Orontes V. Castro (center) and Consul Rodney Jonas L. Sumague (leftmost) with Ms. Juanita Abalos Rejdik (Sanib Saya), Mr. Steve Pagao (President, Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto), Ms. Mary Ann San Juan (President, Filipino Centre Toronto) and the Filipino-Canadian volunteers during the inspection of the donation on 26 January 2022

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## Bea Alonzo to star in Pacquiao-co-produced Hollywood film

MANILA, Philippines — Bea Alonzo is set to star in a Filipino-Hollywood feature film titled "Angel Warrior," co-produced by "People's Champ" Manny Pacquiao.

"Angel Warrior" is based on a real World War II story. It tells the story of Tala, a pre-war era Filipina whose near-death experience transforms her into an underground fighter, described as a "she devil." Alonzo's character aided and fought alongside the poorly-equipped Filipino and American guerillas on the island of Panay as part of the country's resistance movement against the Japanese occupation.

Award-winning Hollywood screenwriters

Bruce McKenna and John Fusco have been tapped by US-based Inspire Studios to write two Asian-themed war features, with the second one, "Palawan," set for 2023.

Alonzo's movie is slated for production this year. Both "Angel Warrior" and "Palawan" will likely be shot in the Philippines and Thailand.

The films are being produced by Inspire Studios' founder and Chief Executive Officer Francis Lara Ho, and executive produced by John Shepherd ("The Stoning of Soraya M."), Thailand's Buranasompod Pongrapee alongside boxing champion and presidentiable Manny Pacquiao.



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"Nasanay ako 'cause of the several projects I've done with him. Natutuwa ako na I was given this opportunity," shared Belle.

Since the storyline of the upcoming Click, Like, Share episode involves body swapping, Belle was queried on whom she wants to switch personality with. She chose Ariana Grande, explaining: "I would want to be her in real life.



Shanaia Gomez plays a famous vlogger.

Imagine ganun kaganda yung vocal cords ko. Ever since po kasi she's my idol when it comes to singing.

Also imagine, kung may ganun ka kagandang boses 'di 'ba why not araw-araw siguro ako kakanta

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# Why Nadine Lustre does not wear colored clothes

Nadine Lustre recently revealed the reason why she does not wear colored clothes, pointing to a problem that is



experienced by many Filipinos like her. In a vlog by beauty doctor to the stars Aivee Teo, the actress admitted that her underarms tend to sweat profusely, leaving visible stains on colored clothes. She has decided to get Botox injections in her armpit area to treat excessive underarm sweating. “My issue is that I can’t wear grays, I can’t wear anything colored... Because when I sweat, it’s really here sa back,” she said. “I sweat a lot.” Teo, upon hearing the actress’ revelation, said: “Wow, this is the first time we’re actually talking about that.” The doctor then said Lustre can have Botox injections twice a year to address the problem. Before Lustre, another celebrity who went public about getting Botox for excessive armpit sweating is singer Angeline Quinto. Kris Aquino also previously revealed that her eldest son, Joshua, underwent the same procedure.

## AJ ayaw na magpa-sexy

Totoo nga kaya ang chika na ang VIVA-MAX Sex Goddess AJ Raval eh gusto na kumawala sa branding at imahe na meron siya sa kasulukuyan?



Base kasi sa isang pan-ayam para sa kanyang bagong pelikula, hindi na lang raw pulos pag-papa-sexy ang makikita sa kanya rito. Humiling si Raval sa kanyang direktor na pakatutukan rin ang kanyang pag-arte para naman ang kanyang mga audience, makita ang kanyang growth bilang mahusay na artista.

Kung totoo ito, mainam para kay AJ na she is following the career path of the bold stars of yesteryears na naging mga award winning actress. Sina Elizabeth Oropesa, Daria Ramirez, Amy Austria, Lorna Tolentino, Rio Locsin, Rosanna Roces at ang pambansang aktres Jaclyn Jose, ay hindi nangiming ipakita ang kanilang sexiness nung sila ay mga nagsisimula pa lamang sa kanilang karera pero pagkatapos nun, dahil sa mahuhusay na mga direktor, magagan-dang role, at dahil talagang inaral nila ang

magpakahusay, naging mga dekalibreng aktres sila. Kung iyan ang balak ni AJ para sa kanyang karera, suportahan natin yan. Alam na natin ngayon na hindi lang “bread-tripping” ang pagasali niya sa showbiz. May hangad itong humusay at magtagal kaya kapuri-puri. Support natin!

## Tapos na ako sa inyo’ Pokwang inabuso ng mga kapatid



Sa mga kapatid, ayon kay Pokwang, meron at meron daw talagang lumalabas na pas-away. At sabi nga niya sa naging YouTube interview niya kay Ogie Diaz, hindi raw niya sinisisi ang ilang kapatid sa naging situwasyon ng ina, pero alam daw niya na may time, nagsisinungaling sa kanya ang ina para makahingi ng pera at maibigay sa mga ito.

Inamin ni Pokwang na tila nag-withdraw na rin siya sa pagtulong o pag-bibigay ng pinansiyal sa ilang kapatid dahil sabi nga niya, “Dumating na siguro ko sa punto na enough na. At naniniwala ako na ang tao kahit bigyan mo ng isang libo, kung gustong umasenso, mapapalago.”

At ramdam mo talaga ang bigat na dala niya nang tanungin niya ang mga ito pa rin na, “Feeling ko, bakit kailang-gang kargahin ko lahat? Bakit kailangan lahat karga ko? Tingin n’yo dahil ako ang kumikita? May obligasyon din ako.

“Yung trabaho natin, hindi ‘to panghabambuhay. Mawawala at mawawala rin ang kinang mo. Siyempre nandito pa ko kahit papaano, pero para sa mga anak ko. Tapos na ko para sa inyo. Tapos na ko sa’yo.”

## Heart Evangelista ‘graduates’ from soap operas

Heart Evangelista just seemingly announced her retirement from teleseryes.



On Twitter, she reiterated that despite acting being always her “first love,” she thinks that maybe it’s time for her to “graduate” from soap operas. “I’ll miss it very much (heart with fire emoji),” she said. Then in another post, she teased: “Next chapter seems interesting (heart with arrow emoji).” Recall that during the recent press conference of her “I Left My Heart in Sorsogon” recently, Heart revealed that if ever, she’s still open to doing TV projects like three-episode specials. As for movies, it will depend on who her leading man would be.



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# Joshua Garcia warns fans of fake Facebook account

Kapamilya actor Joshua Garcia warned his fans about a fake Facebook account.



The page showed a photo of Joshua and rumored girlfriend Ria Atayde on the yacht watching the sunset. “Ikaw the fake became In his In-shared the same photo debunking the rumor. “Hello! This is not mine! I don’t have a Facebook Page! Thank you,” he wrote. Ria, who also tagged by Joshua in his post, also shared the same photo denying their relationship. “Liwanag?! Bakit? Hahaha. So funny but also, another reminder to always check your sources. Hahahahaha,” she wrote, adding a “Fake News” GIF. Joshua and Ria were rumored to be a couple after photos of their clique with Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo showed that they are ones without partners. Reliable sources said that Joshua and Ria are not really in a relationship since they are only friends.

## Sanya bakat hiyas, lantad singit sa dagat

Kapag ganitong may “pasingit” o “pabakat-hiyas” si Sanya Lopez, na may iniindang cron ang gagaan pakiramdam. Nagbalandra ng kanyang sa Instagram si habang nasa dagat, suot ang one-piece bath-suit. Sa nasabing swimwear, bu-nang husto ang Sanya. Sa pagkak-niya nang sumilip din ang singit na malinis at walang bakas ng anumang chismis. Napakaganda rin ng mukha ng Kapuso star na light make-up lang. ‘Yung ganitong kabuuan ni Sanya, hindo puwe-deng panggigilan ng mga manyakol, na kahit may Omicron baka mapaungol pa at mapaanat ang mga paa sa ligaya.





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## Yey. We now have missiles. 🧠😄🤖

“Deterrence is a product of capability and resolve, as well as the opponent’s belief in one’s capability and the resolve to use it.” U.S. DIPLOMAT HENRY KISSINGER

### Do we use it?

Military weapons are an integral element of the first factor. So, we have it, do we use it and is the enemy afraid of it? If we are not willing to use it, what good is it? Besides, sayang naman di ba? Ngek. 😊 Ang purpose ng pagbili ng missile is deterrent. Takot ba ang China dahil may missile tayo? Kung hindi takot, nasayang lang ang pera natin. Walang pinag-iba sa pagbili natin ng mga expensive plates. We keep them in the cabinet kasi baka maluma. Well, it make a good display sa mga school tours sa mga military bases siguro. Sus Guinoo ni Roxanne. 😊

### Did he Quit?

By now, you already know that Manny Villar got the frequencies na gamit before ng ABS. The second big news is that Willie Revillame is not with GMA7 anymore. And dahil nakita picture nila ni Villar, lumalabas na nakuha na siya ni Villar. According to Lolit Solis, hindi raw umalis si Willie. The truth daw, is hindi raw ni-renew ng GMA7 ang contract ni Willie at ng Wowowin. Sabi naman ni Cristy Fermin, si Willie raw ang hindi pumirma.

If Willie was the one who decided not to renew with GMA7, it looks good on him para to make the public think na very popular siya. If he is very popular, then it is easy to sell advertisement sa show

niya at a high price.

But why is he is in negotiation with the Villars? I mean, why leave if no deal is signed yet? Or cover lang?

Si Willie nga kaya ang hindi nag-renew. Hindi ba blocktimer naman ang Wowowin sa GMA7, tulad ng Eat Bulaga? Blocktimer means the show is produced by Willie and he buys the airtime. Wowowin, like Eat Bulaga is not is not owned or produced by GMA7. If I’m not mistaken, Willie is also not a talent of GMA7.

With no risk sa GMA7, why did they not renew Willie and Wowowin?

So, which is true kaya?

Hmmm...🤔

## Fans want a Piolo, Regine movie

Labis ang naramdamang kilig ng netizens nang mapanood muli sa iisang stage sina Piolo Pascual at Regine Velasquez sa “ASAP Natin To.”

Nagbalik-ASAP na nga ang ultimate heartthrob at nag-celebrate ng kanyang birthday sa Sunday noontime show. Inawit nina Piolo at Regine ang theme song ng pinagsamahan nilang pelikula na “Paano Kita Iibigin.”

Hiling tuloy ng fans ng Piogene, sana raw ay magsamang muli ang dalawa sa isang palabas o pelikula.

Sa kanyang pagbabalik-ASAP, inulit ni Piolo na mananatili siyang Kapamilya hanggang sa humihinga pa siya.

“It is good to be back here on the ‘ASAP’ stage because this is

my family for 22 years. I would like to stay as a Kapamilya for the rest of my life as long as I am living,” saad ni Piolo.

Sa kasalukuyan, abala na raw si Papa P sa upcoming series nila ni Angelica Panganiban at sa serye naman niya kasama si Lovi Poe.

“I’m starting a new series with Angelica. I’m working on ‘Flower Of Evil’ with Lovi Poe. I have so much to do, so ang wish ko lang is for us to be safe para dire-diretso ang trabaho,” pagbabahagi niya.

Bukod sa bagong shows, nakatakda na rin daw siyang mag-release ng isang single under Star Music.

“We’ll release my new single, ‘Tawag Mo.’



## Alexa Ilacad, inaming ‘kating-kati’ na umarte: ‘Nagpaparinig po ako’



“Kating-kati na ako umarte.”

Ito ang inamin ng aktres na si Alexa Ilacad, ilang linggo matapos niyang mapalabas ng Bahay ni Kuya bilang isa sa celebrity housemates ng “Pinoy Big Brother: Kumunity.”

Matatandaang bago pumasok sa PBB ay

naging parte si Ilacad ng seryeng “Init sa Magdamag” na nagtapos noong Setyembre.

Sa panayam ng Inside News, ibinahagi rin ni Ilacad ang mensahe sa kanyang sarili matapos ang naging karanasan bilang housemate.

“I am so proud of you, kinaya mo ‘yon. Third day pa lang into quarantine muntik ka nang umuwi. Buti tinapangan mo ‘yung sarili mo, tinatagan mo ang loob mo ang puso mo. I am just proud, ‘yun lang. I want to pat myself on the back because I believe I did a good job naman. Nagpakatotootoo ka habang nagpakatao at ‘yun ang pinakaimportante. Wala kang inapakang iba, wala kang siniraan. You just enjoyed your time and you showcased your skills, which is ‘yun yung gusto kong gawin. So happy talaga ako. Wala akong regrets,” ani Ilacad.

### ‘The Kangks Show’ among most-watched

Angelica Panganiban and Maris Racal star in the irreverent and sex positive comedy series.

WeTV is getting 2022 off to a hot and sexy start — its latest original series “The Kangks Show” emerges as one of the most watched shows on the streamer worldwide.

Starring Angelica Panganiban as Dr. Kara Teo, “The Kangks Show” is a no-holds-barred, irreverent and sex positive comedy that promises to deliver on both the laughs and the advice-you-never-knew-you-needed. Since the series premiered in mid-December, it quickly became a favorite among viewers both here and abroad.

“The Kangks Show” has also consistently been in the Top 10 shows viewed on WeTV in Indonesia, the United States, Canada and the UAE. It is also the Top 11 most watched shows on WeTV in Australia. With a few more episodes heading to the service, wilder and crazier stories are in store for viewers everywhere.

Each episode features the story of a letter sender who is counting on Doc Kara to solve



their intimacy issues.

New episodes of “The Kangks Show” drop on WeTV’s VIP tier every Wednesday, and on free tier every Friday.

### Dominic, laging may pa-bulaklak kay Bea

Sa Feb. 14 pa ang Valentine’s Day, pero nagpauna na si Dominic Roque sa pagbibigay kay Bea Alonzo ng bouquet of tulips na ang ganda-ganda.

Saka, kahit saan pala magpunta si Bea, pagbalik niya, siguradong may bulaklak na pasalubong ang boyfriend. Kaya tuwang-tuwa ang fans ni Bea kay Dominic at ayaw man nilang ikumpara kay Gerald Anderson, ang laki raw ng pagkakaiba ng dalawa sa aspeto kung paaano nila mahal in si Bea.

Samantala, tila nawawalan na ng pag-asa ang fans nina Bea at Alden Richards na gagawin pa nila ang Special Memory movie nila. Pareho naman daw walang project ang dalawa ngayon, nakapag-look test na sila, bakit hindi pa simulan ang shooting?

Ang sabi nga naman, by January, tapos na ang shooting nila ni Alden, eh, malapit nang magtapos ang buwan wala pa ring shooting. Baka naman tatapusin lang ni Alden ang docu concert niyang ForwARd at isusunod na ang shooting nila ni Bea.



### Bea Alonzo on marriage question: ‘May taxi?’

At 34, actress Bea Alonzo reiterated she’s not yet planning to settle down.

In her recent Instagram story, a netizen asked her: “You’re not getting any younger po, when will you get married and have kids like marian,anne,jennelyn etc.”

But she replied: “May taxi?! hahahaha.”

According to her, “Hindi ako nagmamadali. I’d like to take my time. It’s not a race, after all. I believe we all have our own timeline.”

Meanwhile, in another story, she answered the query about what she likes the most about her boyfriend, Dominic Roque.

She shared it’s the way he loves her.

“The way he takes care of me. Sarap pala ng inaalagaan,” she related.

Bea, on the other hand, also gave some advice for women in their mid-20s.

“Take it one day at a time. Do the work and celebrate little victories. It’s not a competition. Be kind to yourself,” she reminded.

How about

for people that having a bad time or breaking down?

“Kaya mo yan. It’ll all get better. Just have faith. It might not be easy now, but I promise you, one day, you will look back, and you will make yourself proud that you were able to overcome all the obstacles. There’s always a rainbow after that rain.”

Bea also tackled how to be wise in handling finances.

“Never live beyond your means. I mean, it’s good to reward yourself once in a while, but I think that the necessities should be a priority. And always save for the rainy days. Invest wisely. Luxury will always be there, and it will feel way better to enjoy it without having to worry about your next credit card bill!”

### Shrimp for a Queen

In this pageant-crazed nation, we call The Philippines, any indication of a local showbiz personality joining in the competition always causes a stir.

Splashed over beauty pageant mentor Rodgil Flores’ social media account is a post welcoming Harlene Nicole Budol into the Kagandahang Flores Pageant Training Camp. For those who are not familiar with Harlene, she is the comedienne popularly known as “Hipon Girl.” At 22 and standing a tad taller than 5’7, Hipon Girl will be graduating from college soon. So what are her chances to do well in national pageantry? Here’s the KF Head’s assessment: She’s just like any other girl who dreams of becoming a queen, who is from other fields. It just happens that she’s from showbiz. So why close our doors, di ba?”

And what about her Q and A? “She’s a quick thinker. She’s got solid ideas and just needs articulation to expound more. Me hugot ang mga sagot niya and she’s naturally witty,” he assures.

For now, Hipon Girl is setting her eyes on joining either Binibining Pilipinas or Miss World Philippines. If given a chance to represent the country in an international competition, she is determined to raise the flag in the Miss Grand International pageant.

“Alam niyang maraming mag-aabang at magdo-down sa kanya. Pero ang talagang dapat nilang abangan ay ang mga pasabog at ang kanyang magiging Hipon Walk.”

I guess that’s something we all can look forward to seeing once pageant season begins.



## Ellen Adarna mistaken for Derek Ramsay’s mistress at 1st anniversary road trip

Derek Ramsay shared a funny experience he had while road-tripping with wife Ellen Adarna, as posted in a series of videos on his Instagram stories.

The actor shared that he was asked by the tollgate attendant if the woman he was with in his car was his wife.

“We just went through the tollgate and then the guy asked, ‘Si Ellen po ba ‘yung kasama niyo?’” he shared.

Ellen, who’s also in the video, interrupted her husband, quipping, “No! His kabit!”

Derek also said in jest, “Sorry, sir, that’s my kabit.”

He was driving with Ellen as they both laughed at what had happened.

“Grabe. I don’t know what to say. Kaya na-chismis na playboy ako eh,” he continued.

The couple drove all the way to Pangasinan to celebrate their first anniversary as a couple. Derek and Ellen tied the knot just months after dating back in November of last year.

Ali at Pat-P, ok ang tandem

Ang ganda ng tandem nila Ali Sotto at Pat-P Daza airs week-day mornings, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. sa DZEC Radyo Agila 1062 and Eagle FM 95.5 at available for streaming over sa NET25 TV's YouTube channel and Facebook page.



Kasi nga parehong masayahin at good sensible talkers kaya swak na swak agad silang magsama. Parehong good natured at likas na mabait kaya siguro magaan magtrabaho ang dalawa. Pareho pang masipag kaya naman ang gagandang lumalabas ng mga interview nila. Iba ang atake nila sa pakikipag-usap sa guests nila, feeling comfortable sila. Mabuti rin na araw-araw napapanood ang programa nilang dalawa, kasi nga hindi ka mabibitin sa panonood mo sa kanila. Walang boring moments at talagang very lively ang discussions nila on the air. Congrats team Ali Sotto and Pat-P Daza, bongga kayo, at ang gaganda n'yo sa TV ha.

Heart Evangelista will star in a Netflix series

It's official: Heart Evangelista is set to star in a Netflix series. The Kapuso actress and style icon confirmed this. Heart was asked whether she'll be appearing in the upcoming season of "Bling Empire," and while she didn't specify whether it's "Bling or something else," said that she has a project in the works Netflix.



"Definitely, I did film for a show in Netflix. Hindi ko alam sa totoo lang kung kailan siya lalabas," she said. "Kasi with anything abroad siguro, parang 'di mo siya aasahan, because it's really destiny for me if you want to achieve anything in Hollywood."

Heart first sparked rumors about an appearance in "Bling Empire" in August last year when she met up with series cast members Kane Lim and Kelly Mi Li in Los Angeles. "Bling Empire" is a reality series inspired by "Crazy Rich Asians" that follows the City of Angels' wealthy Asian and American fun seekers as they go all out with their adventures. In June, Heart teased that she was working on a project that had something to do with Kevin Kwan, the author of "Crazy Rich Asians."

Sharon, Julia bagay na mag-ina

Totoo talaga ang "Megastar effect" na sinabi ni John Arcilla sa set ng "FPJ's Ang Probinsyano" dahil nagpahayag ang co-star nilang si Ara Mina kung gaano siya ka-inspired magtrabaho ngayong kasama na nila sa cast si Sharon Cuneta. Binati ni Ara ng happy birthday si Mega sa Instagram at ipinahayag ang saya niyang makasama ito sa trabaho at sa paglalim ng kanilang pagkakaibigan. "I felt more closer to you now, iba pala pag mas matagal ka kasama, very overwhelming my ate, bata pa lang ako hinahangaan na kita kaya I will never forget this time na magkasama tayo," sabi ni Ara. Kalakip din ng post ni Ara ay dalawang videos



kung saan mapapanood ang pag-duet nilang dalawa na sweet na sweet naman talaga. Speaking of the Megastar, sobrang exciting na ng nangyayari sa karakter niyang Aurora sa "FPJ's Ang Probinsyano" dahil nagkrus ulit ang landas nila ng anak niyang si Mara (Julia Montes), at sa isang simbahan pa, huh. Very fitting ang setting ng pangalawang "reunion" ng mga karakter nila. Pero sa true lang, bagay na mag-ina sina Sharon, Julia, ha!

Barbie Imperial, out sa GirlTrends 'coz of lack of dancing skills

Natanggal nga ba si Barbie Imperial sa 'It's Showtime' dahil hindi ito marunong sumayaw? Inamin ni Barbie Imperial na hindi siya marunong sumayaw kaya naman todo ang paghandang ginagawa niya para sa kanyang gagawing production number. Pero totoo nga bang natanggal siya sa grupong GirlTrends dahil hindi siya marunong sumayaw? Barbie is one of the judges sa "Sexy Babe" ng It's Showtime kasama si RK Bagatsing. Vice Ganda asked kung masaya ito ngayon. "Are you happy? tanong ni Vice. Sagot ni Barbie: "Yes." "Si Barbie, nu'ng tinawagan natin siya, nag-yes siya agad. Sabi ko 'Buti nag-yes ka agad.' Sabi niya, 'I wanna be busy'. Itanong niyo kung bakit gusto niyang maging busy lately," pagbabahagi ni Vice. "Wala lang. Namo-move kasi 'yung mga tapings. So, Showtime," paliwanag naman ni Barbie. Ibinunyag naman ng kapwa hurado nito na si Ruffa Gutierrez na excited na umano si Barbie na sumabak sa sayawan. Agad naman itong itinanggi ni Barbie at sin-



abing kaya siya natanggal sa GirlTrends ay dahil hindi siya marunong sumayaw. "Kaya nga po ako natanggal sa GirlTrends kasi hindi ako magaling sumayaw eh," saad ni Barbie. Sagot naman ni Vice: "Ay okay lang. Mag-isa ka na lang ngayon. Huwag kang mag-alala kung natanggal ka sa GirlTrends kasi hindi ka magaling sumayaw, sila din naman natanggal lahat. Charot. Love natin ang GirlTrends. Family natin 'yan. Joke joke joke lang." "Nag-workshop ako, Ate Vice," pabirong sabi naman ni Barbie. "Kay Chie (Filomeno). Paturo ka kay Chie. Close ba kayo ni Chie? Ay parang hindi. Nag-away ba kayo? Charot lang," hirit naman ni Vice. "Hindi ako 'yun," agad na sagot ni Barbie. In 2017, Barbie said that the issue brewing between members of the group — particularly about "sisterly love" — was not the reason why she left the group.

A MAN & AN OSTRICH WALKS IN A RESTAURANT

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders. The man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke," and then turns to the ostrich and asks, "What's yours?" "I'll have the same," says the ostrich. "That will Be \$9.40 please." The man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment. becomes routine until one day. "The usual?" asks the waitress. "No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato, and a salad," says the man. "Same," says the ostrich. "That will be \$32.62." Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table. The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. "Sir, how do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket time?" "Well, several years ago, I found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there." "That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!" "That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man. The waitress asks, "What's with the ostrich?" The man sighs, pauses, and answers, "My second wish was for a tall chick with long legs who agrees with everything I say."





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# Philippines buys Indian Missiles

MANILA - The Philippines signed a \$375m deal to buy missiles from India to beef up its navy, the Southeast Asian nation's defence minister said.

Manila's military was one of the most poorly equipped in Asia when President Rodrigo Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino, began a modest modernisation programme in 2012 – but it is still no match for its superpower neighbour China.

BrahMos – a joint venture between India and Russia – has developed a cruise missile that the Indian defence ministry says is the fastest in the world.

The Philippines would be the first country to purchase it. India's defence ministry de-

clined to comment.

The new anti-ship system aims to deter foreign vessels from encroaching on the country's 200-nautical-mile (370km) exclusive economic zone (EEZ). In recent years the Philippines has repeatedly accused China of violating its EEZ by sending hundreds of militia boats into its waters.

"It's part of our territorial defence," said Colonel Ramon Zagala, spokesman for the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

In 2018, the Philippines bought Israeli-made Spike ER missiles, its first-ever ship-borne missile systems for maritime deterrence.

Despite friendlier ties between China and the Philippines under Duterte, Beijing has re-

mained adamant in claiming large portions of the South China Sea, a conduit for billions of dollars worth of goods.

Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam also have lodged competing claims.

A 2016 international arbitration ruling, however, said the Chinese claims had no legal basis.

Last month, new US State Department report said that China's activities in the South China Sea, including its "historic claims" on almost all parts of the vital trade route "gravely undermine the rule of law" in the oceans and universally recognised provisions in international law.

## China Donates Military \$19.5M Equipment to Philippines

The Chinese government has allocated \$19.5 million in military equipment to the Philippines despite tensions over the highly-contested South China Sea.

The donation is reportedly part of Chinese President Xi Jinping's commitment to supporting the Philippine government in counter-narcotics and counter-terrorism efforts.

"I hope that the donation would play a role in maintaining peace and fighting terrorism campaign as well as providing humanitarian assistance and disaster response mission of typhoon Odette," Chinese Ambassador Huang Xilian said in a press release.

He added that his country will continue to support the Philippines in disaster relief and

military modernization initiatives. In recent years, China has assisted the Philippines in modernizing its military by donating high-powered weapons and equipment to support ongoing missions.

To boost its military influence in the Indo-Pacific region, the Asian giant donated warships to the Philippines in 2018. It also provided 3,000 assault rifles, ammunition, and accessories worth \$3.3 million to the Philippine military in 2017.

When asked if the multimillion-dollar donations would soften the Philippines' stance regarding the South China Sea, Philippine defense secretary Delfin Lorenzana quickly replied, "Not a chance."

## 'Parody King' is inspired to churn out more original songs

Denin Sy, called as the 'Parody King,' has recently released his latest song, *Pasensya Ka Na God Bless*. His voice sits on the catchy, pop-rock melody of the song, about a guy trying to win his girlfriend back.



His artistic expressions are singing and writing, while his style is parody, as his popular videos tell. Yes, he has creatively reworked some elements of a main work like lyrics and given them a familiar yet new feel. By religiously churning out one content after another, Denin Sy enjoys a loyal following.

So far, he has about 20 parody videos, with social media platforms and a video sharing service as his modes of distribution.

"It's just an outlet (of creativity)," shared he. "When the pandemic started, (to) stay home (became a norm), dun ko na naisip na gumawa ng (content) every two weeks, I would release a parody (video) to be shared with everyone, para maraming maaliw."

A tell-tale sign that the personal project became a success was when Denin began to receive messages from would-be followers, who liked and shared each video.

"When I do parody, my main goal is to entertain the netizens," he looked backed on. "Hindi ko siya inisip na ito na ang magiging career ko, that I'm a parodist. (My parody videos can be looked at) as an album and a gift to netizens and frontliners. I think I have more or less 20 parody videos."

If there's one thing people can learn from Denin's creative journey, it will be this: "When you're passionate about something and you think you can complement it with your profession, (do it,) it's a very fulfilling thing to do."

Then, the "Parody King" is now ready to create more catchy, original songs.

## 'Ikamamatay ko 'to': Francine Diaz gets message from 'All of Us Are Dead' star

Kapamilya actress Francine Diaz revealed that she got a direct message from South Korean actor Yoon Chan-young through Instagram.



Yoon is known for his role in the hit Netflix zombie series "All of Us Are Dead."

In her Instagram story, Francine shared a screenshot of Yoon sending her a wave emoji to start a conversation with her.

"Ikamamatay ko 'to!" Francine wrote in her story. "Cheong san! Saranghae!" she also said.

She also posted on her Twitter account about the incident.

"Kay Cheong san lang ako papayag ma-seenzone," she wrote with crying and heart emojis.

"All of us Are Dead" is now trending on Netflix. It follows the story of high school students battling with zombies to survive the apocalypse while trapped inside the campus.

## Dingdong supports daughter Zia's showbiz inclination

It's not hard to see that Dingdong Dantes and Marian Rivera's unica hija Zia takes after her parents.

Fans of the celebrity couple have been noticing some serious showbiz inclination from the six-year-old based on occasional videos shared by her parents on social media.



One of these clips shared by Marian, which went viral online, showed DongYan's firstborn child singing her version of the hit single *Dance Monkey* by Australian singer-songwriter Tones and I. "Manang mana sa akin," mused the proud mom.

Dingdong has also previously posted

videos of him and Zia jamming to the classics as a nightly bonding ritual. And more recently, she was tapped as a celebrity endorser with her father for an e-commerce platform.

Dingdong said that if his daughter chooses to enter the entertainment business one day, they will give her their full support.

"Well, it's going to be her choice. Our role talaga dito (as parents) ay ma-introduce siya sa mga bagay na kung saan may interest siya.

However, Dingdong hinted that in the next few years, Zia might stay away from the showbiz spotlight presumably to focus on her schooling.

"But when it comes to being on cam and probably siempre may hangganan muna yan. Ini-enjoy niya muna siguro yan pero in the coming years ay baka hindi muna and babalik siya pagka nasa tamang edad na siya," he said.

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## Charlie swak pamalit ni Joshua kay Julia

Marami ang nakapansin na may kakaibang chemistry sina Joshua Garcia at Charlie Dizon na magkasama sa Kapamilya teleseryeng “Viral.”

Perfect match anila ang dalawa dahil pareho silang magaling umarte. May showbiz observers din ang nagsasabing may future sila bilang love team tulad ng Joshlia noon. Ang dalawa rin ang naging tema sa pa-Q and A ni Dimples Romana sa kanyang Instagram account. Isa kasing faney ang nangumusta sa kanya kung paano katabaho si Joshua.

Sey ni Dimples: “Nakakakilig. Kahit hindi ako ang love team @garciajoshuae.”

Sa naunang thread, pinuri niya ang galing at kaguwapuhan ni Joshua at inurot si Charlie tungkol dito.

“Ikay @charliedizon\_ Napakagwapo ni Sir Kyle @garciajoshuae pala lalo sa personal ano?”, pambubuyo ni Dimples.

Rica o Ikay ang pangalan ng karakter ni Charlie sa “Viral” samantalang corporate role namang si Kyle Salvacion ang ginagampanan ni Joshua.

Hirit din ng kibitzers, since parehong single sina Joshua at Charlie, bet din nilang maging real life love team sila na hindi mala-bong mangyari kung made-develop sila.

## Enchong Dee in high spirits amid challenges

Despite the challenges, actor Enchong Dee is in high spirits as he celebrated Chinese New Year.

On Instagram Story Feb. 1, Dee greeted his followers with Gong Xi Fa Cai which means “wishing you enlarge wealth” in Chinese.

On January 31, Dee voluntarily surrendered to the National Bureau of Investigation in Quezon City in connection with the P1 billion cyber libel case filed against him by DUMPER Representative Claudine Bautista-Lim in August 2021.

Later the same day, Dee, 33, reportedly posted P48,000 bail for his temporary freedom.

Bautista has confirmed she filed a complaint against Dee after he criticized her wedding on social media.

“The anxiety, anguish, humiliation and the impact on my and my family’s reputation left us no choice but to file cases against those responsible for causing us so much grief and worry, which almost led to me losing our baby, and which adversely affected some of our constituents’ trust in us,” Bautista said.

Dee has already apologized to Bautista long before she filed a complaint.



## Melai Cantiveros on Francine Diaz’s rude fan: ‘Wag basta magpadala sa feelings’

Melai Cantiveros was finally able to confront the alleged fan of Francine Diaz who supposedly spewed an unsavory remark against her daughter.

According to her, the fan actually denied doing so but she ultimately decided to simply forgive and move on.

She shared: “Itu na nga closure ng Basher Serye ng hapon ko ngayun , na-reach out nmnm cya at marami sinasabi , na hindi nmnm ako maniwala na hindi cya nagcomment nun, pero xmpre sinu ba ako para di mapakinggan ang side nya at di cya mapatawad ,hayang maging lesson yan na wag basta magpadala sa feelings tapos pipindut nalang na di inaalang kng may mahuhurt kaba na damdamin , matuto tayu Rumespeto ng tao , Respeto is the key para sa matiwasay na buhay , kng di mu gustu ang sinasabi ng ibang tao Irespecto mu, and lets mind our own business at last magpatawad at magmahalan.”

Melai also apologized to Francine.

“bebe-girl @francesdiaz pasencya kana bebe at nadamay name mu dtu at alam kung maiintindihan mu nmnm kng saan itu nangagaling (heart emojis),” she said along with the hashtags: “#respect,” “#forgive,” and “#waganakko.”

It all started with the fan, using the Instagram handle stan.francine.chin, commenting on Melai’s social media account: “Epal mo din e ano.Wag mo i ship si Kyle kay chie anak mo nga ang pangit.” The Kyle mentioned is Francine’s love team partner Kyle Echarri.

Melai replied: “humanda ka papahanap kita dedemanda kita.”

The wife of actor Jason Francisco then went on to seek the help of the National Bureau of Investigation to find the person behind the social media account.



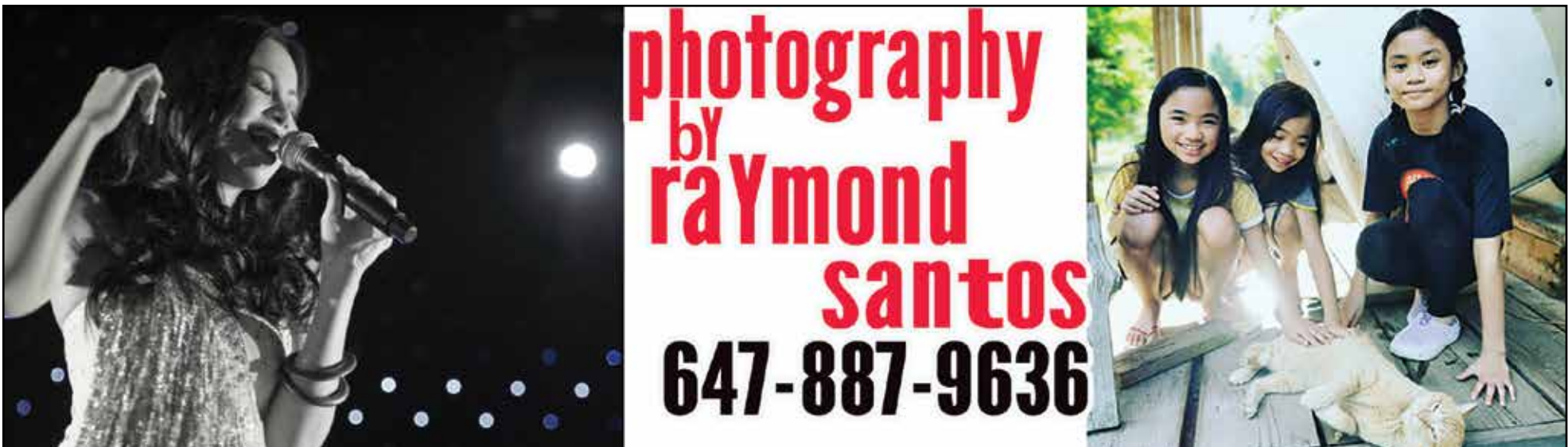
## Jo Koy showcases the beauty of ‘Pinoy Tupperware’ in this hilarious post

Fil-Am comedian Jo Koy is at it again, this time targeting his jokes the Filipinos’ tendency to recycle plastic containers into makeshift “Tupperware” tubs in his signature style.

Jo Koy’s fans, especially the Pinoy, will definitely get a kick out of his tongue in cheek approach as he regales the audience with the beauty of repurposed plastic tubs in a home TV shopping channel style video.



Complete with crawlers and promo information, he claims that the tubs are a steal at \$19.99 as opposed to its original price of \$39.99. Among the benefits of the repurposed containers, he said, was that you never really know what you’re going to find until you open it. He cheekily said that the promo for the seven-piece container comes with a free sewing kit, something that is certainly present in every Filipino home.



# ABS-CBN frequencies given to Villar, Quiboloy

MANILA - A broadcast frequency previously used by ABS-CBN Corp. has been awarded to Sonshine Media Network International (SMNI), the media company of Pastor Apollo Quiboloy, a long-time friend and ally of President Rodrigo Duterte.

SMNI confirmed to ABS-CBN News that it received an authority from the National Telecommunications Commission, the telco regulator, to operate Channel 43, which was used to be assigned to Amcara Broadcasting Corp.

The Lopez-led network used Chan-

nel 43 for its TVPlus channels under a blocktime deal with Amca, whose legislative franchise expired in 2020.

Channel 23, which ABS-CBN used for its Sports+Action programs, was given to Aliw Broadcasting Corp.

Apart from channels 43 and 23, the NTC also allowed Villar-owned Advanced Media Broadcasting System Inc. (AMBS) to temporarily operate channels 16 and 2 — two iconic frequencies that ABS-CBN lost when legislators at the House of Representatives who are allied with Duterte killed the network's

franchise renewal bill at the committee level. The Channel 2 assignment is only temporary as the analog shut-off is scheduled to take place in 2023.

Broadcast spectrum is a limited public resource and the NTC's decision would make it hard for ABS-CBN to regain the precious frequencies it lost during its painful shutdown. For now, it is unclear if there are available frequencies that ABS-CBN can use should the company manage to get a new franchise under a friendlier administration.



## Aga mistakes Pokwang as gay



Sa ikalawang bahagi ng vlog ni Ogie Diaz, naibahagi ni Pokwang ang kanyang humble beginnings bago pa man siya naging artista.

Sa kanyang pagbabalik-tanaw, naikuwento niya na galing siya sa isang mahirap na pamilya. Labindalawa silang magkakapatid.

Dahil sa kahirapan, pinasok daw niya noon ang lahat ng uri ng pagkakakitaan tulad ng pagtitinda ng sweepstakes atbp.

Ang matinding kahirapan din daw ang nag-udyok sa kanya na makipagsa-

palaran sa Japan para maging entertainer.

Dito raw niya nakilala ang Hapones na ama ng kanyang panganay na namatay sa congenital brain illness.

Three years later, na-meet daw niya ang isang pang Japanese national na siyang tatay ng kanyang anak na si Risa Mae.

Nagtrabaho rin daw siya sa Abu Dhabi bilang domestic helper.

Sa showbiz naman, una raw siyang napansin noon sa isang comedy bar ng komedyanteng si Eric Nicolas na naghanap ng talents para sa ABS-CBN.

Ito raw ang nag-engganyo sa kanyang sumali sa "Clown in a Million", isang segment sa isang show ng Kapamilya network. Naging grand champion.

Tsika pa niya, napagkamalan pa nga raw siya noon ni Mr. M at maging ni Ma'am Charo Santos na isang beki. Kung kumilos daw siya at magpatawa ay tulad ng isang babaeng bakla.

Ganoon din daw ang naging karanasan niya kay Aga Muhlach nang makatrabaho niya ito sa pelikulang "Dubai". Bagamat hanga sa kanyang magandang legs ay inakala rin siyang beki.

Ani Pokwang, hindi raw naging madali ang pinagdaanan ng kanyang buhay para makamit kung ano man ang tinatamasa niya ngayon.

Thankful lang daw siya na naitaguyod niya ang kanyang mga anak on her own.

## The secret to a lasting marriage? God, says Franco Laurel

For actor-singer Franco Laurel, there are two things that make his marriage work with Ayen Munji-Laurel — communication, and putting God at the center of their relationship.

Laurel was asked about the secret of his marriage during the online conference for ABS-CBN's new teleserye "The Broken Marriage Vow." Laurel plays Atty. Dante Pugong, annulment lawyer.

"As [clicked] as it may sound, the reason why my marriage has lasted this long is because of God. God is the center of our marriage," Laurel said. "Really, it is just communication. Communicating with each other."

He also believes that all spats between couples should be settled before they go to bed.

Franco Laurel. Image: Instagram/@fjlaurel

"And I also believe that you



should never go to bed without fixing things kung nag-away kayo (if you had a fight). That's how we make sure that our marriage stays strong. Just really love," he added.

But what happens when he and his wife have fallen asleep even before they could patch things up?

"Ay, hindi talaga. Maski sa umaga ay mag-uusap kami basta maayos lang," he said. (Oh, no, really. Even in the morning we will talk so things can be fixed.)

Franco is extremely glad to have been chosen to play the part of Atty. Pugong.

"I am very grateful to sir Deo Endrinal and Dreamscape PH for giving me the opportunity to work with them again," he said, noting that the first time he worked with Dreamscape Entertainment was when he played Vice President Albert Hernandez in the long-running "FPJ's Ang Probinsyano."

## Karen, Arnold 're-resbakan' si Korina

Trending sa Twitter ang broadcast journalist na si Korina Sanchez.

Ito ay kaugnay nang naging post umano niya sa kanyang Instagram account. Tila ipinagmamalaki ng mamamahayag na never pa siyang tinatamaan ng Covid-19 ngayong may surge ng Omicron.

"Imagine. Lahat nagka-Covid na. Ako never pa. And I'm all over. Thank you, Lord. Sadya akong pinagpala kase dami ko tinutulungan," caption ng post.

Sa naturang post, mega flaunt din si Korina ng kanyang body na naka-swimsuit sa isang beach. Dahil dito, umani ng samu't-sari ang pambabatikos sa netizens ang nasabing post. Sa ngayon ay burado na sa kanyang social media account. Ito naman ang komento ng netizens sa kontrobersyal na post.

"Getting Covid is never a moral issue. That Korina post is really off. The actual stigma of getting it is really bad. No one wants to get sick and it's not because you're careless or carefree."

"Such a very insensitive post from Korina Sanchez."

Hirit tuloy ng ibang kibitzers, ano raw kaya ang resbak kay Korina ng kapuwa niya broadcaster na nagka-Covid tulad nina Karen Davila, Howie Severino at Arnold Clavio.

Pang-iinruga naman ng ilan, kung totoong galing daw ang pahayag kay Korina, pinatutunayan lang daw nitong mas may class umano ang kanyang rival na si Jessica Soho sa kanya.



## Why Willie Revillame left GMA7

Veteran showbiz scribe Lolit Solis has revealed that GMA Network did not renew the contract of television host Willie Revillame for his popular game show.

Earlier, GMA announced that Revillame's contract is set to end February 15, while his "Wowowin" show will air until Friday, Feb. 11.

The same day of the announcement, pictures of Willie along with the billionaire businessman Manny Villar went viral, igniting rumors that the television host will transfer his game show to Advanced Media Broadcasting Systems, a television station owned by Villar.

Recall that Villar will take over the television broadcast frequencies previously used by ABS-CBN, as confirmed by The National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) early this year.

On Instagram, Lolit wrote: "Unfair naman sabihin na umalis si Willie Revillame sa GMA7 Salve. The truth is hindi ni renew ang contract niya."

"Siguro nga ikinabigla ng lahat iyon mga pangyayari, pero ang maliwanag, tinapos ng GMA7 ang kontrata kay Willie at walang alok



na bago kaya hayun, kailangan maghanap ng bagong bahay ang programa niya."

"Huwag ng ibahin pa ang istorya na dahil may Villar kaya umalis si Willie. Talagang tinapos ng GMA7 ang programa niya at hinayaan siya maghanap ng kung saan siya gagawa ng show. Goodluck Willie Revillame, Tutok to Win, gawin mong winner. Bongga!!"

Meanwhile, long-time dancer and choreographer of the game show, Anna Feliciano, seemingly confirmed that they'll be transferring network.

Note that on her Facebook, she shared GMA's statement and wrote: "When something ends, something starts. Sana hindi nyo kami iwan. (heart emoji)."

Then in another post, she thanked Villar and daughter Camille for the visit.

## JC de Vera on Angelica Panganiban: She inspires me, I look up to her

Actor JC de Vera regards his "The Goodbye Girl" co-star Angelica Panganiban as a constant source of inspiration and motivation.

In the TV series, de Vera plays Jeff who offered a book deal for Angelica Panganiban's Yanna character.

"Of course, very blessed ako every time na nasasama ako sa mga projects na nandoon si Ange. Feeling ko talaga, every time I work with her, inspired ako and motivated," the actor said. (Of course, I feel very blessed every time I join projects where Angelica is in the cast. I feel that every time I work with her, I am inspired and motivated.)

For the actor, this is the first time he is able to lavish Panganiban with praise after working with her in other projects in the past. He admires the actress' versatility.

"I look up to her in terms of pagiging [veteran] niya sa acting. Kahit na anong genre iyan, eh, mapadrama, mapa-comedy, rom-com, any genre na ibinigay sa kanya, palaging natatapos niya

ang project with flying colors," he said (I look up to her in terms of her being a veteran in acting. Whatever genre it is, drama, comedy, rom-com, or any genre that it is given to her, she always finishes the project with flying colors.)

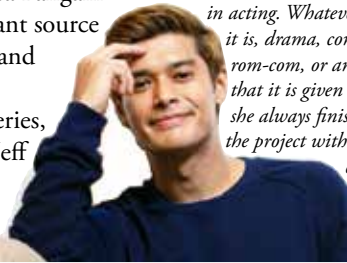
The actor also

expressed his curiosity if Panganiban gets nervous each time she plays a new role.

"Parang never at one point na nakita ko siya (na kinakabahan). Kinakabahan pa ba itong taong ito sa pagpo-portray niya ng iba't ibang characters?" he asked. (It's like never at one point have I ever seen her nervous. Does this person still get nervous when she's portraying different characters?)

De Vera marveled at Panganiban's professionalism too, such that he manages to always learn something new from the actress.

"Meron akong napupulot na magandang tip or magandang way of attacking her character," he said. "It inspires me a lot talaga. I look up to her." (I get to pick up a good tip or a good way of attacking character. It really inspires me a lot.)



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# Xian basang-basa, napagod kay Kim

Ang daming pumuri kay Xian Lim dahil daw sa pagiging patient o matiyaga nitong talaga sa girlfriend na si Kim Chiu.

Naa-appreciate ng mga netizen ang pagiging supportive boyfriend ni Xian kay Kim at sa mga trip nito.

Katulad na lang ng recent Instagram post video ni Kim kunsaan, uma-aura, nagtatakbo ito sa may beach habang matiyayang sinusundan ni Xian na siyang videographer niya.

Eh, ginagawa 'yun ni Kim habang umuulan at malakas ang hangin. Kaya si Xian nang magpakita sa video, natatawang sinabi naman na, "pabilog na ang buwan, basang-basa na 'ko. Basang-basa na 'ko."

Ang daming masaya para sa kanilang



dalawa. At comment din ng ilan kay Xian, "Kapag mahal mo talaga ang isang tao, lahat gagawin mo para sa kanya."

Si Kim naman, very expressive rin sa kanyang boyfriend at pasasalamat nga nito, "always thankful for you @xianlimm hahaha. Lakas ng ulan at hangin!"

# 'Nanginig ako' Zanjoe na-trauma sa eksena kay Jodi

Sa kalagitnaan ng interview ko kay Zanjoe Marudo para sa teleserye niyang "The Broken Marriage Bow" na kung saan ay kasama niya sina Jodi Sta. Maria, Sue Ramirez, Zaijian Jaranilla, biglang nanginig ang boses, katawan ng actor.

Pinakuwento ko kasi kay Zanjoe ang isang matinding eksena, na kung saan ay binugbog niya si Jodi, at nasaksihan ni Zaijian. Para kay Zanjoe, pinakamahirap na eksena 'yon, dahil puno ng emosyon, galit, at may pisikalan pa sa pagitan nila.

"Pinakamahirap na eksenang ginawa namin 'yon, mabuti na lang medyo kalagitnaan na ng taping noong ginawa namin 'yon ni Jodi, na pasok na pasok na kami sa mga character namin.

"Nagtanong-tanong ako sa mga co-stars ko kung nangyayari talaga, na may ginugulpi ba talaga na mga babae.

"Yung ginawa namin ni Jodi na scene na 'yon..." sandaling napatigil si Zanjoe.



"Sa sobrang intense kasi, may nabubuksan kang emosyon na hindi mo naman naranasan sa tunay na buhay.

"Hindi ko naman yon nararamdaman sa totoong buhay, pero dahil sa role ko, sa trabho ko, nabubuksan. After noong scene nayon, gabi ginawa 'yon, kinabukasan na, nandoon pa rin ako sa character, nanginginig pa rin ako.

"Medyo traumatic ang nangyari," sabi ni Zanjoe.

Well, ang mga bitbit na pang-acupuncture raw ni Jodi ang nakatulong sa kanila para mabawasan ang nginig, tensiyon.

## 'Type mo raw ba ako?': Paulo Avelino teases Janine Gutierrez

Kapamilya stars Paulo Avelino and Janine Gutierrez brought "kilig" frenzy to the viewers of the recent fundraising activity of



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Life's brighter under the sun



Janine Gutierrez and Paulo Avelino in a scene in 'Marry Me, Marry You.'

ABS-CBN.

Paulo was dared to call Janine on the phone when the Kumu live reached a million diamond.

The actor then called Janine asking her a question.

"May question sila, type mo raw ba ako?" Avelino said.

Janine only replied with laughter.

"Sasagutin mo na 'ko pag umabot ng 2 million?" Paulo asked Janine.

"Isipin ko, isipin ko," she answered back.

The livestream then hit the two million diamonds so Paulo called Janine again.

"Jojowain ba o tropahin mo daw ba ako?" Paulo asked Janine.

"Pinakasalan na nga kita e," Janine answered, referring to their characters in the recently-concluded ABS-CBN series "Marry Me, Marry You."



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## Paint the Town, Again

Paint the town means to go out drinking, dancing, etc. In short, have a good time. Right now, many restaurant owners would ahve learned by now to open cautiously and not to order too much supplies. You'll never know when you'll suddenly close again. Right now, the only paint I'm doing is the Wednesday painting class at The Filipino Centre Toronto at 4395 Shepaprd East. I actually don't paint. I just hang out and cover the people who are doing the painting. Well, I



Instructor-painter Frank Cruzet paints as student Mercedes Pamulaya looks on.

did paint twice. Once at the start last year. And last February 2 when there was only

”Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.”  
**Lao Tzu**

one student who came. So, besides the instructor, painter Frank Cruzet, it was just me and Mercedes Pamulaya. I was surprised I managed to copy the painting of Frank Cruzet. So, until we are back to normal, I think this is the only painting the town I will be able to do for now. On February 3, 2022, the Filipino Heritage Council of Canada (FHCC) held its Formal Induction Ceremony, conducted officially by the Hon. Orontes V. Castro,

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## Rabiya Mateo Had the Most Gracious Response to a Netizen Calling Her “Am-bisyosa”

Rabiya Mateo, who is currently making waves as an actress, couldn't help but respond to a netizen who called her “am-bisyosa.” On Instagram, the Miss Universe Philippines 2020 titleholder posted a photo of her wearing a chef's uniform during a baking class in Baguio. “Minsan action star, minsan panadero,” she captioned the post. “Was privileged enough to see how to make the ever famous Raisin Bread ng Baguio Country Club.”

In a now-deleted comment, one netizen wrote, “Minsan Beauty queen, Minsan drama queen. Pero kadalasan ambisyosa di naman marunong umarte, talunan pa sa MU.”

“Di naman siguro masama mangarap, ‘yung masama mangbaba ng kapwa,” Rabiya replied. “Medical professional ka di ‘ba? Sana maging doctor ka gaya ng pangarap mo. Keep winning in life!” After her Miss Universe stint, Rabiya—who is a licensed physical therapist—considered working in the U.S. However, she decided to follow her heart and pursue a showbiz career in the Philippines.

Just recently, Rabiya joined GMA as one of its newest talents! “It's the joy talaga of fulfilling another dream, of the trust na ibinigay sa ‘yo ng network to give you projects. I am not that well-experienced, pero they believed in the potential that they saw in me. I am just grateful.” The beauty queen is set to star in the second season of action-drama series Agimat Ng Agila.

## Carlo namayat din, ‘di raw totoong may bagong babae

Yup, ang laki rin nang ibinagsak ng katawan ng aktor sa post ng luxury online store na A-List Avenue kahapon.

Nauna nang nagsalita ang live in partner niyang si Trina Candaza na pumayat daw siya kahit ayaw niya dahil sa iba't ibang rason kasama na ang stress.

Nagkaroon ng insinuation sa post ni Trina na may ibang babae ang aktor. Pero ayon sa isang malapit sa aktor, walang babae si Carlo.

Actually, naaawa nga raw sila sa actor dahil malaking adjustments din ang ginagawa nito bilang isang family man.

Ayon pa sa source, baka nga lover's quarrel lang ang nagaganap or tampusan lang at baka magkabalikan din naman sila.

At ang duda nila, baka sa age gap kaya madalas may nagaganap sa kanilang argumento.

So baka nga ganun lang. Nanatili ring tahimik si Carlo sa mga posting sa social media ng live in partner at mother ng kanyang anak na one-year old na si Mithi.

## Alodia Gosiengfiao undergoes liposuction

Gamer-cosplayer Alodia Gosiengfiao recently underwent surgical procedure courtesy of Vicki Belo.

“Alodia wanted to get rid of the stubborn fat around her abdomen and waist area, but diet and exercise alone seemed to be ineffective. She decided to consult with the expert herself, Dr. Vicki Belo, to see if 360 Liposuction would be a great option. “Recently I've been wearing corsets

for my costumes ganyan. I try to incorporate it para it's nice na glass-shaped. Before, I can do spandex — mga latex ganyan. But now I try to compensate and make it better through other ways. Sana mabalik lang what we can do before.”

Vicki related liposuction is a huge help on the matter.

“Wala nang false advertising,” she said. “Maganda ‘yung when you look at yourself, you look really fit.”

After the liposuction, the online content creator reiterated that the procedure is recommended.

“This is one of the best investments you can do to your body because, I mean, we're always pressured by time. So siyempre you want to look good in your prime years or sana ma-extend para forever young,” she said. That's what I'm really looking forward to,” sey pa ni Anji.

## Belle Mariano recalls how karaoke helped fulfill her dream to be a singer

Belle Mariano looked back at how singing karaoke helped turn her dream to be a singer into a reality culminating on her first-ever concert, “Daylight” last month.

The actress briefly recounted her singing sessions with friends, which helped in “discovering” her talent.

According to host DJ Jhaiho, Mariano was “accidentally” discovered to be a good

singer, thanks to her friends and fellow artists who sang karaoke with her.

“Alam talaga nila na kumakanta ako. Let's say kapag bibisitahin ko sila sa houses nila or ano, nagkakantahan kami. Feeling ko doon din nila nadiscover,” Mariano said.

Mariano then looked back at how her achievements in both singing and acting were only a dream to her in the past while appearing ecstatic over having her first-ever concert.

“Honestly, 10 years ago, siguro hindi ko nakikita [na mangyayari ito] (maybe I would not see this happening). I was just dreaming of this. That little girl was just dreaming of this and now finally achieving and fulfilling her dreams,” she recalled. “Iba talaga ‘yung pakiramdam and I'm just so grateful na nabibigyan ako ng ganitong opportunities.”

## Cristy Fermin confirms Willie Revillame in talks with Manny Villar

Many are speculating as to what exactly made Willie decide to end his run with the network.

In “Cristy Ferminute,” Monday, host Cristy Fermin maintained Willie did not “betray” GMA.

“Nagsabi din naman siyang mag-e-extend siya (ng kontrata) with GMA. Noong Enero nga e, pipirma na talaga dapat siya. Nakahanda ang papel pero hindi ito natuloy,” she shared. As to why, Willie supposedly said: “Wala akong pahinga.”

Cristy noted how Willie was busy with the show all throughout the pandemic, even going to use several locations just to make sure the show airs as scheduled.

She added, “Hindi totoo na hindi ni-renew ng GMA ang kontrata, matagal ng kasado ang kontrata, si Willie ang hindi pumirma.”

Cristy said, “Hindi tinatago ni Willie na kinakausap siya ng pamilya Villar.”

## Francine Diaz says Tough Balancing Her Career With School

For Francine, her education still comes first. Soon-to-be 18-year-old Francine Diaz has accomplished quite a lot for someone in their teen years. She's been starring in more teleseryes,

posing for local brand campaigns, and running her own YouTube channel. And, the actress is still a student, and she's admitted to how hard it's been to juggle school with everything else on her plate.

“Parang nawawala yung focus ko sa school at ang hirap n'yang ibalik,” Francine said.

Even with the online set-up that schools operate on nowadays, it's still a challenge for Francine to keep her studies on track.

Right after studying something for class, Francine would then devote her time to close-reading a script (or vice versa), which inevitably makes things even more mentally challenging for her. She says that, “parang naghahalo-halo na siya kaya minsan [nawawala] na.”

Thankfully though, she has her siblings, particularly her elder sister Chantal, to fall back on when she requires help.

“Kahit ‘di ko sabihin na malungkot ako, nandiyan sila para pasayahin ako,” the 17-year-old expresses, “siguro dahil magkapatid, yung connection feel na, parang automatic.”

## Dimples Romana puts up acting school

“Hello, everybody! I am Dimples Romana and just like you, I am a storyteller.”

That's how Dimples is going to welcome her first batch of students once construction of her school, The Dimples Romana Acting and Personality Development School, is completed and ready to begin classes.

“I believe that we are all storytellers and it's just a matter of how we tell our stories based on the characters that we're going to take on in the future if you were to become an actor,” she said. “And so, parang lagi kong iniisip, Tito Boy, na lahat tayo gusto mag-kuwento. In my school, we actually want to encourage that each and every one of us has a different way of telling our stories.”

Opening a school for acting has been her long-time dream that pushes her to do better in her craft to be able to realize it one day.



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Donny Pangilinan & Belle Mariano and their Love Team:  
**‘We’re in a happy place right now’**

**D**onny had nothing but praise for Belle! Donny Pangilinan, 23, sat down for an interview with Karen Davila where he had nothing but nice words to say about his on-screen partner, Belle Mariano.

The actor, who’s been paired with Belle on TV and movie projects such as the teen rom-com He’s Into Her and Love Is Color Blind, shared that he first met Belle in 2018. He shared, “We didn’t do much together. We just played Mobile Legends and talked a bit.” The actor said that he only got to know Belle better through go-sees and screen tests in 2019.

Karen asked, “Kayo ba talaga ni Belle?” Donny responded, “Belle and I are in a happy place

right now. We’re very grateful for our situation and blessed to be an inspiration to people, hopefully. We’re blessed to be having these projects together.”

The actor also shared that he and Belle are “very close,” and Donny revealed some things he likes about his on-screen partner: “What I like about her is herself. Sometimes, to a fault, but in a good way. She separates herself, goes with what she thinks, and doesn’t care about what other people say. I really admire that about her, she doesn’t let anyone affect her, and she’s very focused.”

Hindi itinanggi ni Belle Mariano na dumaan din sila ni Donny Pangilinan sa awkward stage noong una silang nagkakilala.

“Obviously, from the very start,

sobrang awkward. But now, like what I’ve said earlier, I’ve gotten comfortable enough to be myself, to be vulnerable in front of him,” aniya. Nagpapasalamat din siya kay Donny dahil sa suportang ibinibigay nito sa kanya bilang love team partner at kaibigan.

“He’s really one of my support systems,” aniya.

Karen also touched on the topic where Donny defended Belle after she was bashed by fans. He said, “You’re in showbiz, what can you expect? But we tell each other, those voices don’t matter. Who do you put your trust in ba or all your worries, is it them? First of all, we don’t know them and they don’t know us. Belle is so talented, she has so much ahead of her and I’m just happy that I get to witness this journey.”

Donny also revealed that he’s just himself when he’s with Belle. He said, “Sometimes, when I’m with people I’m not super close to, it’s hard to open up and hard for me to you know, move without thinking



Remember the 1970’s Teenage Stars live on Channel 2 Operation Damayan. (L-R) Sahlee Quizon, Tina Revilla, Vilma Santos, Nora Aunor, Aurora Salve, Geraldine and Maritess Revilla.1972.

too much. But with her, it’s chill lang.”

To those who are curious, Donny also let us in on his ligaw style and it’s good to know that in this digital day and age, the actor still prefers to do it the old-fashioned way. “I’m the type of guy who likes writing letters,” he told Karen. “Maybe send flowers or something, that’s not really digital and can’t be seen online. Kasi, nowadays, those are so rare.”

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Philippine Consul General in Toronto, at the Philippine Consulate General office on Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Congratulations to the newly Elected Executive Officers, Directors and Members of FHCC. Thank you for coming.

That’s all for now.

Let’s be careful out there. 🙏



**Kylie shows her boobs**

Hindi lang kalalakihan kung hindi maging ang kababaihan ay nabighani sa kagandahan ni Kylie Verzosa.

Sa kaniyang Instagram post, nagpasilip ng boobs ang aktres.

Bukod kasi sa mirror selfie ay mayroon pa itong larawan na nakadapa siya at inipit niya ang kaniyang dibdib.

“I studied all angle #quaranthings,” caption ng aktres.

Maging ang ilang personalidad ay nag-comment din.

Narito ang ilang reaksiyon nila:

“Last pic burned me,” comment ng celebrity fashion designer at YouTube vlogger na si Christiana Collings.

“The last photo,” comment ng netizen na si @jecinthebox.

“Kylie Jenner ng PH,” comment ni @jasmine\_riceee.



**Shanaia Gomez on Her PBB Experience:**  
**“There are no words to express how grateful I am”**

She also said that is still not used to being in the “outside world.”

ICYMI: Shanaia Gomez, a former Pinoy Big Brother: Community Season 10 housemate, shared in an interview that she is still not used to being in the “outside world.” She was the seventh evictee in the show, along with Benedix Ramos.

“It’s so unreal. Like it’s so crazy until now, I still haven’t got used to the idea that I am in the outside world na

talaga. Sometimes, I forget na wala na akong lapel. Sometimes, I feel that there are still cameras on the walls,” she shared.

She added: “It’s so crazy but I love being in the outside world. I am so happy, I’ve been so overwhelmed with this support in a great way.”

The 19-year-old also mentioned that she feels “grateful” and “happy” about all the support she has received since joining PBB. “I really did not expect this at all,” she gushed.

When asked about what she learned after being

a housemate, Shanaia said that she learned how to handle different people and personalities. “I learned how to be with people. I never lived with anyone that wasn’t my family before. I learned a lot about myself as a person. Before entering Kuya’s house, I had no idea that the feelings of other people affect me as well,” she noted.

Shanaia is currently a Rise artist. She also joined the cast of the digital anthology series Click, Like, Share, where she starred in the episode “Swap” alongside Belle Mariano.





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Gerald Anderson Being Julia Barreto's

Instagram Boyfriend\* is the Best Thing You'll See Today

Julia Barreto launched her own brand, The Juju Club, late last year.

Her online store is filled to the brim with accessories that will make any kikay girl happy—like bandanas, sunglasses, rings, clips, and more! Julia has also been super \*hands-on\* with her brand, involving herself in the process of brainstorming, sourcing, and

even modeling her products. The best part? Even her boyfriend, Gerald Anderson, has been totally \*supportive\* since the launch, and the internet was quick to gather proof. Case in point: One of their Instagram fan accounts recently reposted a behind-the-scenes vid-

eo of Gerald acting as Juju's photographer as she posed and showed off the Juju tote bag, one of the products she's selling. Gerald can be seen leaning back a few times while trying to get the \*perfect\* shot, proving that he's a total Instagram boyfriend! The netizens in the comments also praised

him for being supportive of Juju and her business. FYI, an ~Instagram boyfriend~ has become the internet's term for someone who takes your double tap-worthy, photogenic shots. They help you pose, figure out the optimal lighting set-up, and even hype you up as you pose away!



Janella Salvador opens up on physical

abuse in past relationship, trauma

being around drunk men

Janella Salvador has opened up about her past relationship and the trauma she suffered after experiencing physical abuse.

Janella previously claimed her ex-boyfriend, actor Elmo Magalona, physically abused her, after he allegedly hit her while he's drunk. She chose to forgive him despite not having closure, in an interview with comedian and talent manager Ogie Diaz. "May trauma siyang nadulot sakin. Naforgive ko naman na.

The experience gave her the trauma of being around drunk men, adding how she and her partner, actor Markus Paterson are compromising when it comes to drinking. "Actually, 'yung naging trauma sa 'kin hindi 'yung physical part e. I have never talked about this. "Syempre he's [Markus Paterson] younger, hindi niya maiwasan na gusto niyang mag-enjoy minsan. Hindi niya naman din kasalanan na may trauma ako pero we're trying to work on it," she added.

She then stressed that she would never tolerate abuse again as she doesn't want to go into the same situation twice. Salvador and Paterson share a son together, Jude, who they revealed to the public in January last year.



FEAST OF STO. NINO: left to right, Fr. Gerardo Balandan blesses the statues, Mel Galeon poses with Fr. Balandan, and FV Foods provides the refreshments afterwards.

The 'traumatic experience' Kim Chiu will tell

her future kids and grandkids

"It never crossed my mind," said actress Kim Chiu when asked whether or not she also considered leaving her home network, ABS-CBN, especially since her boyfriend, Xian Lim, is now seen on GMA 7. "After I fought so hard for the network when it was shut down in 2020, why would I even entertain the idea? I endured a lot of beating as a result. It would be shocking to see me one day appearing in a different channel," she said.

Intense bashing

Kim received intense bashing, mainly from netizens, after she uploaded a clip of her expressing grief that her home network was forced to go off the air. The video would eventually be called the "Bawal Lumabas." "I owe a debt of gratitude to ABS-CBN because of PBB. There was no person responsible for my being in show biz other than Direk Lauren. I would feel ashamed to leave him."

Kim was the first-ever grand winner of the Teen edition of reality talent search "Pinoy Big Brother" in 2006. Lauren Dyogi, now head of Star Magic, is also head of ABS-CBN's TV production and PBB executive producer.

Big deal

The controversial "Bawal Lumabas" video eventually opened doors for Kim, who recorded and released a single with the same title. She also starred in a TV series and a horror movie with themes inspired by the "Bawal Lumabas" video. Kim said she hoped ABS-CBN would finally resume airing on free TV. "Who wouldn't be afraid of the possibility of our company eventually closing down. ABS-CBN is a big deal to us, show biz people. It has given a lot of individuals the chance to fulfill their dreams. I'm not only speaking about us artists but also those working



behind the cameras," Kim pointed out. "The company is still here, surviving, but of course, it's different if it already has its own franchise. It will be able to provide jobs to more people," she insisted. As to how life has been since the shutdown & the 2020 pandemic lockdown, Kim said: "I didn't let negative life experiences defeat me, although they almost did. Years from now, I will recall this time in my life as a story of victory because I did not allow bad things that were said about me to affect me emotionally. Of course, I didn't achieve this on my own. Good people offered their shoulders for me to cry on. When you're already feeling helpless, God will always send someone to lift you up," Kim pointed out. Surviving the "traumatic experience" will be something that she will "proudly tell my future kids and grandkids, again and again," the 31-year-old declared.



LEFT, As a token of remembrance and appreciation, Consul General Orontes V. Castro presented the FHCC Elected Officers with Dr. Jose Rizal's two Novels, "Noli Me Tangere" & "El Filibusterismo". RIGHT, Hon. Orontes V. Castro, Consul General and Joseph Redoblado, FHCC prexy, cutting the cake



**'It's a boy':** Kelley Day jokes after tagged 3rd third party in Carla Abellana, Tom Rodriguez alleged split

Beauty queen-turned-actress Kelley Day sure knows how to make light of recent rumors that dragged her name in an alleged celebrity breakup.

"Gender reveal... It's a boy," Kelley quipped in the caption of her latest Instagram photo series, which shows off her family's cute pet dog. She added in her UK photo dump, "We do have a new addition to the family!"

Recently, the Miss Eco International 2021 1st runner-up shut down some social media allegations that she's pregnant and was the third party that caused the alleged breakup of actors Tom Rodriguez and Carla Abellana, who got married just last October. Though Kelley did not mention names in her



Instagram story, her post seemed to address the issue head on.

"Many people are speculating about my involvement in a certain rumor/blind item story that seem to have been circulating today. So before things get too out of hand, I'd like to clarify that I have no knowledge of/involvement with the controversy," she wrote in her Instagram story.

The breakup rumor became viral online after reports that Tom unfollowed her wife on Instagram, and shared a cryptic Instagram post afterwards. The couple are now following each other on Instagram but did not confirm nor deny the breakup rumors as of this writing.

**'I know which battles to fight': Agot Isidro on dealing with 'real-life kontrabida'**

Actress Agot Isidro shared how she deals with "real-life kontrabidas."

Playing a "kontrabida" herself in the hit ABS-CBN revenge-drama series "La Vida Lena," the actress candid with her answers when asked about she deals with a "kontrabida" during the presscon.

"For me, (the key is) knowing yourself. Kila-la ko ang sarili ko, and I know which battles to fight, which battles to just let go," she said.

"Alam ko 'yung mga ganyan — alam ko ang values ko, alam ko ang paninindigan ko. I know if I should take the battle all the way, if I should stop, or if I should just let it go," she added.

Agot plays the feisty character of Vanessa Narciso in "La Vida Lena," who always bickers and fights with Janice de Belen's Ramona Joaquin.

"La Vida Lena" follows the story of Lena (Erich Gonzales), who worked hard building her soap business despite a scar on her face. Narciso family wants to acquire her formula, resulting to Lena facing various challenges. Lena sought revenge with a new face and stature after many roadblocks.



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nun."

She is willing to also swap bodies with co-star Shanaia for a Pinoy Big Brother (PBB) stint. "Yeah, of course, 'coz whoever's life it may be, kung kanino man ako ma-swap, I know I will learn through that journey. Alam kong may matutunan ako sa bawat buhay ng kung sino man taong makikipag-swap ako," she said.

Among the Top 5 celebrity housemates of PBB: Kmunty Season 10, Shanaia picked one of the winners, Alyssa Valdez, to switch bodies with. "Kasi hindi po talaga ako athletic. So parang it's so interesting to see what it's like to be (her)," said Shanaia.

Shanaia said how much she loved collaborating with Belle in this episode. "It was great na my first project (was) with a Rise Artist din. So medyo we already knew each other. Belle is very kind. She is easy to get along with and she really helped me din if I had questions. I really enjoyed

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Belle Mariano plays a deeply insecure girl.

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# Death of Cheslie Kryst mourned by Miss Universe org, Filipino beauty queens

Marian Rivera is one of the many celebrities who are mourning the death of Miss USA 2019 Cheslie Kryst. It can be recalled that the two bonded last December during the Miss Universe 2021 pageant, as they both became part of the judge panel.

Cheslie served as a preliminary judge during Marian's time as part of the Miss Universe 2021 selection com-

mittee. In her Instagram story, the Kapuso star shared a post from the Instagram account @dantes.updates that showed a photo of herself sharing the stage with Cheslie during last year's Miss Universe pageant. She simply used crying and broken heart emojis to express her grief.

Rivera has spoken very fondly not just of her time as a Miss Universe 2021 judge, but also of her co-members on the committee, saying in previous interviews that the women are all down-to-earth and humble and they have formed special friendships among the circle. "May communication pa rin kami at nag-uusap pa rin kami. Sila mismo ina-approach ka nila. Nakakatuwa na

nakasama ko sila," she recalled. Kryst reportedly jumped from her Manhattan apartment and her body was found on the sidewalk outside the building. Though the cause of death was not indicated in her family's statement, the New York Police Department confirmed that it was death by suicide, as per The Hollywood Reporter (THR). Catriona Gray, Pia Wurtzbach and the Miss Universe organization expressed their grief over the untimely passing of Miss USA 2019 Cheslie Kryst Jan. 30.



Catriona Gray and Miss USA 2019 Cheslie Kryst



Miss USA 2019 Cheslie Kryst & Marian Rivera She was 30 years old. Gray then urged the public to reach out to their friends and loved ones who are in need of mental health support. "Let's reach out to friends and loved ones. These continue to be isolating times, mental health is so important, let's not downplay its importance in the lives of every individual," she said. Kryst won in the 2019 Miss USA pageant as the representative of North Carolina, and later on competed at the Miss Universe 2019 pageant. She was also a correspondent for the entertainment news program "Extra."

## Cristine Reyes says goodbye to sensual roles

Fans waiting to see Cristine Reyes appear in bold films should not hold their breath. The 32-year-old mother vowed never to go that route again.

These include posing as calendar girl or appearing in films that seemingly advocates affairs.

This is what she divulged in Liza Soberano's podcast, recently.

She said: "The only thing that hinders me from loving my job is doing some roles that I myself am not comfortable with. Movies that are advocating affairs...endorsing something like liquor and then you're wearing a two-piece. For me, my God, I'm so tired. I don't want to do it anymore."

Cristine has her reasons. She enumerated: "It makes me uncomfortable, first.



Second, you lose your self-respect." "That's the only thing that bothers me a lot with my career. I've always been seen in a different light. That I'm an object," she added. Her newfound tack stems from her having attended a program on self-love in Los Angeles, California last year. The course, she said, made her more aware of the root of her fears, anger, and general behavior, inas-much as it also made her realize her self-worth. Of course, she's scared her decision might end her career. She said, "I'm a single mom and nobody is supporting me." But all is not lost. Already in the works are three films that veer from such. Will it work for Cristine? Well, she could ask Kim Domingo.

## Gretchen Ho learns a quarantine mantra: 'Relax, don't worry, God's got you!'

TV host Gretchen Ho was able to survive a weeklong isolation by reading over and over a message which she got from a friend. "To those who are feeling quite alone in quarantine, just wanted to share with you what gave me comfort in isolation (as close contact)." "On the first day, since I was scared of being alone, I took out my white board where I normally write tasks for the day... and just wrote down this message I got from a friend... 'Relax.. Don't worry. God's got you! You are not alone [smiley].'" she said.

"Every morning I would wake up to this message, it would be the first thing I'd see, and the words did not only bring me comfort, but also a smile on my face. I felt the Lord's reassuring presence," she said. Ho likened her isolation to a "silent retreat," deciding to use the time "for quality silence and prayer... for slowing down time a little... for being more in the moment... and learning new things" in her home. She noted, also expressing her gratitude "for the guidance on how to spend this time, and for the peace" that she felt.

## BASIL & JOSIE RODRICKS' ANNIVERSARY

Basil and Josie Rodricks celebrated their anniversary with a dinner with their children Aidan and Kathryn. Happy Anniversary to both of you.

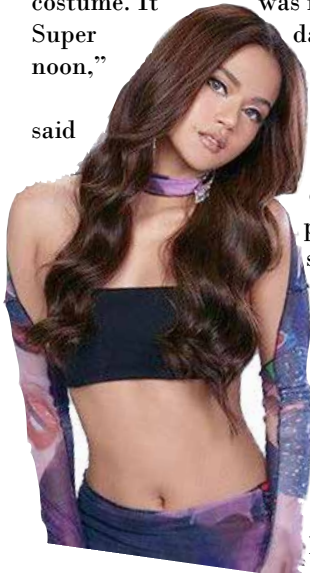


## Maris Racial shares 'Darna' audition experience

Kapamilya actress Maris Racial revealed that she auditioned for the Darna role that eventually went to Jane de Leon.

Maris said that the experience was fun. "Lahat naman yata dumaan, parang pina-try. Oo, nag-try din ako. Nag-try din ako magsuot ng costume. It was fun, grabe. Super dami namin noon," she said. Maris said that she really dreams of playing a superheroine role because of her love for Marvel.

"Dream ko rin ta-laga mag-karoon ng superhero movie. Kakanood ko ito ng Marvel. Gusto ko na tuloy na may super-power," she said. She noted that even though she not bag the role, she's happy for Jane. "Na-enjoy ko siya kasi exciting 'yung fact na nag-a-audition ka for Darna, and 'yung lines, 'yung rush niya. Masayang experience naman siya. 'Yung mga ganu'ng moments, dapat happy ka lang or chill ka lang. Gawin mo lang kung ano 'yung pinapagawa nila," she said.



## 'We were pregnant and then no more'; Bettina Carlos suffers miscarriage

Actress Bettina Carlos revealed that she suffered miscarriage with her second baby. In her Instagram account, the actress gave an emotional message of hope to those who suffered the same fate.

"We were pregnant and then no more," the actress began her post. "To all the mothers who have lost their children before they could even hold them, feel them, see them (in the flesh or ultrasound), may you too find peace in this: God's purposes for the lives of our unborn children were fully fulfilled however long or short they were IN us. Their lives did not go to waste," she added. She then gave a reminder that there's always God's purpose in every thing, every life and everyone no matter what.

"And in the same way, YOU, if you are still breathing that means God's purpose for you is not yet fulfilled-hence your very life and every breath," she said. She continued expressing her faith. "Lord, You were so gracious in giving to us and You are still good even in taking away. Thank you for the fresh hope and new joy You gave us even for a very short while. Thank you for the assurance that one day, in heaven, we will see and be with our child. Thank you for what You give when You take away. What we gain from this loss." Bettina and husband Mikki Eduardo tied the knot in December 2020. She has a daughter Amanda from her previous relationship.

## Cherie Gil debuts shaved head on Mega cover

"What's hair diba? It grows back. It's symbolic to my personal growth," the actress says. Cherie Gil made a bold statement when she debuted her shaved head on the cover of Mega Magazine's 30th anniversary issue. Mega revealed the cover featuring Cherie February 4. She said her new look is part of "a rebirth of sorts." "I got rid of all the clothes I had that symbolized a past life...I'm completely finding myself and coming to terms with who I really am. It's just great to have this opportunity and to be alive to start over," she said. "I won't deny that I have gone to therapy and counseling. Years and years of doing that, I learned that it just boils down to doing the hard work on and with yourself by whatever means. What's hair diba (right)? It grows back. It's symbolic to my personal growth. When a woman is in distress, she cuts her hair," she said. According to the article the veteran actress has moved to New York, where her cover shoot also took place. Cherie is one of three cover girls for Mega's 30th anniversary issue. Nadine Lustre and Scarlet Snow Belo were also featured in separate covers.



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## Beauty queen Janelle Lewis confirms she’s dating Kiko Estrada

Miss World Philippines 2021 2nd Princess Janelle Lewis has finally confirmed that she’s dating actor Kiko Estrada.

During the press conference for her movie Taklas 1, the beauty-queen-turned-actress was asked about her and Kiko’s real status. “We’re dating. Me and Kiko are dating,” she replied. She also clarified that she only got involved with the actor after Kiko ended her short romance with actress Heaven Peralejo.

Kiko and Heaven confirmed their relationship in August 2021, six months after the two were first rumored to be dating, after speculations that Kiko and ex-girlfriend

Devon Seron, who went public with their relationship in 2019, had broken up because of Heaven’s alleged involvement. Kiko had denied the cheating and “overlapping” allegations involving his relationships with Heaven and Devon. But in September, breakup rumors between the actor and Heaven started circulating when fans noticed that Kiko deleted photos from his Instagram account and had stopped following



the actress. In October, Heaven confirmed that she’s single, and has already moved on. Relationship rumors between Kiko, 26, and Janelle, 20, started in early January 2022 when the beauty queen shared videos with the actor on her TikTok account.

“I met him a few months after their breakup,” she said.

Janelle also revealed that Kiko was invited to judge the Miss World Philippines 2021 pageant, but she asked him to not accept the offer since they were already getting to

know each other at that time. Janelle was one of the candidates and she was named 2nd Princess after Ganiel Krishnan relinquished her title.

After her pageant stint, Janelle said that they started to see each other more and got even closer. “Other people may interpret him as mayabang or pilosopo (arrogant). But when you actually get to know him, [he’s] super soft-hearted,” she said.

She added that she already met his family, “It’s honestly nice to have someone who would care for you so much.... It was nice getting to know his family and his mom is also very welcoming.”

Before joining beauty pageants, Janelle also joined StarStruck in 2019.

## Claire, transfer agad sa Kapamilya

Lumipat na pala sa ABS-CBN si Claire Castro na ipinakilala ng GMA 7 sa Nagbabagang Luha nila ni



Isang teleserye pa lang ang nagawa ni Claire sa Kapuso network at ilang guesting sa mga show, ayun, lumipat na at pumirma na ng kontrata sa Star Magic. Nagulat ang mga taga-GMA sa balitang ito dahil

inakala nilang solid ang pagiging Kapuso ni Claire, pero ayun, nasa kabilang bakod na. Ibig sabihin, wala siyang kontrata sa Sparkle at kung bakit hindi siya in-offeran ng kontrata, hindi natin alam.

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in which case these are largely positive in his favor, seeking to promote him,” said Chua.

Senator Francis Pangilinan, Robredo’s running-mate, then asked a categorical question to Chua. He asked: “So there is disinformation to attack negatively Vice President Leni, and there is disinformation to promote Bongbong Marcos?”

“Correct. At this point, that is how the landscape looks like,” Chua answered. “If you find issues being used against the Vice President, in the case of Mr. Marcos, a lot of these would be endorsements that are spurious actually from various sectors, from celebrities and even heads of state, like the New Zealand Prime Minister, who was said to have endorsed him when this was not the case.”

“And of course a lot of historical inaccuracies that have been revived or resurfaced in connection with his father, the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos Sr.,” she further noted.

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claiming that New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern had expressed support for Marcos. According to fact-checker Vera Files, the claim is not true and there is no record of Ardern expressing support for the former senator.

We sought comment from Marcos’ camp

through his chief of spokesperson Atty. Victor Rodriguez but has yet to receive a response as of posting time.

## Rico Blanco recounts how he fell in love with Maris Racal: ‘Ang positive ng vibe niya’



Rico Blanco opened up on how his relationship with Maris Racal started, noting that the actress’ “happy vibe” helps bring out the best in him.

The musician admitted that he initially did not have feelings for Racal despite working with her in projects in the past, as seen in the virtual media conference for “The Goodbye Girl.” Blanco was asked when he found out he had feelings for the actress and what he thinks of her as a girlfriend.

“We were trying to find out, kami ni Maris,

sometime ago how did it happen. Parang little by little lang,” he answered.

Blanco noted that during work, he tends to be professional, so he never thought of dating Racal when they were collaborating.

“I think, definitely not the first time I met her. Definitely not when we were working on the song and recording,” he said. “I take pride in my professionalism in the studio and no matter if I think the person that I’m working with is attractive or not, or even on the set when I’m doing acting.”

Blanco then recalled that he and Racal communicated online after working together, and he believes it was during this time that he fell in love with her.

“I think it was sometime after we were done working on the song. Sa mga talks namin siguro. Nagkakamustahan kami, yata,” he said. The former Rivermaya frontman then said that Racal’s positive attitude helps bring out the “child-like fun” in every person, which he also observed when he bonded with the actress’ siblings and mother.

“Ang gusto ko kay Maris is she doesn’t even realize it but nakaka-happy ‘yung vibe niya. It’s something that I think is normal to them magkakapatid,” he narrated. “I hung out with the sisters also and the family and even with Maris’ mom and that’s the vibe there, parang barkada.” “In general positive, ang positive ng vibe niya. It brings out the best in me. Yung positive side ko nalalabas din kasi minsan nakakalimutan ko din na I’m playful pala,” he added. “There’s a bit of child-like fun in every person and then she brings that out.”

Meanwhile, when asked how Blanco is as a boyfriend, Racal described being with him as feeling safe and secure.

“If ‘yung presence ko to him is like fun at happy, sa’kin talaga [he] is pahinga and security. I feel safe when he’s around,” she said. “Feeling ko, any kind of problem or overthinking, kapag sinasabi ko sa kanya, he always gives this logical reason kung bakit ko ‘yun nararamdaman and unti-unti kong naiintindihan ‘yung self ko and whatever I was thinking.”

Racal confirmed her relationship with Blanco in May 2021. The two have collaborated on several songs together, such as “Not for Me” in 2021 and “Abot Langit” in 2019. The actress’ song “Ate Sandali” was also produced by Blanco in June 2021, while she co-wrote the track “Asa Naman” with him in September last year.

“The Goodbye Girl” is an upcoming limited series starring Blanco, Racal, Angelica Panganiban and JC de Vera, among others. It follows Yanna (Panganiban), who tells stories of other women whom she gave advice amid their heartbreaks.





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## Anthony Taberna cries foul over ‘biased’ remarks vs Jessica Soho



Broadcaster Anthony Taberna seized the opportunity to express opinion over presidential bet and former senator Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr.’s absence from GMA’s “The Jessica Soho Presidential Interviews” special.

According to Taberna, he understood BBM’s camp for not accommodating the interview request because it may hurt the presidential aspirant’s survey lead over his opponents.

But while for Taberna, it seemed “okay” for Marcos’ spokesperson Vic Rodriguez to issue a statement for Marcos’ reason for not accommodating Jessica Soho’s interview invitation, Taberna said it is not good to use the claim that Soho was being “biased” as an excuse to evade the interview.

“Okay naman sana pero tingin ko ‘di tamang katwiran ‘yung biased si Jessica Soho. Wala sa hulog ‘yung pangangatwiran na ‘yun. Sabihin n’yo na lang na ayaw n’yong magpa-interview, tapos!” Taberna said.

Instead of saying that a media person was biased, Taberna advised political candidates to instead say that they are “busy” because it is not illegal to turn down interview requests, as it is also legal for journalists to ask tough questions.

“Kung ayaw n’yang pumunta sa interview, okay lang ‘yun. Pero ‘yung titirahin pa ‘yung host, para sa’kin, mali ‘yun.”

He claimed that all media outlets are biased and he, too, is “biased for the truth.”



Scene from “Deception,” a crime-drama.

## No ‘kilig’:

### Claudine Barretto-Mark Anthony Fernandez reunion movie not a love story

While Mark Anthony Fernandez used to be a “playboy,” there was never a time, Claudine Barretto said, when she felt deceived by the actor back when they were dating as teenagers in the 1990s.

“Kahit babaero si Mark, he never hurt me in a way in which I was deceived, naisahan or naloko. That’s why we still have a good relationship after all these years,” she said in a presscon for the drama-mystery film, “Deception,” a crime-drama, which is now on Vivamax.

Claudine, whose last project with Mark was 1995’s “Mangarap Ka,” said her former reel- and real-life sweetheart is still the “gentleman” she has always known. But the 42-year-old actress said the prospect of rekindling romance with Mark is something she doesn’t see happening ... for now.

“I’ll wait for whatever may happen ... I don’t see it yet with Mark. Our shooting was quick — kulang pa sa bonding,” she said. “It’s important to know each other again first, before venturing into something else,” she added. “This movie isn’t a love story that’s kilig. It’s different from what the fans expect from us.” In 2011, Claudine decided to take a hiatus, after her split with ex-husband, Raymart Santiago. “It was a hard decision to leave showbiz. But I didn’t want my kids to feel that they didn’t have a mother and a father,” related Claudine.

But despite her absence, her love for acting hasn’t waned one bit. “Acting, winning awards and having a successful movie were things I dreamed about when I was a child. And I was lucky to have achieved those. I feel really blessed,” Claudine said. “And I’m still passionate about acting. I pour everything into my craft.”



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# Belle Mariano shines in first-ever digital concert ‘Daylight’

Actor Donny Pangilinan sure has his way of making Belle Mariano special when he graced the latter’s first-ever solo concert, “Daylight,” last Jan 29.

Mariano shared the stage with Pangilinan, who played the keyboard for the first time in an event, when they sang the theme song of their debut movie as a love team, “Love Is Color Blind.” Pangilinan and Mariano, collectively known as “DonBelle”, performed “For Your Eyes Only”, while the actor was playing the keyboard. Netizens gushed when Pangilinan stood up and asked Mariano for a short dance while the song’s instrumental was playing. “It really means so much na nandito ka,” Mari-



ano told Pangilinan after their number. “Ano ka ba? Para sa’yo,” Pangilinan answered. “Actually, I never played the keyboard in an event, live, before. The fact na ‘For Your Eyes Only’ na theme song pa ng first-ever movie natin, it’s such an honor to be here sa concert ni Belle Mariano.” He also expressed how proud he is of Mariano’s success in the music industry. DonBelle has enjoyed a

meteoric rise to fame in the past year through the ABS-CBN series “He’s Into Her” followed by the movie “Love Is Color Blind.” The 90-minute digital concert on Saturday highlighted Mariano’s vocal prowess as she performed different music genres in the entire show, showing her versatility. The show topped trending topics on Twitter as “BELLerightest Daylight-Concert” stayed number in the list for several hours while “#BelleDaylightConcert” was included in the top 5. DonBelle has enjoyed a meteoric rise to fame in the past year through the ABS-CBN series “He’s Into Her” followed by the movie “Love Is Color Blind.”

## Anji Salvacion’s

## message for ‘missing’ dad



When Anji Salvacione got out of Pinoy Big Brother (PBB) house after her Top 2 finish, along with Alyssa Valdez, she called her family in Siargao Island and checked on them. She was relieved they were OK and safe. Anji detailed her humble beginnings while she was starting out in the entertainment industry. From Siargao Island, she would travel long hours to General Santos City to try out auditions. Because of these modest beginnings, she was able to “appreciate small roles” as a newcomer. She was a double body for Sam Cruz and her older sister but now, she gets to work with them and they’ve become close friends. “Every role matters.” and realize we should appreciate talaga more kung among meron tayo,” said the 19-year-old actress-singer. Dubbed as the “Singing Sweetheart of Siargao,” Anji also recalled how her mother, a registered nurse, took care of their family during those tough times. When the typhoon had passed, her mom flew right away to Siargao to help fellow

Siargaonons. Meanwhile, Anji’s dad, who went missing when she was eight years old, is her source of inspiration in making music, with tracks such as Coming Back and Dalampasigan. The self-confessed daddy’s girl fondly recalled her memory of him during the interview. “I remember that he is always so sweet to me. Palagi niya akong pino-protektahan. My dad spoiled me a lot.” “We don’t know what really happened to him and we still don’t have that closure,” she said of her father, an American citizen with Jewish-Russian descent. She described her parents as a happily married couple until her missionary dad disappeared. “Daddy, wherever you are, just know that I love you so much and you are the best dad that we ever had. Mommy and I are blessed to have you. Kasi you taught us how to really love, how to build a strong bond with each other, and like how you really protected us from all stuff, na hindi mo kami iniwan.” She vowed, “You’re always gonna be my daddy. You’re always gonna be my hero. Just know that we love you so much. You inspire me a lot daddy. I love you.”

# Neri Miranda thanks netizen for spellcheck



Actress Neri Miranda didn’t take it badly when a netizen reminded her of the correct spelling of the word “achieve.” It all started when Neri commented on the bikini photos of Sarah Lahbati flaunting her stretch marks. Neri commented: “Grabe yung tyan!!! (loudly crying face emoji) paano ma-achive? (hugging face emoji).” An online user interjected, writing: “@ mrsnerimiranda achieve kasi yon. Kulang ka ng E.” Neri acknowledged her mistake. “ay oo nga no? (face with tears of joy emojis) thanks for correcting me! (face throwing a kiss emoji),” she replied. This is not the first time that Neri exchanged messages with an online user on Sarah’s post. Some days ago, she also cleared the air when a netizen seemingly put malice to her husband Chito Miranda’s comment on Sarah’s video. The clip shows Richard Gutierrez’s wife transforming from her shooting range outfit to her swimsuit look. The Parokya ni Edgar vocalist, meanwhile, reacted to the post with fire emojis. Then an online user teased: “Alam ba ‘yan ng asawa mo? (smiling face with cold sweat emoji).” But before Chito responded, Neri explained: “eh hot naman talaga si Sarah, kahit ako mapapa second look. (face throwing a kiss emoji) Nakakaduda kapag sabihin ng asawa ko na pangit so Sarah (face with tears of joy emoji).” Later, Sarah interrupted, saying: “Daming mema (face with tears of joy emoji) hi misis miranda (face throwing a kiss emoji).” Which, Neri recognized and answered with: “hello, Mrs. Gutierrez (face throwing a kiss emoji).” Chito also butted in. According to him, his comment actually means “on fire.”

## Did Edward Barber get buff?

Kapamilya actor and host Edward Barber surprised so many of his fans when a picture of him surfaced recently looking fit and gorgeously toned. The PBB alum is not shirtless and not even flexing as the candid shot shows him in a black polo shirt and denim, carrying a plastic bag full of what seemed to be bottles of water, with his ubiquitous headband and that boyish smile hidden behind a mask (remember to

always wear one). But his visible bulkier chest and more muscular veiny arms sent his supporters into a frenzy as they jokingly mourned the loss of their “baby boy” but at the same time celebrated Edward’s romantic leading man and action star physique. Edward, 21, has been working on his fitness during this quarantine. In fact, his goals for 2022 is to go to the gym and have a healthier diet. Edward’s fitness goal “I spent too long in 2020 and 2021 sitting inside my room! This year is going to be different, no matter what life looks like!” he wrote in one of his IG posts. Edward’s discipline in working out has been serving him well and now fans are clamoring for him to go back into acting as he will light up the screen with his striking manly looks plus that instinctive acting chops.



## Carla Abellana gets inked

Carla Abellana just fulfilled a long-held dream. She got a tattoo. It’s a little red heart located at the back of her ear. The actress said, “I’ve been wanting to get a new tattoo actually. I’ve been planning to



get two tattoos. But today, I will get just one. One lang muna.” As to why she had it done behind her ear, she explained, “They say it’s not as painful because it’s in a boney area, not in a fleshy area.” She found it to be true. “It was very comfortable, sobrang gaan ng kamay ng tattoo artist. No pain whatsoever.” Many of her fans shared their approval, showering the post with likes. Notably, among those who also liked the post is husband, Tom Rodriguez. That said, there are others who noticed that Carla wasn’t wearing her wedding ring in the video. Their comments: “Asan wedding ring mu?” “So hiwalay na talaga sila??? Sad....” “Still hoping, praying that it ain’t true...”

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Tourism Secretary Berna Romulo-Puyat said the country will reopen its doors to travelers from more than 150 countries with visa-free privileges starting Feb. 10. Foreign travelers will no longer be required to quarantine in government-designated centers upon arrival if they have been fully vaccinated and tested negative prior to arrival, officials said. The government had initially planned to lift the ban on Dec. 1 but indefinitely postponed it as the more contagious omicron variant spread, which also prompted authorities to reim-

pose tighter restrictions.

The number of daily infections has dropped considerably in the capital in recent days. “We’re done with border control,” Health Undersecretary Rosario Vergeire said, adding that government focus has shifted to preventing community transmission of the omicron variant, which has caused five deaths in the country so far. “We are also aware that there is no room for complacency given the unpredictability of the virus,” Puyat said. “We will closely monitor the situation and ensure that health and safety protocols are strictly implemented in all tourism

establishments.”

The number of tourists dropped by more than 6 million, and more than a million Filipinos lost their jobs in tourism businesses and destinations in the first year of the pandemic alone, according to government statistics. Tourism destinations, including popular beach and island resorts, resembled ghost towns at the height of pandemic lockdowns. The Philippines has reported more than 3.5 million confirmed COVID-19 infections, with 53,801 deaths, the second-highest totals in Southeast Asia after Indonesia.



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### Vice Ganda

UnkabogaBall2021 was not just an event that showcased over-the-top fashion and flamboyant personalities, it's also a rainbow-colored statement that trains the spotlight on the members of the LGBT community that have been entertaining Filipinos via social media platforms. Made possible by comedian and TV host Vice Ganda, the night can also be described with two words: glitz and glamor. Apart from Vice Ganda serving fun and creative looks throughout the night, other personalities like Paolo Ballesteros, Awra Briguela, and Sassa Gurl also made appeared donning elegant and campy outfits.

### Jessica Soho

Hosting the Presidential Interviews did not faze the award-winning broadcast journalist one bit. Suffice to say, she and her team did their homework as they tackled the controversies that shrouded four presidential candidates (who agreed to attend the interview) in the past and present. And when she was called biased, Jessica's silence and thorough scrutinization during the

program was enough response to show her professionalism.

### People ...are not talking about... Tom Rodriguez and Carla Abellana

It was just last year that the two stars finally tied the knot after being together since 2014. However, it doesn't look like everything is going well in the couple as there have been rumors circulating about their split after only three months of marriage. The speculation arose after netizens saw that Tom wasn't following his wife's Instagram account. Nothing has been confirmed from both parties, thus unleashing the public's Marites.



### Jam Magno

Netizens are finally getting a break from the brash and sometimes unsolicited opinions of social media personality Jam Magno as her Twitter account has been permanently suspended by the microblogging site for breaking the community's rules.

This confused Jam but continued to speculate that it was her political affiliation that caused the permanent suspension. Netizens didn't seem bothered by this development as they've been boycotting Jam's accounts to keep her from getting clout and spreading misinformation.



## Yeng Constantino reveals song 'B.A.B.A.Y' is about Ryan Bang 'ghosting' her



Yeng Constantino has further talked about her romantic history with Ryan Bang, adding how it was the inspiration behind her song "B.A.B.A.Y."

The two previously revealed their past romance, after Constantino teasingly asked Bang about what happened between them in an episode of the noontime variety show "It's Showtime" on Friday, Jan. 28. Bang supposedly "ghosted" Constantino, after the comedian suddenly stopped pursuing the singer without any notice.

Constantino then spoke about how her song "B.A.B.A.Y" was about Bang and what happened between them. This she shared also in an episode of the show Jan. 29, after host Vice Ganda addressed fans' speculations that Constantino's song "Chinito" was about Bang.

"Actually ang 'Chinito' sumulat lalaki, si Jed Dumawal, ang aking kaibigan. 'Chinita' siya dati, narinig ko sabi ko 'Ang ganda ng kanta, gusto ko kantahin,'" Constantino explained. "Pero may isang song na medyo pinaghugutan talaga ng mga pinagdaanan namin. Alam niyo 'yung song ko na B.A.B.A.Y?" (Actually, Chinito was written by a guy, Jed Dumawal, my friend. It was originally entitled "Chinita," I listened to it and said, "This is a good song, I want to sing it." But there was this song which was inspired by [my and Bang's] romantic history. Do you know the song "B.A.B.A.Y"?)

Constantino sang a part of the song which talks about the ways he could've said goodbye to her, instead of just disappearing like a bubble.

"Pwede mo naman akong i-text. Pwede ka rin namang tumawag. Pwede mo rin naman ipasabi kay Manong Bogart. Pero bigla kang nawala, para kang bula - ayon, nawala, bigla kang nawala. Sana nagpasabi ka man lang. Hindi ganitong wala akong alam," she sang. (You could have texted me. You could have called me. You could have also relayed the message to sir Bogart. But you disappeared all of a sudden, like a bubble - there, gone, you disappeared all of a sudden. You should have at least sent word. Not like this, where I'm clueless.)

The singer then thanked Bang for the memories they had, noting how it made her feel appreciated at the time. She also spoke about how the girl he will end up with would be so lucky because he is patient and persevering.

"Salamat kasi doon sa short period of time na pinaramdam mo sa akin na special

ako, importante ako, nung time na 'yon sobrang nag-matter 'yon sa akin and what I want us to take from this experience is 'yung saya na naidulot natin sa isa't isa 'nung time na 'yon,' she told Bang. (Thank you because in that short period of time when you made me feel special, that I was important, it mattered so much to me at the time. What I want us to take from this experience is the happiness that we brought to each other at that time.)

"Alam mo sobrang swerte kung sino man 'yung makakatuluyan mo kasi ako na-experience ko kung paano ka magpa-feel na special - 'yung effort mo, 'yung pagti-tiyaga mo," she added. (The girl you will end up being with will be so lucky because I myself experienced how you make a person feel special - your effort, your patience.)

Constantino has been married to musician Yan Asuncion for almost seven years now, after tying the knot with him in February 2015.

## AN OLD LADY TRIED TO PHONE HER BANK.

A little old lady tried to phone her local bank but was put through instead to the bank call centre.

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"Well I really need to speak to the branch," said the old lady.

"Madam, if you just let me know your query, I'm sure I can help you."

"I don't think you can, young man. I need to speak to the branch."

The call centre operator was adamant.

"There's nothing that the branch can help you with that can't be dealt with by me."

"Very well then," sighed the old lady.

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## Pokwang prefers food than buy luxury

Other celebrities invest in luxury items, Pokwang would rather splurge on food.

She said, “Mas more on ano ako, more on pagkain. Ano ko yung ano, e, siguro dahil nagkaroon kami ng [experience na] yung kapos, kapos sa pagkain nung araw.

“Pag naggo-grocery ako, yun yung therapy ko talaga, day. Ang saya-saya kong makita yung pantry ko, ganon.”

This is not to say that Pokwang does not own any luxury item. But the comedienne revealed that she was never accustomed to buying designer clothes, bags, and shoes.

Pokwang said, “Siguro, kung ano man, yung may mga luxury bags ako ngayon, puro gift lang po iyan. Promise! Gift ni Kris Aquino, ng mga friendship kong nakaluwag-luwag sa buhay, yung mga gift po ng aking mga... boss sa endorsement. Iyan yung mga may-ari po ng kumpanya na ine-endorse ko. Sila po yung mga nagbibigay sa akin ng mga regalo.”

The 51-year-old celebrity mom of two has also received designer items as gifts from some of her fans abroad.

“Hindi kasi... Ako, bihirang-bihira lang po ako bumili. Pag gusto ko lang talaga [like] sapatos... [Madalas] puro regalo lang po ng mga followers ko abroad, ganyan. Kasi nagme-message sila sa akin, ‘O, mamang sale dito sa...’ halimbawa Dubai.

“O, mamang, sale dito! Ano size mo?’ Ganyan. So nakakatuwa. Sila yung ano [nagbibigay]. Bihirang-bihira lang ako magkagusto.”

## Pinay actress who appears in Netflix’s ‘All of Us Are Dead’ tells experience

A Filipino actress who appeared in Netflix’s new Korean zombie series “All of Us Are Dead” revealed her experience shooting the show, which has become No. 1 in the US and 55 other countries and territories.

Noreen Joyce Guerra that she was cast and became one of the classmates of actor Yoo In-soo, who plays the role of Yoon Gwi-nam, a school bully who eventually becomes the tormentor in the series.

“All of Us Are Dead” tells the story of students who are trapped in their high school when zombies invade. They need to fight off the zombies to survive.

It stars Park Ji-hu, Yoon Chan-young, Lomon (aka Park Solomon), Cho Yi-hyun, Yoo In-soo, Son Sang-Yeon and Lee Yoo-mi.

In the series, Guerra appears in episode 1 including a classroom scene with Yoo In-soo and actress Oh Hye-soo who plays Min Eun-ji, the target of Gwi-nam’s bullying.

“I started filming for the series in June 2020,” said Guerra.

“All of Us Are Dead” was released on Netflix on Jan. 28 and became No. 1 in many countries. It debuted at No. 1 on Netflix’s own top 10 weekly chart for the period Jan. 24 to 30.

Guerra said she is thankful that she was included in “All of Us Are Dead.”

“Because of the series, mas dumami nakakilala at naappreciate ang mga ginawa ko kahit super minimal ang appearances,” she said.

Guerra has been living in South Korea for six years where she started as a student. She studied Masters in Business Administration majoring in Marketing at Sookmyung Women’s University.

She works as a manager for a financial firm in South Korea and being an actress is her part-time job.

According to Guerra, she has been working as an actress in Korea for about three years and has so far appeared in 85 dramas.

“I’ve been in 85 K-dramas so far. Most of the K-dramas that you watched, I might be there,” she said.

She said among the stars of “All of Us Are Dead,” her favorites are Park Ji-hu, who plays the role of Nam On-jo and Yoon Chan-young who is Lee Cheong-san in the series.

“Chanyoung who played the role of Cheongsan. I filmed with him too sa other drama kaya it was nice seeing him there. Jihoo who played Onjoo too. She was just 17 years old when we filmed the drama. So cute,” said Guerra.

Filipino actress Noreen Joyce Guerra (left) and a scene in episode 1 of “All of Us Are Dead” where she appears (front row, right)

## Sarah boga bet kalikutin

Astig na sexy ang drama this year ni Sarah Lahbati dahil nag-aaral siya ngayong bumaril with husband, Richard Gutierrez.

Ibinahagi ni Sarah ang larawan nila ni Richard na nasa shooting range complete with gears.

“Grateful to have you by my side as we both grow and learn this new sport this year. @richardgutz,” ang caption ni Sarah.

Bale ba ay bagay na bagay sa aktres ang kanyang porma at ang astig astig niya tingnan habang hawak niya ang baril.

Puri nga ng isang netizen, “Wooowww!! @sarahlahbati the both of you are cool in shooting your guns towards the target and your beauteous and nice-looking @sarahlahbati”

May fan naman na nag-comment na para raw sina Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt sina Richard and Sarah at request niya’y magkasama sa isang action film ang mag-asawa.

Samantala, nami-miss na rin ng kanyang fans si Sarah dahil medyo matagal-tagal na nilang hindi napapanood ang aktres. Wish nilang makitang mag-perform ulit ito ng hot dance number sa ASAP.

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Sinigang bests among other international soups, like the ciorbă de fasole cu afumătură (4.55), a white bean soup from Romania, which was in second place. Next is Japan’s shoyu ramen (4.54), Turkey’s red lentil soup mercimek çorbası (4.53), and Japan’s tonkotsu ramen (4.50) rounding up the top five.

In December 2021, Taste Atlas included lechon, bibingka, lugaw, and kesong puti in their top 100 Most Popular Christmas Dishes list. Adobo and sisig were also among Taste Atlas’ 100 Best Dishes in the World for 2021.

In March 2019, kare-kare, lechon, and crispy pata found their places on Taste Atlas’ Top 100 Best Traditional Dishes In The World list of the year.

Taste Atlas is an online gastronomic database that promotes the local culinary culture of countries all over the world. The website contains over 10,000 specialty dishes, drinks, recommended restaurants, and local ingredients for anyone to check out before an international trip.



The idea here was to turn out to be good but going to take full credit. Happy 16th!

Make some wishes! Good Luck! God Bless! We Love You, RJ!

16<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

**BIRTHDAY**  
RJ Tejada celebrates his 16th birthday last January 29.

Rufa Mae Quinto apologizes for ‘sana all’ comment on Cheslie Kryst’s death

Comedienne Rufa Mae Quinto apologized after she made a comment on social media regarding the death of Miss USA 2019 Cheslie Kryst. Rufa Mae unintentionally wrote “Sana all” on an Instagram post about the passing of the beauty queen. In the same post, Rufa Mae apologized, saying “Condolence po sa family.” “Sensya na po, my deepest sympathy to her family. Napakaganda at sexy kaya nasabi ko

na sana all ganyan ka perfect,” she said. She admitted that she did not read the whole caption. “Nabilib kasi ako sa ganda and sexiness. Nabitin lang po sa text and yes ‘di ko nabasa buong caption, hanggang Miss USA lang po nakita ko. So yes, read more nga,” she said. The former Miss USA titleholder died by suicide January 30 in Manhattan, New York.

Ellen Adarna on bikinis and sagging breasts

Should we actually pester celebrities as to their bikini choices? Well, a netizen thinks so, going on to actually exert effort to quiz Ellen Adarna on the matter recently.

She wrote: “Ms Ellen do u have another bikini? U always wearing the same same...”

Mean as it was, the netizen even had the gall to use a face of tears of emoji to amplify her feelings.

It’s a good thing the actress, known for being frank, didn’t shut her down.

Ellen actually offered her an explanation, relating she picked the style inasmuch as it protects her from unwanted exposure.

She said, “My son has this habit of grabbing boobies out of nowhere so I make sure and secure them that they just pop out easily...”

Ever so candid, Ellen added, “As much as I’d want to be a hubadera and wear all of bikini top unfortunately, not all bikini top style look good on me anymore because of my breasts...”

She even apologized for offending the netizen. “Sorry if my paulit ulit is bothering you but I have to dress practically and accordingly.”

Many were quick to laud Ellen for her candor. Others admitted they could relate. Not a few castigated the netizen for being rude and callous.



KARMA IS A B\*TCH:’ Trina Candaza belies being third party in Carlo Aquino and Angelica Panganiban breakup



Trina Candaza (left) and Carlo Aquino and Angelica Panganiban (Instagram)

“Wala akong inagaw.”

This was the reaction of model-social media influencer Trina Candaza after a netizen reacted to her cryptic post that she was the third party in

the split of Carlo Aquino and Angelica Panganiban in the past. It started when Trina wrote: “You will really know your worth to your partner if ano magiging actions niya pag wala ka na sa kanya. Kung may pinupuntahan na agad na babae... Wag na kayo umasang mag babago pa yung jowa niyo sa sakit sa ulo, hindi na yan mag babago (face with tears of joy emoji).” Netizens then assumed Trina and the father of her daughter, Carlo Aquino, have separated. A netizen commented: “Karma is a bitch talaga. Ayos lang yan! Pumatol ka nga kay Carlo noon nung sila pa ni Angelica eh

mas masakit talaga pag binalikan ka ng karma doble yung sakit. Worst is, may anak na kayo.” Trina, 25, replied: “huh? hindi naman sila nagkabalikan, sakín nag commit tas ang labas ako pa ang nang agaw. I kept quiet that time para kay Carlo, pero wala akong inagaw.” During an interview on “Tonight with Boy Abunda” in 2019, Carlo reacted to the news that Angelica disregarded his existence despite dating in their teens for six years and eventually broke up in 2006. Carlo said Angelica was just being “fair.” “Kung nasaktan ko siya, karapatan niya yun. Karapatan niyang pagdaanan. Kara-

patan niyang maramdaman at hindi ko dapat pigilan. Kaya yung sinabi niya yun tas nakarating sa akin sabi ko okay lang naman.” That time, Carlo was also asked if he gave Angelica false hope that they could rekindle their romance. Carlo answered: “Siguro po.” But he chose their friendship. “Hindi ko lang po siguro kaya na oo mahal ko siya pero parang mas gusto kong mas friends kami. Natatakot lang talaga kasi ako masaktan siya ulit.” The tandem of CarGel (Carlo and Angelica) returned via the 2018 movie “Exes Baggage.” It was followed up with the TV series “Playhouse.”



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