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Star Power No More?

Celebrity endorsements and disinformation mix in 2022 polls

MANILA — Actor Robin Padilla's apparent win at his very first Senate bid was not an overnight success. It took years in the making by working "quietly" with civil groups, earning nods "from Forbes Park in

Makati to Forbes in Sampaloc." Consulting firm GeiserMaclang's Amor Maclang said that Padilla's groundwork over the years and choosing not to engage or attack his competitors and critics alike contributed to

his win. It also helped that he is "genuinely allied" with the outgoing administration of President Rodrigo Duterte.

Maclang, however, noted that star power does not look like it **TOURISM page 15**

ANDREA BRILLANTES

Bashing Hurts But Life Goes On

The day you write to please everyone you no longer are in journalism. You are in show business.
-- Frank Miller



MELISSA VENTOCILLA'S UNIVERSAL DREAM

Since I was 14 after my first pageant, I have been dreaming of becoming a universal queen. During the past few years, I have been doing my best to practice my craft as preparation for this moment.

After watching the Miss Universe Canada pageant last week, I have decided that now is the time to do it.

First, I asked the big bosses of IREN about their opinion on my future endeavour. Both

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Coast Guard place buoys in West Philippine Sea



Photo shows a 30-foot navigational buoy bearing the Philippine flag and deployed by the Philippine Coast Guard at the West Philippine Sea.

MANILA — The Philippine Coast Guard has installed five navigational buoys carrying the Philippine flag in four critical islands in the West Philippine

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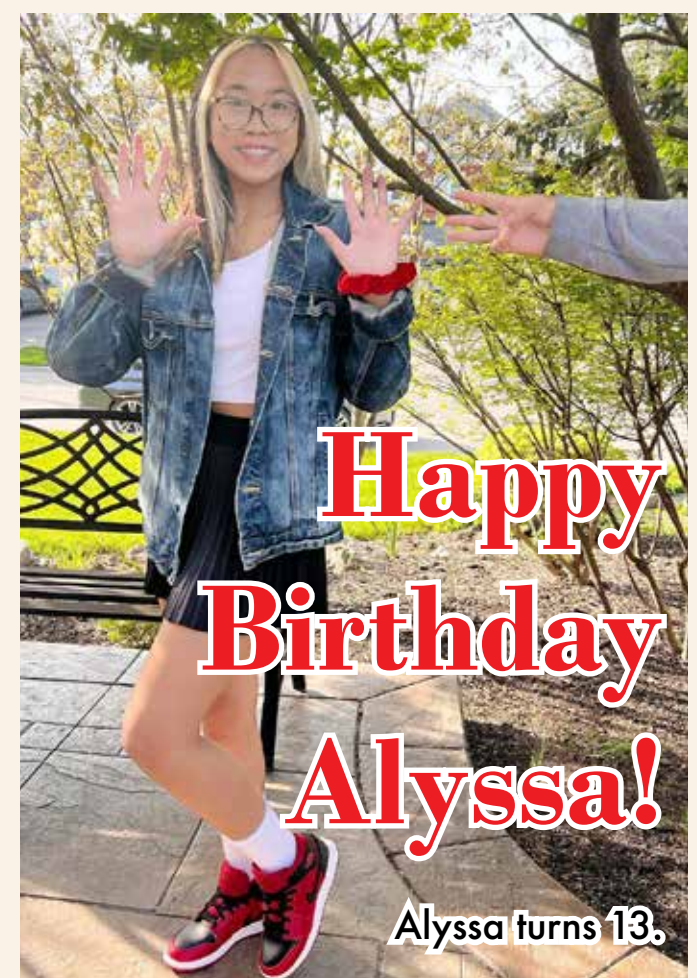
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Little Quiapo Soda Fountain, 1950's



Skyea (AT LEFT) turns 11 on June 10. She gets a helping hand (or a helping finger) from her sister Wintera to show how old she is.

Happy birthday Skyea!



Happy Birthday Alyssa!

Alyssa turns 13.



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'I miss your old boobs': Derek Ramsay says as Ellen Adarna gets rid of breast implants



From left: Ellen Adarna showing the silicones removed from her breasts; husband Derek's reaction on a cake

Actress Ellen Adarna revealed that she had her breast implants removed.

In her Instagram account, Ellen posted on her IG story the silicone shells that had been removed from



her breasts.

Ellen said she decided to remove it because of back pain, fatigue and brain fog.

"Goodbye breast implant illness. I can now breathe properly. Goodbye chronic back pain, fatigue and brain fog," she wrote.

"It was fun while it lasted... The end," she added.

In a separate post, Ellen shared a video clip showing a cake from her husband Derek Ramsay. In the cake, the text said: "I miss your old boobs."



14TH VICTORIA INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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Life's brighter under the sun

Lovi Poe on being in awe of Piolo Pascual, his body of work, and body

After six months of working for the first time with Piolo Pascual in her first Kapamilya series, the Pinoy adaptation of the hit Korean drama “Flower of Evil,” Lovi Poe discovered so many things about her leading man.

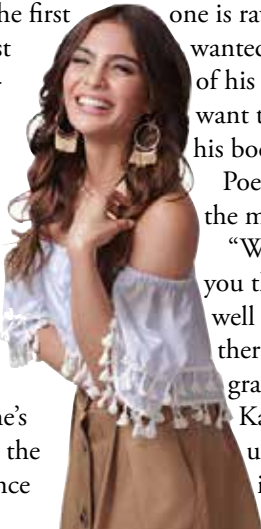
“I really appreciate how Piolo is so disciplined. The moment he wakes up in the morning, he knows exactly what to do. He sets his mind in taking care of himself and when he gets on set he’s always prepared,” Poe said during the poster reveal online press conference for the series.

Poe is also awed by how Pascual flexes his acting chops during taping.

“The emotions that he gives me in every scene, hindi ko na kailangang maghanap sa iba (I need not look for it elsewhere). All I have to do is look at his eyes. Talagang nadadala na ako (I am really carried away) which is good kasi gift ‘yan sa isang actor (that is a gift for any actor),” she said.

Poe finally knows the answer to why people are raving about him.

“Now I get it. Now I know why every-



one is raving about Piolo. I’ve always wanted to work with him because of his body of work, but this time I want to work with him because of his body. I’m kidding,” she joked.

Poe considers Pascual as “one of the most genuine (artists)” around.

“When you think of Piolo Pascual you think someone who’s done so well in the industry, who’s right there,” she said. “And I am really grateful because this is my first Kapamilya show and I’m paired up with someone who is amazing, really genuine and really nice.”

Maymay Entrata back in the Philippines after studying abroad

Maymay Entrata has returned to the Philippines and is now back to work after months of staying in Canada to study.

The actress announced that she is back in the country while showing herself in a pink cutout dress, walking down a hallway at the ABS-CBN compound, as seen on her Instagram page.

“It’s good to be back, mga Kapamilya,” she said.

Fellow celebrities who greeted Entrata upon her return include actresses Chie Filomeno and Alexa Ilacad, as well as vlogger Mimiyyuuuh.

“Welcome back gwapa (beautiful),” Filomeno told Entrata.

“Ganda ganda mo (You’re so beautiful),” Ilacad complimented her.

Entrata reportedly disclosed last February that she flew to Canada to study. She stated that she had long dreamed to pursue an education abroad, even before she started her career in show business.

The actress then went Instagram official with her foreigner boyfriend, whom she called her “Valentino,” by showing themselves together last Valentine’s Day.

Prior to this, Entrata disclosed that she has a special someone outside showbiz, but did not give details about her relationship at the time.

Why Jonathan Manalo considers ‘Pinoy Ako’ his biggest hit

Songwriter Jonathan Manalo considers his “Pinoy Big Brother” (PBB) theme song

“Pinoy Ako” as his biggest hit, since the song has become some sort of an anthem for many, he admits.

“Kahit hindi sa PBB, nagagamit na siya sa [Southeast Asian] Games, every time na may Pinoy pride. Saka kinakanta ng lahat ng ages, kahit ng foreigners, aware sila sa song,” Manalo said.

Manalo recalled that the reality TV show was not yet being launched when director Lauren Dyogi talked to him about writing a theme song for the show.

Manalo believes that “Pinoy Big Brother” is different from the international version.

“Mas naka-focus sa values ng mga Filipino, mas family-oriented, mas nationalistic,” he explained.

When asked what song best represents him, Manalo’s answer was quick: “Tara Tena.” He sees the song as something that encapsulates his passion for his craft and his concerns for various things, such as the country.

“Hangang ngayon, hindi nagbabago ang heart ko. Kung ano ang sinasabi ng kantang iyon, iyon pa rin ako,” he said.



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Anne Curtis’ ‘It’s Showtime’
comeback trends worldwide;
Jhong Hilario to return after
elections win

Kapamilya actress Anne Curtis made a successful comeback to ABS-CBN noontime show “It’s Showtime.” Her return to the show was a top trend-topic on social media. “Happy ako na nan-dito ulit ako, pero sabi nga baby steps. Alam kong nandyan naman kayo para suportahan ako,” Anne said.

Anne performed her rendition of Ariana Grande’s “Break Free,” to the delight of viewers. She received a welcome from her co-hosts who expressed how much they missed her. “Na-miss ko ‘yung pagiging makulit, ‘yung pagiging sosyal niya. Na-miss naming ‘yung ganda at seksi ni Anne,” Vhong Navarro said.

Ogie Alcasid and Kim Chiu, the newest additions to the show, shared with Anne what they look forward to being with her in the program. “Now that you are a mother, I look forward to hearing your stories as I have many children myself. There is no doubt we will share stories about our children and I’m excited to hear your views as a mother,” Ogie said. “You know that I always leave comments on your IG stories. I’m so happy that now I can personally tell you my reactions personally with feelings, emotions, and facial expressions,” Kim told Anne.

Vice Ganda then revealed that he is happy now that their family is gradually becoming complete. He hints at Jhong Hilario’s return as well. Hilario recently won his third term as Makati City councilor.



‘Ma’am’ o ‘Sir’? Vice Ganda, paano nga ba gusto tawagin?

Sinabi na unkabogable Star at LGBTQIA+ icon na si Vice Ganda na hindi isyu sa kanya kung paano siya gustong tawagin ng mga tao.

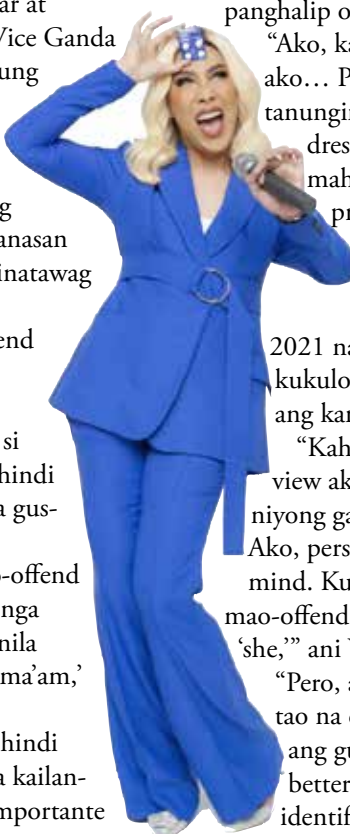
Napag-usapan ito matapos ibahagi ng isang contestant ng Showtime Sexy Babe ang karanasan nito sa catcalling kung saan tinatawag ito ng “Hi, Miss!”

“Alam mo, ako, kinaka-offend ko? ‘Hi, sir!’ Sir? ‘Tito Vice,’” pabirong sabi ni Vice.

Ngunit naging seryoso din si Vice sa kalaunan at sinabing hindi isyu sa kanya kung paano siya gustong tawagin ng ibang tao.

“Hindi, ako, hindi ako nao-offend sa ganiyan. Actually, marami nga laging nagtatalo kung paano nila ako i-a-address, kung ‘sir’ or ‘ma’am,’ kung ‘he’ or ‘she,’” ani Vice.

Nilinaw naman ni Vice na hindi lahat ay gaya niya na hindi na kailangan pang tanungin lalo pa’t importante na ngayon ang paggamit ng tamang



panghalip o pronoun.

“Ako, kasi, deads (deadma) ako. Hindi ako... Pero, ‘yung iba, kailangan mong tanungin. ‘How do you want to be addressed po — sir or ma’am?’ Kasi ‘di ba, mahirap i-base sa hitsura lang. May mga pronouns na ‘yung iba dini-demand talaga na, ‘Ibigay mo sa amin ang pronoun na ‘yun,’” ani Vice.

Una nang nilinaw ni Vice noong 2021 na sinabing non-binary o hindi nakukulong sa pagiging lalaki o babae lamang ang kanyang kasarian.

“Kahit sa mga articles, pag ini-interview ako, ‘Ano pong pronoun ang gusto niyong gamitin sa inyo — she po ba or he?’ Ako, personally, sasabihin ko, I don’t really mind. Kung ano pong gusto niyo. Hindi ako mao-offend kung gamitan niyo ako ng ‘he’ or ‘she,’” ani Vice.

“Pero, ako iyon,” he emphasized. “May mga tao na definite sila kung ano’ng pronoun ang gustong gamitin sa kanila. Kaya it’s better that you ask, kasi not everyone is identifying themselves as part of the binary gender,” dagdag pa niya.



‘Chef Sarah G’: Sarah Geronimo
obtains certificate to become
pastry chef

Singer-actress Sarah Geronimo can now add baking to her resume after she received a merit certificate to officially become a pastry chef.

Sarah’s husband Matteo Guidicelli made the announcement on Instagram that the singer finished her requirements at the Heny Sison Culinary School’s Essential Baking and Pastry Series.

For her satisfactory completion and by the recommendation of the school’s faculty, Sarah was given a Certificate of Merit.

Matteo expressed how proud he was of his wife: “Your achievements are limitless because you always strive for excellence! I love you!” The athlete-turned-actor even joked that the singer-actress could now be referred to as “Chef Sarah.”

Joining Sarah and Matteo in photos when the former was given her certificate were Sarah’s mentors Heny Sison and Juan Carlo Estagle, Matteo’s brother Paolo, and several friends of the celebrity couple.

Matteo has long been showing off Sarah’s baking skills, which she pursued while taking a break from showbiz amid the ongoing pandemic. This isn’t Sarah’s first time in the kitchen learning from experts as she took a class under Chef Gino Gonzales from the Center of Asian Culinary Studies back in 2016.

She previously admitted to being intimidated by baking and cooking, but gained confidence in following recipes as well as preparing her favorite Filipino dishes

Bea Alonzo buys apartment in Spain

Actress Bea Alonzo Bea shared that her recent visit to Spain was for personal purpose and not work.

“The reason why I went to Madrid is because I bought a house in Madrid,” she added. “I love Spain! Because of the pandemic, naisip ko, ‘You only live once!’ So I have to go for it,” she said.

The actress said it’s been a year since she’s started looking for an apartment in Madrid. Her godmother told her that she can become a



resident in Spain with a Golden visa.

“Since last year, I have been looking for an apartment. Nag-umpisa lang iyan sa pagtingin-tingin sa Internet. ‘Kaya ko ba? ‘Kaya ba ng budget ko?’ ‘Nakakatakot ba?’ ‘Ano ba yung mga rules?’ ‘Mahirap ba?’” she said.

“I chanced upon an article and also, I spoke to my ninang. And she told me na nagga-grant ang Spain ng Golden Visa. If you have a Golden Visa, instantly, you will become a resident. Kung magwo-worry kayo kung magiging Spanish citizen na ako, nope. I was there for, like, five days. And I went there to do apartment hunting,” she added.



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Arroyo endorses Romualdez as Speaker of 19th Congress

MANILA — Former president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has endorsed Majority Leader and Leyte Rep. Martin Romualdez to be the Speaker of the incoming 19th Congress.

Arroyo, who also served as Speaker of the House in the 17th Congress, said she and Romualdez have worked together “for decades” “to serve the Filipino people.”

“Majority Leader Martin Romualdez and I have been working together for decades in a joint effort to do our best to serve the Filipino people. Since 2010, our partnership involved our service as fellow members of the House of Representatives,” she said.

The former president, who ran unopposed and was reelected as representative of the



2nd District of Pampanga in the 2022 elections, urged Lakas-CMD members to also support Romualdez.

“I will be returning to the House on June 30, 2022. I would therefore like to advise the members of the Lakas-CMD

that I am throwing my support for Majority Leader Martin Romualdez to be elected as House Speaker in the next Congress. I urge all members of our party to do the same,” she said.

Arroyo had endorsed the candidacy of

presumptive president Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and his running mate, presumptive vice president Sara Duterte-Carpio. She is the chairman emeritus of the LAKAS-CMD party where Romualdez is the president.

Duterte-Carpio ran for the vice presidency under the banner of LAKAS-CMD.

Romualdez, a cousin of Marcos Jr. and the campaign manager of Duterte-Carpio, ran unopposed and was reelected as representative of the 1st District of Leyte in the 2022 polls.

It will be his fifth term as representative of his district.

The National Unity Party earlier endorsed Romualdez to be the next Speaker.

Nadine, Dingdong kinasa ang tambalan

Mukhang dinidinig ang panalangin ng mga Nadine Lustre fan na makatambal ito ni Kapuso King Dingdong Dantes.

Nag-iingay ang mga hitad sa social media at sa kanilang pakiwari eh si Dingdong ang nararapat na makasama ni Nadine sa isang pangmal-akasang pelikula.

Ang additional sitsit pa mula sa pangkat katkatera, may storyline na daw para sa tambalang Lustre at Dingdong, Kaunting fine tuning pa eh full script na ang ihahatag sa dalawang A list na artista.

Kung true, eh talagang epic movie event ang pagsasamang Nadine at Dingdong. Naway sexy romantic drama ito para talaga namang sasagitsit sa init at sa galing sa aktingan ang dalawa.

Kung ito naman ay pangarap na bituin mula sa pangkat na they are constantly manifesting, imposibleng hindi magka-totoo lalo na kung tunay at organic ang clamor para sa kanilang tambalan. Mahusay sumugal ang Viva Films sa mga ganitong kaganapan. Alam nilang win-win situation talaga ang isang proyektong ang magiging bida ay sina Nadine at Jose Sixto.

Kaya abang-abang tayo sa mga susunod na kabanata kung talagang hindi kiyeme latik ang pinalulutang na chikang ito. Talaga namang bombastic at exciting ang isang Nadine Lustre at Dingdong Dantes headlined proyekto.

Moira Dela Torre, Jason Hernandez confirm breakup after 3 years of marriage

Singer Moira Dela Torre and her husband Jason Hernandez, also a singer, have officially called it quits after being married for three years.

Jason posted on his Facebook account which said, “It is with a heavy heart that after three years of marriage, we announce that we are parting ways. Our love and respect for each other remains. We request for privacy during this difficult time.”

The post indicated that the statement came from both Jason and Moira; the latter shared the post onto her own Facebook account but without any caption.

Jason elaborated further in the original post’s caption about the announcement, calling it the “hardest thing he ever had to write” but still wanted to be transparent with everyone.

“[Three] years ago, I married my best friend with the intent of spending the rest of my life with her,” Jason wrote. “Though my love for her has always been genuine, a few months ago, I confessed to Moira that I have been unfaithful to her during our marriage.”

Jason said that he takes full responsibility for his unfaithfulness and is attempting to be better, adding that Moira “deserved to know the truth rather than continue down a ‘peaceful’ but dishonest path.”

He ended the caption with an apology to everyone he hurt, most especially Moira.

Last April 2022, netizens were quick to notice that Moira had deleted all photos and videos of Jason on her Instagram and TikTok accounts, causing rumors of their split.

Inspired by Sarah, Moira and Regine, singer Sofi Fermazi takes step to realize her dream

Like many aspiring singers today, newbie

recording artist Sofi Fermazi got her start on the scene by filming performance videos and posting them on YouTube. Now, Sofi is now set to release her first debut EP, “Rain Inside Us,” under Star Music. “After doing covers, which was enjoyable for me, it feels great to finally release my own music,” Sofi said.

Though she didn’t personally write her upcoming singles—a mix of love and inspirational tunes—the 17-year-old hopeful said that’s something she plans to do eventually. “I do write my own songs. It’s still something in the talks with the management, but I’d be

super grateful [if given the chance],” she said.

For Sofi, who’s currently a Grade 11 student, music started out as a hobby, which soon became a passion. She’s partial to ballads

and R&B, but her future goal is to be more “versatile” and “knowledgeable. I would say that my music is inspired by Sarah Geronimo, Moira dela Torre and Regine Velasquez,” said Sofi, who also plays the piano and the guitar.

Aside from those singers, Sofi also dreams of collaborating with Zack Tabudlo and Ben&Ben. “Facebook I think will be helpful because it’s well-known here in the Philippines.

Acting is also something she wants to try. And given the chance, she said she would like to be paired with one of her local show biz crushes, Donny Pangilinan, whom she admires for his work onscreen and off.

Why Zanjoe Marudo keeps working out

Since he started modeling when he was a teenager, actor Zanjoe Marudo has not stopped doing workouts and it is for a good reason.

“Kaya rin hindi ako nag-stop mag-work out since noong teenager ako, noong model palang ako kasi iyon ‘yung way para mag-gain ako ng weight. Iyon ‘yung way para magkalaman ako, magkaroon ako ng muscle kasi kapag nag-stop akong mag-exercise ay talagang nauubos ‘yung katawan ko, pumapayat ako. Bumabagsak siya kaya hindi ako tumitigil mag-exercise,” he said.

Marudo, along with Bae-by Baste, Sunshine Cruz and her three daughters Angelina, Sam and Chesca, attended the event as fitness ambassador.

Marudo said that as actors, it is important to really work out. “Requirement na talagang physically and mentally (stable).



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Charo Santos-Concio nearly became an OFW

Now it can be told. TV host Charo Santos-Concio could have been an overseas Filipino worker had it not been for an unfortunate incident.

Santos made the revelation during the online press conference for “Shine On Overseas Pinoy.”

“After ‘Itim’ kasi my father allowed me to do only one movie. So, my first movie was ‘Itim.’ Sabi niya, (He said) ‘I’ll allow you to do only one movie. But really, I want you to do a regular job because you finished a four year college course. You put your education to good use,’” she recalled him saying. “Ako naman, masunuring anak.” (As for me, I was an obedient daughter.)

“Itim,” directed by Mike de Leon and written



by Clodualdo “Doy” del Mundo, was released in 1976. It was later voted by Gawad Urian as best film of the decade 1970-1979. It stars Santos as a young woman possessed by the spirit of her departed sister.

After doing the said film, she went to the United States and applied at the United Nations as an executive assistant.

“I was a fresh graduate. Natanggap ako (I was accepted).

But then, soon after I lost my father. So, naiba ang takbo ng buhay ko (the course of my life changed). I chose to pursue a career in showbiz. And the rest is history,” she said.

Santos also shared how the show was conceptualized, which had its seeds during the pandemic when she thought of a possible partnership with The Filipino Channel and Sunlife, to listen to stories of OFWs and how they manage their income and other finances.

Morissette moves to new talent management NYMA

Singer Morissette is pursuing her professional career with talent management agency NYMA.

“We’re honored that Morissette has chosen to bring her immense talents to NYMA, who joined us last May 1. We can’t wait to share with the world the relaunch of Morissette,” said Kat Bautista, NYMA’s Head of Talent and Morissette’s sole manager.

An alumna of TV5’s Star Factor and the first season of ABS-CBN’s The Voice Philippines, Morissette rose to prominence as “Asia’s Phoenix” after an iconic performance at the Asia Song Festival 2017 in Busan, South Korea.

Most recently, Morissette went viral after a soaring performance of her original song “Power” at Miss Universe Philippines 2022 coronation night. Hitting high note after high note as both past and current Miss Universe winners and contestants wowed the audience, Asia’s Phoenix proved that she is more than ready to conquer the world stage.

“I aspire to fly on to the world stage, and together with NYMA, soar to new heights,” Morissette said of her new management.



Julie Anne San Jose gets confidence from ‘happy heart’

“Very happy” is how Julie Anne San Jose described the current status of her heart.

“Happy life, happy heart. Masaya mag-ing masaya,” she recently said.

Recently, the singer-actress got people talking with her skin-baring photos during a trip to Boracay.

“Confidence is key. As long as you’re confident, parang wala ka na ring iisipin (you don’t have to worry about anything else),” Julie said of her sexy shoot.

“You need to have self-acceptance.

Once you have that, everything else just follows. Of course, you have to surround

yourself with people who truly support you and love you. That will really boost your self-confidence and self-esteem,” she added.

Nevertheless, it’s not lost on anyone that her confidence attracts people, if not a special someone. “If you’re asking for a specific person, kilala niyo na po siguro yun,” Julie, who’s rumored to be making sweet music with Rayver Cruz, said with a laugh.

Meanwhile, Julie needs all the energy she can get with the projects she’s eyeing and about to do after her documentary-concert series Limitless: A Musical Trilogy, which

just won the Silver World Medal at the 2022 New York Festivals TV and Film Awards. The concert told Julie’s musical journey in three parts and was filmed across the country — Breathe in Mindanao, Heal in Visayas and Rise in Luzon. Limitless premiered on Philippine TV.

“I’m very thankful for the Limitless project because I found myself again.

I became whole (as a person). Although I wouldn’t say sobrang complete ko na but I’m in the process of getting there,” Julie

said.

She’s also working on a new track with “one of the people I really look up to ever since I was young.”

Another teleserye is in the offing, as well as a possible concert.

“I don’t want to be complacent.

I want to always have something new to do. I want to always discover something new. Learning doesn’t stop for me. That’s why I keep on motivating myself. I believe that once you have a vision and a

goal, nothing and no one can stop you from reaching that once you’re passionate about something.”



Vince Rillon isn’t choosy with projects even after winning best actor at Asian Film Festival

Actor Vince Rillon is not about to become too picky even after he won the Best Actor award at the 19th Asian Film Festival in Rome, Italy for his role in “Resbak.”

“Hindi naman po ako magiging choosy

kasi marami pa akong kailangang malaman dito sa industriya, sa pag-ar-te, sa mga director ko. Gusto kong magtagal sa industriya,” Rillon said during the online press conference for his new movie, “Virgin Forest,” last Friday, May 27.

But more than this, Rillon wants to further showcase his acting in future projects.

“Gusto kong ipakita ‘yung

talent ko hindi lang sa paghuhubad,” he stressed. A protégé of acclaimed director Brillante Mendoza, Rillon shared what he learned from the man who discovered him.

“Mahalaga ang oras. Ang importante hindi ka male-late. (Dapat) walang attitude at ‘wag male-late sa set, enjoy lang,” he said.

Rillon attributes his suc-



cess to his mentor, director Mendoza.

“Siya ang dahilan kung bakit nagpursige ako sa acting ko kasi kailangan ko pang maraming matutunan sa iba’t iba pang direktor. Siya ang lagi kong unang pinasalamatan. Kung nasaan man ako ngayon ay dahil iyon sa kanya,” he said.

“Virgin Forest,” which also stars Angeli Khang, Sid Lucero and Katrina Dovey will stream on Vivamax by June 24.



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Maricar Reyes prejudged friend’s BF based on looks

Actress Maricar Reyes recalls how she regretted having judged her friend’s boyfriend prematurely based on his looks and how he did things.

“My kabarkada had a bad boyfriend. Weirdo foreigner siya who was much older than us. He wore clothes made of katsa (flour sacks) by choice, he smoked unfiltered cigarettes. He looked so unstable. Honestly, I didn’t want him for my friend,” she said. One night, she and her friend plus her “bad boyfriend” went to a dinner, riding in Reyes’ car with her driving. “While parking, I scratched a car beside me. I had to pay for damages. Sobrang nakakahiya ‘yung buong proseso My barkada tried to comfort me. Sabi nila, don’t’ feel bad. Oks lang ‘yan, ‘wag mo nang isipin,” she narrated. But still and all, Reyes was inconsolable. Her friend’s boyfriend tried to comfort her, too.



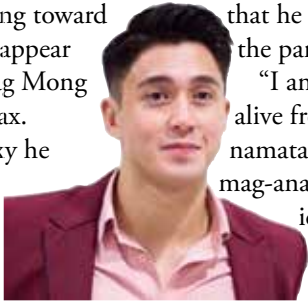
“Sabi niya, ‘You know, when I was eighteen I crashed my car into a cement wall. It was a total wreck and I felt so stupid. And he was laughing at himself,” she said. That seemingly floored her. It was the best comforting message she had ever heard. “The man I thought was so wrong for my friend was the only one who made me feel better that night. He made me experience one of the best ways to give comfort or advice by using a simple personal story,” she said. “I felt that he deeply understood me and I was making my problem bigger than they really were,” she added. Reyes realized that “I judged him from what I saw on the surface.” “But now I appreciate his character underneath. Years later, “bad boyfriend” married my kabarkada. And he has made her very happy until today. He’s not a bad boyfriend after all,” she said.

How sexy is Arron Villaflor in his next series?

Now that he’s back to acting, it seems Arron Villaflor’s career is tilting toward the sexy side as he’s about to appear in the sex-comedy series “Wag Mong Agawin ang Akin” on Vivamax.

Villaflor was asked how sexy he would be in the project during the online conference for the series, May 24.

“Wait for it na lang po. Can I say na I’ll surprise you,” came his curt reply. “Sabihin na natin, medyo kupal (badass) ang character ko dito and I like it,” he said. The actor was away from the limelight for two years during the pandemic. His last project was “FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano.” “Hindi ko alam kung bakit ako nawala sa ‘Ang Probinsyano’. That was my last project sa (at) ABS-CBN. I waited for two



years. Villaflor considers himself lucky that he has survived the onslaught of the pandemic. “I am still thankful that I am still alive from pandemic, sa dami ng namatayan, nawalan ng mga ka-mag-anak o pamilya dahil sa pandemic na itoo” he said. Even then, Villaflor said there’s much to be thankful for. “But then dahil buhay pa tayo (since we’re still alive) until now, let’s be grateful every day paggising natin (when we wake up.) Kahit papaano may trabaho pa rin tayong nakukuha at may nakikilala pa tayong mga taong nakakatulong sa atin (Howsoever, we still get to work and meet people who can help us). I feel blessed, thankful. Laban lang tayong lahat (Let’s all just fight),” he said.



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Why Marco Sison returned Home

After grudgingly deciding to migrate to the United States about two decades ago, “My Love Will See You Through,” which is marking its 40th year this year since its release in 1982, was also the song that reminded Marco why he needed to return home. “I did migrate, but I wasn’t happy about it,” Marco said. “I told myself, ‘What am I



doing here? At ano’ng gagawin ko dito?’ My songs are a treasure I could continually mine. It felt like I was throwing all my hard work away! So I came home.” It didn’t take long for Marco to realize that home is truly where the heart is—and the stage is his playing field. On June 11, the singer is set to perform “An ’80s SaturDATE,” his first solo show since the pandemic began two years ago.



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Victoria Cup Returns to Action

The Victoria Invitational basketball Tournament returned this year. To be able to finish the tournament in two days, the tournament was held in Pan Am Sports Centre and with the addition of a new venue at Durham College in Oshawa with an extra 5 courts.

Festivals and other events are now in full blast.

IPEN also held their pageant to find

their latest beautiful representatives for international pageants.

Josie de Leon School of Performing Arts JDLSPA also held their concert to commemorate their 10 years of nurturing the talents of the Filipino and Canadian youth.

Philippine Independence Day Council PIDC also held their picnic and volleyball tournament at Earl Bales Park.

The Philippine Artists Group had their annual exhibit featuring 16 of the most talented Filipino painters in the community at the Neilson Park Creative Centre in Etobicoke.

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to make it at Antoinette Targa's singles lunch at Xinflix media. My van starter is iffy and I did not want to risk being stuck in Markham at night.

Vice Ganda no longer expecting more 'It's Showtime' hosts after Anne, Jhong comeback

After Anne Curtis and Jhong Hilario, Vice Ganda revealed that he doesn't want any former host to return to "It's Showtime" if they will replace someone in the show. Vice was asked who he wanted to return to the show apart from Anne and Jhong.

"Bumalik? Mukhang okay naman na kami," Vice said, laughing. Okay na kami. Kasi 'pag may bumalik, natatakot ako na baka may mabawas," he added. Vice said he doesn't want the noontime show family to be broken up as it is one of the reasons he survived the pandemic.

"Siyempre limited ang kakayahan ng management ng ABS-CBN so 'pag may bumalik baka may mabawas. Ayokong may mabawas sa ngayon kasi the family we have now in 'It's Showtime' is so amazing," he said.



Rocco Nacino, bigay-hilig sa paglilihi ni Melissa Gohing

Apat na buwan na ang ipinagbubuntis ni Melissa Gohing-Nacino pero ngayon pa lang niya ito in-announce kasama ang kanyang asawang si Rocco Nacino sa kanilang YouTube channel.

Sa kanilang vlog na Life with the Nacinos, ipinakita ang video chat ng mag-asawa kung saan nasa lock-in tapping si Rocco nung araw na iyon.



Doon ginawa ni Melissa ang digital na pregnancy test para sabay nilang malaman kung positive na pregnant siya.

Pareho silang naiyak nang nakumpirmang preggy si Melissa dahil matagal na nilang ipinagdadasal na magka-baby na sila.

Tinanong ko siya kung baby boy o girl ang type niyang first baby nila ni Melissa.

Sagot ni Rocco, "Kahit ano kasi first naman, e! 'Tsaka na mag-aim ng gender sa 2nd, Hehe!"

Sobrang nakatutok daw siya ngayon sa kanyang asawa dahili naglililihi pa ito.

Siya raw talaga ang personal na bumibili ng mga pagkaing gusto ng kanyang asawa.

Natatawang kinuwento ni Melissa sa kanilang vlog na ibang-iba raw ang gusto niyang kainin ngayong naglililihi na siya. Yung dating gustung-gusto raw niya ay hindi na raw niya type ngayon.

Kaya nandiyan lang daw si Rocco para ibigay ang lahat na gusto niya.

"Gusto niya, gulay and masabaw na pagkain! Biglang ayaw na niya ng seafood and dry food. Basta masabaw, okay siya!"

"And kailangan katabi ko daw siya lagi kumain, kundi malungkot siya hahaha!"

Sinabi naman ni Melissa sa nakaraang interview na kapag magka-baby na raw siya, ibig sabihin tigil na siya sa paglalaro ng volleyball dahil gusto niyang mag-focus na sa kanyang baby at sa kanyang asawa.

Melanie Marquez explains absence at Miss Universe Philippines finals

Actress and former Miss International Melanie Marquez was unable to see her daughter Michelle Marquez Dee sashay on Miss Universe Philippines 2022 stage, but she made sure that the former would know that she's one supportive mother.

Marquez shared a funny story about her being barred from entering the pageant venue.

"I was there, I made it on time. But the security was strict since I didn't have my vaccination card. I didn't have the card on my phone, too. So, even if I was there, I was not able to enter the venue because everyone must present their vaccination card," the animated Marquez narrated.

"Alam nyo naman ang lola niyo, hindi na techie, malilimutin pa," she added in jest.

But she admitted that despite not being able to watch her daughter win the Miss

Universe Philippines Tourism 2022 title during the event where Pasay's Celeste Cortesi emerged as the winner, she made sure that her daughter felt her support.

"I think all the winners were deserving. My daughter's placement was good as well since it will allow her to promote the country in her own capacity. She's suited to promote the country since she's well-traveled and she's been to many places that even I haven't been to," she stated.



What inspired Elha Nympha to write 'Babalik'

It's time for Elha Nympha to show off her new sound with an original compo-

sition, "Babalik." She produced the song with the help of Tiny Corpuz, Pray, and Schumi, and recorded her instrumental work and vocals at MFORE Studio.

Elha says that the song is inspired by a real-life incident she knew about.

"It's about a toxic relationship [where] the girl was blinded by love, no matter how toxic the guy is," she says.

She argues that this is a relatable experience for women.

"Some of us ended up staying in [a] relationship because [we] love the guy or truly in with [him]," she says, maybe [some of us] are listening while they're in a tough situation or at the verge of breaking up."

What's unique about "Babalik" is that this is one of Elha's first original compositions, meant to highlight her new R&B sound. She says that it took months and months to develop a final version because lots of ideas tend to pop up in the process. And while writing the song, she listened to other female R&B performers like SZA, Doja Cat, and fellow Filipina singer H.E.R., partly to see how she could shape her own sound.

So what does this first effort at writing and producing her own music mean for Elha? She wants to do more of it, she says. Indeed, we are seeing a very exciting time ahead for Elha Nympha, a promising R&B talent who is out to make her mark.

Elha became a household name after winning the second season of The Voice Kids in 2015. As a recording star under MCA Music Inc., she has released her self-titled studio album, Elha, with best-selling songs "Susunduin," "Emotions," and "Love on Top" as the carrier singles.

The young diva has appeared on several international music programs, including Steve Harvey's Little Big Shots where she performed Sia's "Chandelier" and the French counterpart of the top-rating



franchise.

Embracing a new musical direction that showcases both her signature range and a newfound love for a more current R&B and soul/pop sound, Elha is set to enter a new music era that documents her head-turning transition from a vocal powerhouse to an all-around young performer. At present, she's one of the performers of the longest-running Sunday variety show, ASAP Natin To.

After recovering from COVID-19, Pia Wurtzbach finds 'new love' in running

Wurtzbach recalled how she got back to running again after months of not practicing it as can be seen in her Instagram.

"Celebrating a new love today! For years I used to look at runners and think 'wow...how to be you?' I've always

wanted to give it a try so I started with fun runs & virtual charity runs with WWF," she said. She said she hated herself when she got the coronavirus disease last January as she felt "so weak, sluggish, not myself." "That prompted me to finally give it [running] a serious try. So I just went for it!" she said. As an enthusiast, she wanted to push herself to the limit "and see where my body can take me. I wanna see how far I can go and how much stronger I can become." She has since been running for three months now, thanks to the "guidance" of people around her. "I'm feeling stronger everyday I train. I still have a long way to go, literally, but it's seriously so much fun & I can't wait to reach more milestones in the months to come," she said. For those who want to try running, Wurtzbach said this might be the sign you're looking for.

"Don't let excuses stop you! I started with ZERO training. Thank God for helpful and generous friends like @direkjav & @officialtimyap who pointed me to the right people and gave tips!" she said.



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Rayver Cruz to Julie Anne San Jose:
‘Pag nakita kita akin ka’

Rayver Cruz and Julie Anne San Jose continue to thrill shippers.



Just recently, the actor-dancer reacted to the actress-singer’s Instagram post. There, Julie uploaded a candid photo of her with the caption: “mundo umikot ka.” Rayver then commented: “Harap ka naman pls.” Julie replied: “@rayvercruz pag nakita na kita (heart symbol).” The 32-year-old Kapuso star answered: “@myjaps pag nakita kita akin ka (heart symbol).” Julie replied with: “@rayvercruz see you soon (heart symbols).”

The thread was immediately inundated with messages from fans. Actress Ina Feleo expressed her two cents. She wrote: “@rayvercruz jusko...gigil ako (face with tears of joy and heart emojis).” Just a few days ago, a video of Rayver and Julie doing a song cover went viral. Note that at the end of the clip, Rayver surprised Julie with a hug. Rayver’s sister-in-law, Dianne Medina even wrote: “ano nanaman to! kinikilig nana-ako!!! yung end part ang cute!!!! love you guys @rayvercruz @myjaps”

Michelle Dee glad she has become a woman
her mom Melanie Marquez can be proud of

Michelle Dee has conquered the pageant world, and, partly, owes it to her mom, Miss International 1979 Melanie Marquez. The Miss World 2019 Top 12 finalist said, “I just want her to know that I am grateful and lucky to have her in my life.

“I have nothing but gratitude for my mom. I’m the way that I am [because of] her.” “I think I’ve become a woman that she can really be proud of.” Michelle was interviewed by some members of the press in a virtual meet-and-greet by PLDT Home, May 6, 2022.

The actress said that Mother’s Day is an occasion for dedicating one day when “we can really show all of our moms what they deserve, give them the love that we always want to give them.”

She then reminded, “it is just right to give back to our parents



Beauty queen-actress Michelle Dee says she has grown into a woman that her popular mother can be proud of. Michelle is the daughter of former Miss International Melanie Marquez.

what you think what’s best, because they’ve sacrificed so much to get us where we are.”

Meanwhile, it was unfortunate that Melanie was not able to watch her daughter Michelle’s performance at the recently concluded Miss Universe Philippines 2022.

When she went to the venue, Mall of Asia Arena, she was denied entry because she forgot her vaccination pass.

So, she went back home to look for her vaccination card, but discovered then that some of her jewelry were missing. Melanie said in her interview with News5, “I am upset. I am really upset ‘coz they stole jewelries, as well.

“I don’t know. It’s just now that I was looking for my jewelries myself, I couldn’t find them, yun nga vaccination [card].

“We were here earlier. I have to go back and get my vaccination [card], I found out I don’t have it and I just put it all in one place.”

When she was told that her daughter bagged the Miss Universe Philippines Tourism 2022 title, the actress remarked: “Oh, I see...well, congratulations. Sayang I was not able to watch it.”

Gerald Anderson feels it’s hard to rebuild trust once it’s already broken

Trust, according to Gerald Anderson, is a hard thing to regain, especially when someone has been at fault and broke that trust.

The issue of trust was discussed in during the online press conference for “A Family Affair” yesterday, May 31, as the series also tackles the said theme.

“Mahirap ’yon. That’s hard kasi nasirana ’yung trust eh. Kumbaga, may lamat na ’yun eh. Ang pinakaimportante is stay to-

gether. Kaya naman but hindi siya madali,” Anderson said.

(That’s hard. That’s hard because the trust has been broken. That is, it already has a crack. What’s important is to stay together. Trust can be rebuild but it would not be that easy anymore.)

When asked, “What helps you to establish trust?” the actor stated that one has to start from zero, particularly when the trust

has been broken.

“Kailangan mong patunayan uli ’yung sarili mo,” he said. (You need to prove yourself again.)

When it comes to love, Anderson, who plays Paco in the series, assured that he will protect his family at all costs. Meanwhile, he is also grateful that he does not run out of projects even during the pandemic. He noted that everyone’s eyes were opened to possibilities despite the challenges.



But being busy, according to Anderson, has its downside.

“Mahirap din siya bilang actor kasi kapag sunud-sunod ang trabaho mo. Mentally, emotionally, kapag meron kang bagong character na gagawin, mas malaking challenge to do something different, to do something better,” he explained.

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James, unhappy with Nadine

Umaasa si James Reid na mas magiging masaya ang buhay niya ngayong 29 na siya. ‘Yan ang laman ng mensahe niya sa Instagram. “Happy to say this is the, and will be the best year

of my life #29!” sabi ni James. Meaning, hindi ang relasyon sa ex-girlfriend na si Nadine Lustre ang maikuturing na pina-ka-’best’ na nangyari sa buhay niya. Na meron pa siyang inaasahang darating na ‘pinaka’ sa mga susunod na buwan.



Well, inaasahan na nga ni James ang mga magagandang mangyayari dahil naumpisahan na ang international career niya, at siguradong sa kanyang pagbabalik sa acting ay mas bobongga pa siya dulot ng pagkasabik sa kanya ng mga fan.

Anyway, sa karugtong na caption James ay nakiusap siyang huwag na siyang padalhan pa ng mga cake.

K Brosas hinangaan ng mga kalaban Hinahangaan ng ilang maka-BBM si K Brosas sa

post nito na tinatanggap ang pagkatalo ng kanyang kandidato na si VP Leni Robredo. Sa Instagram niya na, ‘Ipinagmamalaki Kong Ikaw Ang Aking Ipinaglaban’ na may art sketch ni VP Leni, sinabi ng komedyante na nirerespeto niya ang bagong gobyerno at dalangin nito ang maayos na



MP Salma Zahid

Mayor John Tory throws the ceremonial jumpball between Toronto Police and UMAC cargo.

Filipino Centre Toronto officers, volunteers with Von Canton

FCT Officer Efrén de Villa reads the invocation.

Councillor Jennifer Mckelvie (Scarborough Rouge Park)

MP Rechie Valdez (Mississauga), FilCan boxer Justin Chino “Gandoza” (GBU Super LightWeight Champion PH)

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Christine Santos (NDP MPP Candidate - Ajax)

FCT President Mary Ann San Juan

lady nito. Pero sa tantiya naman namin, sa pagsasama nila sa hirap ng kampanya, mukhang wala na ring kawala si Sue kay Javi. First lady na yarn na nga ang biro sa kanya.

Sharlene leaves Twitter Lalayasan na ni Sharlene San Pedro ang Twitter. Dismayado si Sharlene sa ilang mga netizen na isinama siya sa ibang mga celebrity na nakatikim ng cancel culture. “Sa totoo lang i-unfollow niyo na ako,



deactivated naman na ‘to in a few days. Tsaka beh may narinig ba kayo sakín na panda-down sa sinusuportahan niya? Pakihanap, lahat ng tweet ko about lang sa taong sinusuportahan ko. “Ngayon kung satingin niyo toxic ang pagpa-pakikita ng suporta, toxic ka din. Wag ka papatalo.

Hahahaha!” sabi ni Sharlene. Nagpahayag ng lungkot ang kanyang mga fan dahil hindi na nila uli malalaman ang mga kaganapan sa buhay kanilang idolo. Janno Gibbs loses 4K followers

Actor Janno Gibbs revealed that he lost thousands of social media followers because of his political views. Janno openly supported Vice President Leni Robredo in her presidential bid. In his Instagram account, Janno shared he lost 4,000 followers.





pamamahala ng susunod na pamumuno. Mababasa sa mga comment ang paghanga ng maka-BBM kay K sa pagpapakumbaba nito at hangar-ing bigyan ng pagkakataon ang bagong mamumuno ng bansa. Kumpara kay Pokwang na patuloy na tumatalak

sa kanyang social media, sinasabing mas malawak ang pang-unawa ng kanyang kaibigang si K. Nakiusap lang si K na tigilan na ang batushan ng mga kung anu-anong salita laban sa kanilang mga kakampink.

Sue wala nang kawala kay Javi

Sertipikado na ang pagiging first lady ni Sue Ramirez sa Victorias, Bacolod, sa pagkapanalo ng kasintahan si Javi Benitez bilang alkalde. Pinagmalaki ni Sue sa Instagram kung saan

kasama niya ang kasintahan at ang ama ng huli sa larawan, si Albee Benitez. "Asenso! Asenso! Asenso! With the newly elected Mayors of Bacolod and Victorias City, Mayor @albeebenitez & Mayor @javibenitez! Madamo nga salamat sa inyo nga suporta!..."



sabi ni Sue. Kahit kilalang mga politiko sa nasabing lugar ang pamilya ni Javi, malaking bagay ang pangangampanya ni Sue para sa kasintahan. Kulang na lang talaga ay pakasalan ni Javi si Sue para maging legal ang pagiging first



Paul Arena, Dodong Tumalak, Frank Cruzet and Efen de Villa

Fiesta Extravaganza festival founder Von Canton

Joy D'aoust with son Atlas

Mike Cruz and Frank Cruzet

FCT officers Wendy Arena, Grace, and Mary Ann San Juan

Mazhar Shafiq (Liberal Party, MPP Candidate - Scarborough Centre)

BELOW, Ligaya Gay Sarmiento, Mayor John Tory, Joy D'aoust with son Atlas and daughter Wintera

"Simula kagabi, 4K followers na ang nawala sa akin. Dahil sa mga personal kong pananaw sa politika," he said. He also asked Bongbong Marcos' supporters to let him be a "kakampink" and grieve. "Sabi n'yo, 'Wag nang bitter.' Tanggapin nalang

na talo na. Move on na. Nung matalo si BBM as VP, nag-move on ba? Tinanggap ba niyo? Hindi. Nagprotesta at nagpa-recount ng 3x," he said. "Talo pa rin. So hayaan niyo kaming maging bitter. Kung nabaliktad ang resulta, pihado bitter din kayo. Let us grieve," he added.

Raymond Gutierrez now in a relationship: 'There's nothing to hide'

Raymond Gutierrez revealed in a recent interview with Wil Dasovich that he has found love while in Los Angeles, California.

Wil, caught off guard, blurted, "Oh my, you just dropped that like that - boyfriend reveal. I didn't know you were gonna say that." Asked if he has posted anything relating to his love life on social media, Raymond



shared he has yet to do so. Raymond appreciates it that his partner doesn't like the attention. "You know, he barely posts. I actually encourage him to post on his private social media. So, yeah, I like that he's private."



Naniniwala si Miss Universe Philippines 2022 Celeste Cortesi na hindi tatablan ng sinasabing “sumpa” ng korona

Celeste Cortesi on Miss Universe PH crown “curse” on love life: “It’s not gonna work on us.”

ang relasyon nila ng kanyang boyfriend.
Ang boyfriend ng Filipino-Italian beauty queen ay si Mathew Custodio, isang Filipino-British at national football team member.
Matapos manalo ni Celeste ng national crown nitong April 30, 2022, may ilang pageant fans ang nag-post sa social media na sana raw ay hindi tablan sina Celeste at Mathew ng “curse” ng

crown.
Nagkaroon ng ganitong-haka-haka kasunod ng serye ng breakups ng ilang Miss Universe Philippines titleholders nang lumaban sa Miss Universe pageants.
Ito ang nangyari noon kina Miriam Quiambao, Janine Tugonon, Catriona Gray, Rabiya Mateo, at Bea Luigi Gomez.

CELESTE REACTS TO THE

ALLEGED CURSE

Ayon kay Celeste, tinatawanan lamang nila ni Mathew ang sinasabing “sumpa.”
“When we read these comments, we really just laugh about it because we know that it’s not gonna happen.
“The fact that I am Miss Universe Philippines [proves that the curse] will never get in the way of our relationship.
“It will just make it stronger.
“So, I just wanna say to these people, there is a curse apparently, but it’s not gonna work on

us,” kampanyang sagot niya.
Dugtong ni Celeste, sa buong journey niya ay laging nakaalalay ang kanyang kasintahang si Mathew.
“Mathew has been so supportive during my journey, that’s just so amazing.
“Whenever I was stressed, whenever I was going through something, he would always be there to support me and understand.”
Kahit daw sa kanyang pagkap-analo ng national crown, patuloy sa pagiging supportive sa kanya ang boyfriend.



1. Ampee Panaligan and Joseph Mendoza get married last May 6 at St. Rose de Lima Parish; 2. The happy couple poses with Ampee’s family The Guild Inn Estate

Iñigo Pascual recalls audition for musical drama with Susan Sarandon

Iñigo Pascual looked back at his audition for the Hollywood musical drama “Monarch,” in which he now stars with the Academy Award-winning actress Susan Sarandon.
The actor-singer, who plays the 18-year-old Ace Grayson in the series, admitted he initially did not want to audition for “Monarch.” He said this in his conversation with celebrity doctor Vicki Belo, for the latter’s YouTube vlog.
“It came out of nowhere. I wasn’t planning on auditioning at all. I was like, ‘I’m not gonna do it because I’m not gonna get it,’” he narrated.
Pascual was eventually convinced by his team to try for the role. They assured him that if he did not get the role, he would still have his career in the Philippines.

“I did it (audition), I was two weeks late for the audition and then I was in the top four after the audition. Then we did the callbacks. After two days, sabi nila (they said) ‘In a month’s time, you’re gonna have to move to Atlanta,’” he recounted.
Pascual also expressed excitement for his first “American project,” especially since his character is a Filipino.
“In a way, I’m kind of representing the Philippines. I’m playing a Filipino character. It just feels good to be able to do that, to be able to represent the Philippines and to be able to share my music through this project as well,” he said.
When Belo pointed out that Pascual stars in the series with Sarandon and described her as “wonderful,” the actor agreed with a laugh.
“She’s amazing,” he told Belo.



ROGER DESAUTELS’ Celebration of Life



3. Juliet Tarac Cayetano poses with her sons at the Celebration of Life dinner for her late husband Roger Desautels; 4. Family and friends help celebrate with Juliet.

Why ‘Hipon Girl’ Herlene Nicole Budol doesn’t splurge on luxury items

Binibining Pilipinas 2022 candidate Herlene Nicole Budol, also known as “Hipon Girl,” shared that she’s not the type to splurge on luxury items.
In fact, the only luxury item in her closet is still the pair of Gucci sneakers gifted by actress Alex Gonzaga during a video prank the latter shared on her YouTube channel a year ago.
“Actually, nag-anniversary na siya. Abangan niyo mga guys kung kelan natin susuotin dahil never ko pa siyang nasuot sa buong buhay ko,” Herlene told Philippine Entertainment Portal during a recent press event.



“Hindi kasi ako ano, e, hindi ako masyadong maluho talagang tao. Pero happy ako kasi nagkaroon ako ng ganu’n. At sana masundan if kaya na ng budget,” she added.
The TV show host said she’d rather spend on her family’s needs.
“Actually, kaya naman pero hindi ako magastos talaga.
So mas uunahin ko ‘yung pangangailangan namin ng pampamilya ko.”
Apart from her TV projects, it can be assumed that Hipon Girl has been raking money from her YouTube channel with 1.95 million subscribers, her TikTok account with 6 million followers, her Facebook account with over 412,000 followers, as well as her Instagram account with over 445,000 followers.

Theresa Lumanlan is proud of Frank

Frank A Cruzet shown with his winning artwork after bagging the first prize at the Belleville Quinte Arts Council Plein air competition held from May 26-28. The competition saw some 30 professional artists submit their 2-3 pieces of their works done during the 3 days of competition at Belleville. The pieces were viewed and juried by 2 well-known Artists. Frank came home with the first prize! So proud of you Hon!!



5. Ipen beauties visit Harina; 6. Ipen beauties; 7. Margaret Rodrigo poses with Jam Rodriguez and Ipen boss Edgar Sulit; 8. Melissa Ventocilla poses with Agnes Miranda, Consul General Orontes Castro and Mel Galeon.

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Andrea Brillantes congratulates Seth Fedelin, Francine Diaz on new series

Francine Diaz and Seth Fedelin of the popular *The Gold Squad* are set to reunite onscreen via the new ABS-CBN teleserye *Dirty Linen*.

The two will be joined by Janine Gutierrez and Zanjoe Marudo in the series produced by Dreamscape (FPJ's *Ang Probinsyano*, *The Broken Marriage Vow*), with directors Onat Diaz and Andoy Ranay at the helm. Francine shared the exciting news with her fans and followers on Instagram, saying she is grateful to be part of the project and is very excited to be working with brilliant directors and a stellar cast. Seth also shared the wonderful news on his page, with a message of gratitude to ABS-CBN and



"Salamat din po sa mga co-actor at mga direktor ko po dito na magsisilbing guro at mga kaibigan. Excited na po akong makasakay! @dreamscape @abscbn, maraming salamat po sa inyo!"

Tagging Francine, Seth added: "At syempre good luck and congrats sa atin."

Among those who reacted to his post was Seth's former onscreen partner and girlfriend Andrea Brillantes. The actress wrote "Congrats!!", followed by a string of emojis of a blue heart, smiling face, and sparkles.

Although this isn't the first time that Francine and Seth are working together on a series — the two have previously co-starred in the hit teleseryes *Kadenang Ginto* and *Huwag Kang Mangamba*—*Dirty Linen* marks their first project as officially onscreen partners.

An airdate for *Dirty Linen* has yet to be announced.

Dreamscape, his co-stars, and his newest leading lady. "Maraming salamat po sa itaas at sa mga taong patuloy na naniniwala sa akin," he wrote.



Sue Ramirez's love advice: Don't hurry

For actress Sue Ramirez, there is always a right time for love, and people should not be in too much of a hurry to get into a relationship.

"Guys, 'wag kayong t**ng-t**ng magka-dyowa. Darating din 'yan sa tamang panahon at tamang timing. Diyos ko... Enjoy-in n'yo 'yong time na meron kayo for yourself," she said during the online press conference for the movie "How to Love Mr. Heartless." Ramirez believes that instead of being too obsessed with having a partner, one should be responsible while enjoying one's self first, before wanting to commit with anyone. She also thinks one cannot enjoy a relationship without fully knowing one's self.

When asked what love advice she could give her screen partner Diego Loyzaga, who has had his fair share of romantic challenges, Ramirez opted to be neutral.

"Each has his own talaga, may kanya-kanya tayong preferences pagdating sa love. And hindi ko p'wedeng, alam mo 'yon, hindi i-acknowledge o i-discredit kung ano man ang ginawa n'ya para sa pagmamahal dahil lang iba 'yong way ko. So, hindi ko alam," she said.



Inday Sara biglang dumami supporter na artista

Kaliw namang makita na unti-unti ay lumalantad na ang mga artista na sumuporta kay Inday Sara Duterte. Ang akala kasi ng sambayanan ay puro kakampink ang mga artista, bukod kina Andrew E., Toni Gonzaga.

Pero 'yun nga, sa Instagram ngayon ay makikita mo na ang mga photo ni Inday Sara na kasama ang mga artista.

Bukod kay Cesar Montano, na noon pa man ay maka-Duterte na, at nagpapirma sa t-shirt niya kay Inday Sara, makikita rin sina Nathalie Hart, Arci Munoz, Jennifer Lee, Renz Verano, Dianne Medina, Rodjun Cruz, at marami pang iba.

For sure, sa mga susunod na event ni Inday Sara ay mas dadami pa ang mga artistang lalantad na suportado ang vice president elect ng Pilipinas.

Sabi nga, weather-weather lang 'yan!



Joshua naloka sa 'kadalaldan' ni Ruffa

Kaliw ang chikahan ni Ruffa Gutierrez, Joshua Garcia, Charlie Dizon, Vice Ganda sa 'It's Showtime', ha!

Feel na feel nga ng marami ang sitwasyon ni Joshua, na ang pressyon niya ang Ruffa ay 'madal' ito. Well, katotohanan na 'madal' si Ruffa, pero madaldal na machika lang, at hindi 'yung tipong 'marites' na hindi mo siyang puwedeng pagkatiwalaan ng sikreto mo.

Si Ruffa nga ang kaibigan na hindi ka iiwanan. At alam na alam 'yan nina Karla Estrada, Donita Rose, Vina Morales, at iba pa. "Kinuwento sa akin ni Charlie, na sabi raw ni Joshua, 'Ang daldal kasi ni Ruffa'. Hello, puwede ka naman magkuwento sa akin. 'Wag mo naman ako i-judge!' sabi ni Ruffa.

Siyempre, tawang-tawa lang silang lahat. At sabi nga ni Vice, ilang araw na ngang may isyu sina Ruffa at Joshua. Kaliw, 'di ba?



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used to in the days.

Popularity vs influence

Leni Robredo, Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan, Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. and former Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte had their fair share of star power lending their support for them. These big names, however, have found a little competition with the influencers or personalities who found their following on social media. Filipino historian Prof. Michael Charleston "Xiao" Chua, meanwhile, said that star power did help but there are other factors that he thinks affected the elections.

"It helped that candidates be more relatable but on the end many other factors decided this election like years of frustration on government institutions and the massive disinformation infrastructure," Chua said.

Disinformation and narratives

This election went back to "traditional electioneering" where the local government is tapped to deliver the votes. This time, it is complemented by a massive social media campaign.

Maclang said social media presented "explanations" that people accept as true.

"This campaign was predicated on the golden age narrative versus the EDSA narrative. BBM (Marcos Jr.)

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and his family have been very methodically advancing the 'Golden Age' narrative for years.

The Golden Age narrative claims that the years that Ferdinand Marcos Sr. served as president for 21 years, from 1965 to 1986, was an era of prosperity and economic progress for the Philippines.

Let the trolls do the work

Elections in the future will still utilize social media and any other platforms. This has been in place this election with both presidential

candidates, Robredo and Marcos Jr. owning YouTube channels where they post their vlogs.

Maclang, however, worries about using social media to manage reality online. She stressed how many of these platforms are owned by foreign entities who do not necessarily have the nation's best interest at heart.

Maclang also shared her thoughts on what makes a social media campaign successful.

"Let your trolls do the attacking/defending for you," she noted. For Prof. Chua, the work continues. As a historian that safeguards the

events of a nation no matter how painful or unfavorable those are, he has a duty to abide by his profession/vocation.

"If the past is prologue, they will be consistent. They have brought much damage not just to our historical narrative but to our culture as well of discourse. They will just make it official by using the cultural agencies and the DepEd (Department of Education). That said, I wish I am wrong. Historians will just be consistent in doing their job even if faced by the machinery of disinformation," Chua ended.

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Loisa Andalo recalls financial trouble after ABS-CBN shutdown:

“Wala kaming income.”

Lubos ang pasasalamat ni Loisa Andalo sa tiwalang ipinagkaloob sa kanila ng ABS CBN.

Sa unang pagkakataon ay bibida sila ng kanyang reel-and-real-life sweetheart na si Ronnie Alonte sa romantic-comedy series na Love in 40 Days.

Inamin niyang nakaramdam siya ng takot dala ng ABS-CBN shutdown noong 2020.

Bilang breadwinner, nakaranas ng depresyon si Loisa dahil sa pangambang hindi niya maibigay ang pangangailangan ng kanyang pamilya.

LOISA ON OVERCOMING HURDLES WITH RONNIE

Ayon kay Loisa, malaki ang naitulong ng presensiya ni Ronnie para malapas-an niya ang mental health problem na dinanas nung pandemya.

“Suwerte. Suwerte si Ronnie kasi nandito kami para sa isa’t isa para mag-guide,



magpalakas ng loob.

“Nanibago lang kami talaga kasi wala nang pumapasok na tuluy-tuloy na pera. Di gaya dati na kung wala kang shows, sa endorsements humingi sila ng lambing na baka puwede, pandemic naman.

“Plano namin ngayon, paano pag dumating uli ang panahon na ganun, magnenegosyo kami, may mga business kaming soon na itatayo.”

NETWORK TRANSFER:

Sabi ni Ronnie: “Hindi naman namin itatanggi yun. Nagka-offer naman sila, pero hanggang offer lang.

“Kasi siyempre, at the end of

the day, nandito kami sa ABS-CBN, may bago kaming show.

ON REEL AND REAL-LIFE ROMANCE

Para rin sa Kapamilya actor, ang pag-amin nila ni Loisa sa totoong estado ng kanilang relasyon ang isa sa malaking pinagkaiba nila sa ibang love team.

Saad niya, “Paano kami naiba sa kanila, hindi sila umaamin. Yun ang unang-una sa lahat.

“Hindi ko kaya na nakikita ang babae na nasasaktan na hindi ko siya kayang ipagmalaki.

“Magkahawak-kamay kayo sa mall, maglalambingan, ‘Kayo ba?’ ‘Ay, hindi, close lang kami.’ Nakakabastos yun sa isang babae.”

Hindi sagabal para kay Ronnie ang pagkakaroon ng karelasyon kasabay ng showbiz career.

“Ang sarap-sarap na may taong nagmamahal sa iyo,” sambit niya.

“At yung pagiging makatotoo

namin sa tao, hindi kami showbiz, yung pinapakita namin sa tao, sa social media, sa lahat, lahat yun totoo, walang halong kaechosan.

“Sa mga love team talaga, umamin na kayo.”

Kapansin-pansin ding kumpiyansa na si Ronnie sa pagsagot sa anumang isyu na itanong sa kanya ng entertainment press.

Pahayag niya, “Magsi-seven years na rin ako sa industriya. Lahat ng mga pinagdaanan ko, lahat ng ginawa kong pelikula, teleserye, pagdating sa press, talagang kinakabahan ako, wala yung kumpiyansiya ko na sumagot.

“Siguro dahil din sa pandemic ang dami kong natutunan. Nag-lockdown, ang dami kong naisip na pagbabago na dapat kong baguhin sa sarili ko.

“Sa tulong na rin ni Loisa, na tinulungan ako kung paano mag-mature, ngayon siguro pinapakita ko lang sa tao.

“Gusto ko na ipakita sa kanila na nag-iiba lahat ng mga tao.”

Kris Aquino on her health: ‘Time is now my enemy’

In her Instagram post, Kris Aquino revealed that she has been diagnosed with Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (EGPA).

This disease is caused by an inflammation that occurs in certain types of cells in the blood or in the tissue.

“I’ll miss you- my friends & followers very much. Time is now my enemy, naghahabol kami hoping na wala pang permanent damage to the blood vessels leading to my heart,” she wrote in her caption.

According to the Queen of all Media, her attending physician, Dr. Niño Gavino, successfully diagnosed her and found what was really going on with her body.

Kris added that she will be seeking medical treatment in the US. Her two sons, Josh and Bimby, will be staying in the Philippines while she flies abroad.

“For now and the next few years- sadly, it’s goodbye. Praying na kayanin ng katawan ko itong matinding pagsubok,” she said.



‘Trenta usapan natin’

Daniel Padilla ready to marry Kathryn Bernardo

Kapamilya actor Daniel Padilla told girlfriend Kathryn Bernardo that he is ready to marry her.

In a “2 Good 2 Be True” special uploaded on YouTube before the series’ premiere on Netflix, Daniel and Kathryn were seated with directors Cathy Garcia-Molina, Mae Cruz-Alviar and Olivia Lamasan.

Cathy brought up the topic of marriage in the middle part of the special.

“Pag 10 years? Siyempre, meron na,” Kathryn said.

“Meron na,” Daniel agreed, adding, “Iyon din. Iyon na ‘yung ultimatum



ko — ‘pag hindi pa ako kinasal; Kathryn, ‘pag ayaw mo pa, ayoko na!’

The couple said marriage will seal them as a couple.

“Iyon na ‘yung next chapter ng buhay namin. Kailangan na... Ten years na kami rin. Iba ‘yung kasal. After that, you build a house together, build a family together,” Daniel said.

“Iyon na ‘yung mag-si-seal sa inyo,” Kathryn added. Daniel said that he is already looking forward for that day.

“Ako, kasi, looking forward na rin ako doon. Kasi, ano pa bang ano ko sa buhay ko? Twenty-seven na ako. What’s next — sa aming dalawa?” he said.

He added that they are sure with each other even when they were starting as a couple as teenagers. “At saka dati pa naman, 16 at 17 years old pa lang kami, pinag-uusapan na namin ‘yan. Now, we’re here. What’s the plan after three or two years?” Daniel said.

“Trenta, usapan natin. Hindi na ma-mo-move ‘yun,” he added.

Kathryn, however, disagreed, saying: “Dapat pag-ready tayo pareho. You can’t say that to me, kasi ‘pag marriage, dapat pareho tayong ready. Alam mong hindi pa tayo ready ngayon. Kailangan pa natin aralin ang buhay, kung paano.”

“Baka ikaw ang hindi pa ready. Ready na ako,” Daniel replied.

James Reid’s Real Motive on Liza Soberano

Malakas daw umano ang kutob ni Cristy Fermin na tila may iba pang motibo si James Reid sa pagiging bagong manager ng aktres na si Liza Soberano.

Isa ito sa tinalakay nina Cristy, Romel Chika at Morly Alinio sa pinakabanggong episode ng Showbiz Now Na!

“Ito naman ay sabi-sabi lang, at kahit noon ay nabasa ko. Crush ni James Reid at Daniel Padilla si Liza,” ang naibahagi ni Cristy

“Malakas ang kutob ko, planado ‘to. Pre-meditated po ito para sa akin,” aniya. Bukod pa rito, sinabi rin ni Cristy na hindi umano malayong mangyari na magkadebelopan ang dalawa na lagi na ngayong magkasama.

“Malakas ang kutob ko, planado ‘to... Meron nang unti-unting nade-develop, papunta na sila doon”



‘Take time to process things’:

Kylie Verzosa gives mental health advice for moving on

Beauty queen-turned-actress Kylie Verzosa gave tips on how to move on from heartbreaks.

Kylie, a mental health advocate, said that self-love is important in moving on from heartbreaks.

“Siguro take things a day at a time. Kailangan mo rin maging alone with yourself. Take time to process things,” Kylie said.

“May sari-sarili tayong coping, so ito talaga ‘yung panahon na kailangan mong intindihin at mahalin ang sarili mo even more. Maganda ‘yong process at siyempre life-long journey ‘yong pagha-handle ng problema,” she added.

Kylie and actor Jake Cuenca broke up last April. Kylie said that her heart is getting better.

“My heart is getting better every day. Ang dami kong natututunan sa sarili ko. I’m still trying to find ways



Did blockbuster director Cathy Garcia-Molina throw shade at online stars?

Blockbuster director Cathy Garcia-Molina reunited with Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla in a special documentary for the upcoming series “2 Good To Be True.”

In the documentary entitled “2Good2gether, A Special Reunion: Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla,”

Cathy said that the showbiz industry needs real actors like Daniel and Kathryn, not online stars who became successful overnight.

“I’ve seen actors. We’ve seen them come and go and right now ako sasabihin ko bumalik na kayo,” said Cathy. She added: “Kailangan namin kayo. Ayokong iniisip nila na they’ve

made it just because they’re famous online. Come back pakita niyo sa kanila ano ang ibig sabihin ng tunay na artista.” Daniel responded: Sagutin ko lang yan Direk Cathy. Yung sampung taon na pinalaki nyo kami, lahat yun dahil sa tinanim n’yo sa amin.

“Alam namin yung essence ng pagiging actor, o tawagin man natin isang artista. Hindi lang ito basta fame, and fortune. The lights, the bright lights. Hindi lang yun di ba?

It’s something deeper The experiences, the lives you touched. Kaya kami ni Kathryn 100 percent yung trust na binibigay namin sa inyo kasi kayo lang din naman yung nagbibigay sa amin ng tiwala a nilalabas nyo yung best namin all the time,” he said.

Cathy is the director of the highest-grossing Filipino movie “Hello, Love, Goodbye” which grossed more than P800 million at the box office worldwide. It was previously held by “The Hows of Us” which she also directed.

Joining Cathy in the docu were Mae Cruz Alviar, and Olivia Lamasan, who directed some of their most memorable box-office



films that were instrumental in making KathNiel a formidable love team over the past 10 years.

Reacting to Daniel’s comment, Mae said: “Tinanong nyo ako di ba if you still believe in us? Siguro hindi ko tatanggapin yung soap natin if I don’t believe in you. There are many, many reasons why kung puedeng mag-give up na kami or ako sa project

na yan. Di ba ang tagal nag take-off? But it was because of you. You’re really the reason why I did it, I’m doing it, because I believe in you. We feel your trust.” Kathryn also revealed that she and Daniel became sweethearts on May 25, 2012. “Noong patapos na yung ‘Princess and I’ naging kami na.”

While fans have followed KathNiel as a love team, Olivia encouraged Kathryn and Daniel to do projects separately.

“Kasi yung pag gawa ninyo ng projects na hindi kayo magkasama, there’s a different growth in that,” Olivia said. “So when you get together again, iba na naman ang maibibigay ninyo.”

to cope. Pero siyempre, masakit pa rin,” she added.

She thanked the public for showing

concern to their relationship.

“The support, the concern have been so overwhelming, at sobra ‘yung pag-

papasalamat ko sa lahat. Masakit talaga ‘yung pinagdadaan namin,” she said.

GOD'S LITTLE PARADISE

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

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

Sunset @ Sta. Fe Beach

Chocolate Hills

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

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watch the games. A number of special guests also joined the fun-filled weekend, among them were: Mayor John Tory, MP Rechie Valdez (Mississauga), MP Salma Zahid (Scarborough Centre), Councillor Jennifer Mckelvie (Scarborough Rouge Park), Mazhar Shafiq (Liberal Party, MPP Candidate - Scarborough Centre), Christine Santos (NDP MPP Candidate - Ajax), Justin Chino "Gandoza" (GBU Super LightWeight Champion PH)

As of 2022, VIBT is the longest running tournament (formerly Mabuhay) and one of the most organized leagues with an assigned nurse and police security. Mayor Tory has never missed a VIBT Opening Ceremony since 2014.

The Filipino Centre Toronto 14th Victoria Invitational Basketball Tournament was held at the Toronto Pan Am Centre and at the Durham College Recreation Centre.



was the absence of "tailgate" and a Filipino food vendor, notably FV Foods. That is why when Frank Cruzet and wife Theresa Lumanlan brought pancit and rice with chicken for volunteers at the front table on Sunday at Durham College, people were asking if it was for sale. I saw one woman with 3 boxes of pizza. I am not sure if it was ordered and delivered there or she brought it with her for their group.

As for the action, this years' tournament is no exception. All the games were closely-contested. Only a few were lopsided.

And in this year's tournament, I witnessed a coach leave the court. However, his team still won the game and went on to the finals.

One game at the finals was a heartbreaker with 1 second to go on an inbound play. The game was between the Mississauga team and UNDFTD. The Mississauga team was ahead by 2 points. The UNDFTD player went for a 3-pointer and the ball circled the rim but did not go through. Ironically, in this case, the UNDFTD team was "DFTD." The following

How Spielberg became producer of JoKoy's movie 'Easter Sunday'



Filipino-American comedian Jo Koy shared how Steven Spielberg became a producer for his upcoming movie *Easter Sunday*.

The comedian shared that Steven first got to know him through his Netflix show *Comin' In Hot*.



“He just loved the stories about my mom and our relationship... He just enjoyed that dynamic, and he enjoyed the storytelling, and he was like, ‘I want to make this story a reality.’ And it’s not about making fun of Filipinos. It’s about a family first that just happens to be Filipino,” he remarked.

Jo Koy added, "And you're going to relate to it. No matter what ethnicity you are, a mom is a mom. They all do the same mom stuff."

When asked why the film is called Easter Sunday, Jo Koy shared, “Well, Easter is just that day when Filipinos all come out. I mean, it’s more packed than Christmas. That was the significance of that day. I felt like it’s like an indirect way of saying this is for Filipinos. I don’t think that many people celebrate Easter as hard as we do.”

On Thursday, May 5 (PH time), Jo Koy took to social media to express his gratitude to Steven for producing the film.

"I can't wait for the world to see my movie Easter Sunday. Thank you Steven Spielberg and Amblin for making this all possible," Jo Koy said.

Jo Koy remarked that he wants to pay

it forward and extend a hand to others who also want to make it in the industry.

“So, then [Netflix] finally buying the show from me after they already said no, then giving me two more specials, I felt like I certainly knew how hard it would be to get a foot in the door. God bless, Netflix —

don't get me wrong. But

if it wasn't for that moment that I shot 'Live From Seattle,' this right now would never have happened. So, I feel like I need to pay it forward and help open the door for others like me," he stated.

Ruffa Gutierrez gaganap nga ba bilang Imelda Marcos sa 'Maid in Malacañang'?

USAP-USAPAN ngayon na si Ruffa Gutierrez dahil sa pagganap nito bilang si Imelda Marcos sa Viva Films project na “Maid in Malacañang” sa direksyon ni Darryl Yap.

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Ayon sa Viva director, hindi naman daw ito historical revisionism kung hindi “the other side of the story”.

Nagkaroon naman ng final casting noong Biyernes, June 3. Wala naman nang binanggit na iba pang impormasyon ukol sa naturang proyekto.

“Through the years with the one and only Madame Imelda Romualdez Marcos,” caption niya sa kanyang post.

Kung titignan mo, bagay na bagay naman talafa kay Ruffa ang kanyang role bilang Imelda.



Ian Veneracion, Never naging Network Exclusive

Ayon kay lan ay hindi niya naranasang magkaroon ng eksklusibong kontrata sa isang TV network mula noong pasukin ang show business.

"Kasi ang totoo, my whole career, I've never been exclusive with any particular network. Per project lang ako talaga. So for example may pinitch na project



and cast and director, and istorya and character, then I do the project. Pero hindi ako nakatali for a certain amount of time. Hindi ganyan, per project lang talaga ako ever since," pagbabahagi niya.

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Para kay lan ay mas mabuti nang hindi eksklusibo ang kontrata

sa isang network lamang upang mas maraming proyekto ang magawa. "I'm open to all options naman kasi even now merong mga venture na, because the landscape is changing. Ang daming nangyayaring partnerships ngayon with 'yung mga dating hindi nagkakasama. Ngayon nagsasama na," giit ng aktor.

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Tom Rodriguez unfollows Carla Abellana, posts cryptic image about breaking free

Kapuso actor Tom Rodriguez returned to social media after a few months of hiatus.

Eagle-eyed social media users noticed that Tom unfollowed his wife Carla Abellana on Instagram but the actress still follows her husband.

Fans of the couple were also intrigued after Tom posted a cryptic image on his Instagram story. He shared a silhouette of hands breaking free from handcuffs.

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Sunshine Cruz is a cool yet disciplinarian mom



Sunshine says that exercise is bonding time for her and daughters Angelina, Samantha and Francheska. They do various things together, from yoga to aerobics. That's why they all have amazing figures.

With all that hot mom Sunshine Cruz has been through in relationships and life, she already mastered the balance of becoming the good and bad cop in one, all in her 40s. We got to chat with her and her Tres Marias Angel Francheska, Samantha Angelina and ate Angelina Isabele at the opening of their latest endorsement venture together, the new lifestyle center Surge Fitness. Sunshine said that exercise is a sacred time of bonding for her family and they do various things together from yoga to aerobics. Here, we witnessed how beautiful and all-grown-up her three girls are already. "Si Cheska, ito baby bunso kamukha ng tatay, pero katawan Kylie Jenner. Sixteen

siya," said she. "Si Sam pinaka-maingay, baby pa though she's 18, very funny, every night gusto paalam sa akin. Pero doon ako nagiging magulang that it's not always yes! Pero ito ateng ate si Angelina, calm lang, manang mana sa akin." The oozing attractiveness of her daughters are all thanks to her and their dad Cesar Montano, whom she has finally reached a civil relationship with for the sake of her daughters since their split almost a decade ago. It is no surprise that the three girls have many suitors. "Sakin ayoko nagkikita sila sa labas, that's a no-no!" said Sunshine. But then, Cheska chimed in, "Bawal pa po boyfriend, di pa po ako 18! MU lang po, hahahaha!" MU means malabong usapan or is tantamount to a fling. Sunshine shared she strives to be involved in her daughters' happenings, especially now that they are in their teens. "Our communication has been very open. As a parent, we only want the best for them," she added. "Mas gusto ko totoo sila sa akin, ayoko lang masira yung tiwala na binigay ko sa kanila." Sunshine doesn't mind that they may one day surpass her accolades and popularity in

showbiz. "Sinasabi ko sa kanila, anak naman post niyo naman sa Instagram ang photos ni mommy para dumami likes ko, hahaha," she said. "And I'm proud of my kids na lumaking hindi lang matatalino at mababait, magaganda pa! May pinagmana-han talaga!" There are moments when it's Sunshine who says that she wants to bail out and have some time alone. "Ako na nga nag-give up pag sobrang ingay nagpapalam na ako na doon na muna ako sa kwarto pero pag wala naman sila na-miss ko naman sila kasi ang tahi-tahimik," she said. Recently, her daughters have been spotted often with their half-brother Diego Loyzaga, which is a blessing for Sunshine since Diego is a protective kuya to the three girls. "We always hope for the best for him as long as he's happy," she said. "Napaka-bait na bata kaya mahal na mahal namin siya, the best, spoiled mga bata, minsan nga ako pa nagsasabi na anak huwag niyo pagastosin ng pagastosin si Kuya Diego, dapat share kayo pag lumalabas." The girls then said, "We're super close, binu-bully lagi si Diego, he's our victim all the time. He always makes jokes about us so we joke him back. That's our form of making lambing like bullying each other, teasing each other."

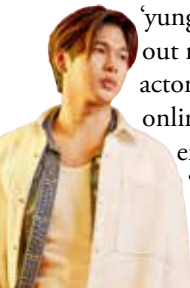
'Sanay na sanay na ako': Andrea Brillantes no longer affected by bashers

Andrea Brillantes spoke about how she has become unbothered by bashing, explaining that she is already used to it after years in the showbiz industry. Brillantes opened up on what she feels towards her bashers after talent manager-comedian Ogie Diaz asked her how she handles them, as seen on Diaz's YouTube channel. Diaz noted that the actress is always a subject of controversy, to which Brillantes agreed. "Hindi naman po sa manhid. It's just that hindi lang po naaapektuhan sa kanila. Lalo na parang more than 10 years na ako sa industriya kaya sanay na sanay na po ako," she said. "Nasasaktan pa rin naman ako pero at this time, hindi talaga po nakakaapekto sa akin." Brillantes disclosed that she has been minimizing her exposure on social media, especially on Twitter, to avoid seeing comments that would frustrate her. "Hindi lang ako nag-oopen masyado sa Twitter, hindi dahil sa naaapektuhan ako whenever



I open it — it's just for the sake of my peace of mind," she stated. "Mas masaya na wala akong iniisip." The actress also spoke of how she had been stressing about the recent University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) basketball competition, instead of the hate she has been receiving. Brillantes then expressed her joy over the win of the UP Fighting Maroons, where his boyfriend, basketball player Ricci Rivero, is a part of. "Masaya ako kahit hindi ako taga-UP," she added. "At masaya ko para sa boyfriend ko kasi before pa naging kami, sinasabi niya talaga na gusto niya lang is mag-champion." Brillantes earlier hit headlines after rumors that she got dropped from a salon's celebrity list made rounds on social media. The said rumor was then dismissed by her talent agency. Her agency also warned fans of the fake tweets allegedly posted

by Brillantes. Wilbert Ross wants to play a drag queen For his next movie, Wilbert Ross wants to play a drag queen to test of his versatility. "Gusto ko pong drag na gay, 'yung sobrang out na out na gay," the young actor said during the online press conference for the series "High on Sex." That dream role is a far cry from his Gibo character in the series, as he plays a scholar with high libido. He has been holding on to his girlfriend's promise that they would "go all the way" after junior high school, only to be left high and dry when she flies abroad. Gibo then turns his attention to his hot teacher and every boy's fantasy, Mrs. Salva, played by Rob Guinto. Their illicit affair is going to be one for the books.



FCT Now Accepting Candidates for 2022 FCT-Outstanding Students Awards

By Tony A. San Juan, OCT-Retired

The Filipino Centre Toronto (FCT) is now accepting candidates for its annual competition for the "2022 Outstanding Students Awards." The FCT-RCJ Outstanding Students Awards event, which started in 2005, is an annual program for selecting and recognizing outstanding and exemplary elementary, high school, and post-secondary graduates from Public, Catholic, and other government-supported educational institutions in Ontario. Through its Outstanding Students Awards Committee (OSA), the Centre will present awards to chosen outstanding student graduates who have completed their elementary or high school or post-secondary studies. The selection criteria include 1) scholastic achievement/academic marks - 50%, 2) community involvement, and extra-curricular activities - 30%, and 3) interview performance - 20%. The members of the FCT-RCJ Outstanding Students Awards Committee (OSA) include notable Filipino Canadian professionals and educators. It is composed of Jodelyn Huang(TCDSB Community Relations Officer), Steve Pagao(Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Toronto President), Mary Ann S. San Juan (Filipino Centre Toronto President/CEO), Fermer Santos (TDSB-Agincourt Collegiate Institute Vice-Principal), Rose Tijam (Philippine Press Club-Ontario President), and Tony A. San Juan (Filipino Heritage Council of Canada Founder), as Chairman. All applicants, who have been screened and approved by the Outstanding Student Awards Committee, will be recognized and honoured appropriately in a ceremony. Monetary awards, trophies, plaques, and certificates will be presented to the winners and/or nominees of each category. The overall requirements for the 2022 FCT-RCJ Outstanding Student Award Competition are as follows: A. General Requirements for All Categories: Any applicant or candidate for an FCT Award must be a 1) Natural-born Filipino or of Filipino descent (either parent is Filipino); 2) Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada; 3) Of the good moral and exemplary character, i.e. has no pending charge involving sexual or child abuse or criminal case. B. Specific Requirements for Elementary and High School Graduates. To qualify: 1) The applicant should be currently registered in the secondary school or college in Ontario, under one of the following categories: The elementary school applicant should

have completed Grade 8 in June 2022, and be going into high school (grade 9); The high school applicant should have completed Grade 12 in June 2022 and be accepted and going into university or community college or apprenticeship program. 2) The student should have a minimum academic average of 85% (or equivalent) during the last two (2) school years(Grades 7 & 8) or (Grades 11 & 12) and must be involved in extra-curricular and community/volunteer activities. 3) The applicant must submit the following documents: For the elementary school graduate - Original copies of final report cards for the last two years. For the high school graduate - A current and original transcript bearing the school's official seal. Additionally, two (2) original letters of character reference (one from the school, excluding immediate family), two (2) passport-size photos, and a completed FCT application form. C. Qualification Requirements for Post-Secondary Honour Candidates: 1) For Undergraduate or Baccalaureate Degree candidates: Must have achieved Academic Honours, with Notation printed in the candidate's degree diploma, such as any of the following: "Summa Cum Laude" or "Magna Cum Laude" or "Cum Laude" or "With Highest Distinction" (GPA 3.8 or higher) or "With Distinction" (3.5 to 3.79) or "First-Class Standing" or other university/college equivalent academic honours distinction awards. 2) For candidates with Masteral or Doctoral degrees: Must have achieved Graduate Average Grade of Letter Grades of A+, A, A- only; or Numerical Marks of 90-100%, 85-89%, 80-84% only; or High Pass-Clear Excellence or acceptable equivalent marking scale. 3) Documents (Photocopies only) to be submitted: a) Undergraduate program: Bachelor's Diploma with Academic Honours Notation; b) Graduate program: Transcript of Academic Record or Master's/ Doctorate diploma, and 4) Passport-size Photo; 5) Completed "FCT Application Form." Academic awards received must not be more than 5 years old, from the date of application. Application forms for the FCT's Outstanding Students Awards are now available at FCT, call 416-335-0485. or at www.filipinocentretoronto.com. The Deadline for submission of forms and documents is August 15, 2021, Monday. Personal interviews will begin on September 6, 2022, Tuesday. Completed forms and requirements are to be submitted or mailed to The Filipino Centre Toronto, RCJ OSA Committee, c/o Tony A. San Juan, Chairman, 4395 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, ON M1S 1T9 (TSJ).

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Mikee Quintos is on fire

GMA-7 always cast her in big projects. Like at present, she headlines *Apoy sa Langit*. All these times, Mikee is thankful to her home studio for assigning her vehicles where her acting chops get honed..

"This is the reason why I'm inspired to always give my best," avers Mikee. According to the young actress, from the very beginning, since she signed up with GMA, she was vocal that she wanted to be challenged and that she wanted to grow in every project where she could pick up new and valuable insights.

"Luckily, that's what I get in the roles being assigned to me. I'm very happy about it and I feel that the lock-in taping is a master class," she says.

In *Apoy sa Langit*, Mikee considers her transition from comedy to drama as her biggest challenge.



"I came from Pepito Manaloto (Unang Kuwento) that ran for ten months. I noticed as early as our initial script reading stage that I making some adjustments.. In Pepito, I speak with a soft and caring voice because I play the younger Elsa (Manilyn Reynes), right? Ate Mane's voice is soft so I had to pattern it to hers," she states.

"So, Direk Laurie (Guillen) noticed that my voice sounds soft at the start of our script reading. She readily noticed my habit of adjusting my voice. So, I really worked hard on that aspect. I had to change my voice for my character in Apoy sa Langit for it to be different from that of Elsa's," she carries on.

On the lighter side, many of her fans would like to know the present state of her love life especially since Paul Salas recently admitted in an interview that they're currently in the dating stage.

"I'm happy as of now. I'm dating. Perhaps you know who the guy is. I'm enjoying and happily growing," Mikee ends.



MELISSA, from page 1

of them had the same answer
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See everyone next year.



LEFT, Dr. Victoria Santiago, founder of the Victoria Invitational Basketball Tournament poses with the D'auost sisters Oceana, Skyea and Winterra at the 2018 tournament. ABOVE, Filipino Centre Toronto Officers and volunteers pose with Toronto Mayor John Tory and other dignitaries at the opening of the 14th VIBT at the Pan Am Centre May 21, 2022 .



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5. Arielle Abrazaldo; 6. Peyton Garcia;
7. Alyssa Escueta; 8. Antoinette Targa

Kyla suffers fourth miscarriage: 'Losing you again is unimaginable'

Kyla has revealed that she suffered a miscarriage for the fourth time while looking back at the excitement and joy she felt before she lost her baby.

"You have brought me so much joy, even for a few months that I carried you within me. It was all pure joy," she said. "But losing you... again... for the fourth time is unimaginable. I can't even put my feelings into words."

Kyla admitted that she is struggling with her loss especially since she did not tell anyone about her pregnancy. She noted that she and her husband Rich wanted to share the news of her pregnancy to their family, but they ended up expressing their grief instead. Despite this, she believes that all things will work out someday.

**"I know things will be ok in the end.
I thank God for his presence in my life. I
thank God for touching my heart right at this**



moment," she told fans. "Everyday, I have to intentionally look for just about anything that'll make me happy. I have to constantly remind myself that God has already placed people in my life to love — people that I need in life."

"He has blessed me with the best ones to love and love me back. Everything else is just bonus. Lord, have it your way. I surrender all my hurt to you," she added.

Kyla was consoled by fellow celebrities including Jolina Magdangal, Angeline Quinto, TJ Monterde, Karylle, Melai Cantiveros and Rocco Nacino.

"Ate Kyla, gusto kita yakapin ngayon. I'm praying for you ate," Quinto told Kyla.

Kyla suffered from two miscarriages back in 2018, then had another one in July last year. She welcomed her son Toby Elsieah back in May 2013, but expressed hope to have another child in 2019.

The image is a promotional graphic for Joy D'aoust, a real estate agent with Keller Williams. The background is a solid light blue. In the upper left, the Keller Williams logo is displayed, featuring a large red 'kw' followed by the words 'REAL ESTATE SERVICES' in a dark grey, sans-serif font. Below this, the word 'KELLERWILLIAMS.' is written in a larger, dark grey, sans-serif font, with a registered trademark symbol. Underneath that, the phrase 'Each Office Independently Owned And Operated' is written in a smaller, lighter grey, sans-serif font. On the right side of the image, the agent's name 'Joy D'aoust' is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the name, the word 'AGENT' is written in a smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font. Further down, the phone number '647-500-Keys' is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the image, there is a horizontal row of colorful, stylized houses in various colors including yellow, orange, red, and green, with blue roofs and windows, set against the light blue background.

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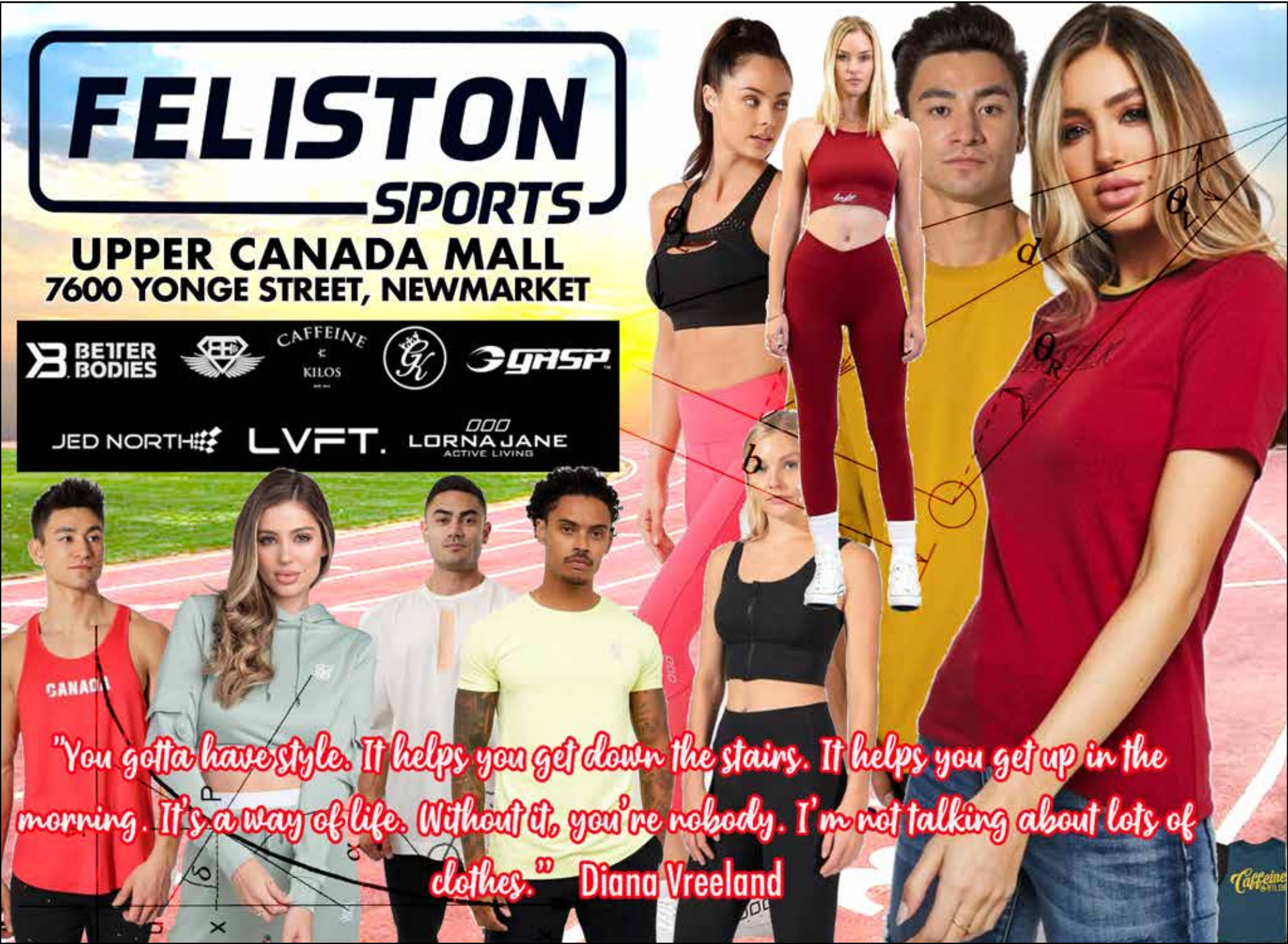
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Gerald Anderson helped Ivana Alawi on ‘A Family Affair’

For Gerald Anderson, it was always a pleasure to help co-actors with their roles like her new leading lady, Ivana Alawi, on “A Family Affair”.

Anderson said that he always celebrates



when Alawi has new milestones on set. “If she wins, we all win. Sa kanya umiikot ’yung buong istorya, ’yung apat na magkakapatid, lahat kami connected sa kanya,” Anderson said. “As her first lead role, ano ako sa ganyan eh na makita mo ’yung growth ng tao, makikita mo ’tong oportunidad na binigay sa kanya tapos ginagawa niya ’yung maganda. Mayroon akong soft spot sa ganyan eh.” Anderson lauded Alawi’s professional-

ism noting how the actress has surprised him at work. “I will do my best for her to shine in this and ang ganda. Magugulat ’yung mga audience, magugulat ’yung fans niya ang alam ko lang before is YouTube star siya,” the actor said. “Nagulat ako sa performance niya na binibigay niya, sa passion niya, sa professionalism niya kung paano siya makipag-trabaho, maraming matutuwa at ’yung audience niya sa YouTube, magugulat ka sa Ivana na mapapanood niyo.” Asked about how he navigated their sexy scenes, Anderson said he always makes sure that he gives something fresh to the

Kylie todo tawa na daks si Jake

Sa vlog ni Vice Ganda, napag-usapan nila ng dating beauty queen-turned actress na si Kylie Verzosa ang tungkol sa pagiging emosyonal nito nang matanong ng “It’s Showtime” host tungkol sa topic ng breakup. Ayon kay Kylie, tila tumugma raw ang mga nasabi noon ni Vice sa kinakaharap niyang situwasyon. Aminado kasi siyang may pinagdadaanan noon ang relasyon nila ng ex na si Jake Cuenca. Hindi rin daw naging mahirap ang proseso ng paghihiwalay nila ni Jake dahil minahal daw naman niya ito. In fairness to her ex, mabait daw naman ito pero may mga bagay raw na minsan ay kailangang mangyari o maranasan para mag-grow ang isang tao. Naluha rin siya nang mausisa kung nami-miss pa niya si Jake, bagay na hindi naman niya ikinaila. Katunayan, aminado raw siyang tiningnan o ini-stalk pa rin niya ang ex sa



social media account nito. Ayon pa kay Kylie, bagama’t maayos naman ang kanilang naging desisyon nila to part ways, nasa proseso pa rin daw siya na inuunawa ang mga nangyari sa kanila. Katunayan, hindi pa rin daw niya binubura ang mga larawan nila ni Jake sa kanyang Instagram account. Gagawin lang daw niya iyon kapag binura na rin ni Jake ang kanyang mga photo sa IG nito o nakatagpo na ito ng iba. Sa kaso niya, ide-delete lang daw niya ang photos nila ni Jake kapag may bago na siyang boyfriend bilang respeto na rin sa kanyang bago o darating na bf. Sa nakakaloka namang tanong ni Vice kung ‘daks’ si Jake, napatawa si Kylie pero ayon sa kibitzers, ang Mona Lisa smile nito ay isang kumpirmasyon na ‘gifted’ ang kanyang ex. Sey pa ni Kylie, happy naman daw siya sa estado ng puso niya ngayon kahit wala pang kapalit sa puso niya si Jake. Marami raw namang nagmamahal sa

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