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Duterte revives Nuclear Program

Debt brought by COVID-19 will face the incoming administration

MANILA - President Duterte has signed an executive order that would establish a nuclear energy program for the Philippines which aims to support the country's growing power demands.

Under Executive Order No. 164 dated Feb. 28, Duterte cited the experience of highly developed countries which shows that nuclear power can be a "reliable, cost-competitive, and environment-friendly energy

source."

The EO outlined the national government's position for a nuclear energy program, taking into account economic, political, social, and environmental objectives.

"For the country to achieve its sustained growth targets, it must ensure that it has a reliable, secure, sustainable, quality, affordable electricity supply, including sufficient reserve to guarantee that there will be no disruptions

in the power supply," the order states.

The EO added that nuclear power shall be tapped as a "viable alternative baseload power source" along with alternative

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AJ RAVAL

Moving On
from sexy
roles to
Action



"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

Dolly Parton



Filipino-Canadian boxer Justin Gandoza holds court at a meet-the-press at MB Music Box comedy bar and lounge to announce his upcoming fight. He will face Mexican Cecilio Santos on May 7. He will be fighting 140 on the Red Owl Event - Super Lightweight division.



Postcard
Cultural Center of the Philippines, 1970's

3 Fil-Cans running for Ontario MPP

by Tony A. San Juan, OCT-Retired

TORONTO- Once again, the Filipino Canadian communities in Ontario are agog and started gearing up for the coming provincial election on June 2, 2022. Three prominent Filipino Canadians have been declared official candidates by their political parties to contest for Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) positions in their respective constituency ridings.

The three are Christine Santos, NDP MPP candidate for Ajax-Pickering, Paul Saguil, Ontario Liberal MPP candidate for Willowdale (North York), and Veronica Javier, NDP candidate for MPP in Scarborough-Guildwood (To-



NDP MPP candidate for Ajax (Durham) Christine Santos poses with Ontario NDP leader Andrea Horvath. RIGHT, Liberal MPP candidate for Willowdale Paul Saguil

ronto). This is the first time that 3 Filipino kababayans (compatriots) are running simultaneously for MPP seats in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. If elected, the trio will become the first Filipino-Canadians elected MPPs at Queen's Park.

Christine Santos is an entre-



preneur and educator and has over 20 years of experience in child and youth development, human resources, journalism, and media production. Santos has a BA, in Psychology from the De La Salle University (Philippines) and BA in Psychology & Human Resources from York University. Her certifications include a Certificate of Training in Designing for Online Learning; Media Maker Expert, and WISDOM Life Coach for

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Unemployment easing?

SWS says 1 in 3 Filipinos jobless

MANILA - The head of a local think tank raised concern over the failure of the government to acknowledge a serious problem in employment—one in three Filipinos without jobs.

While top government officials are waiving the flag of victory over unemployment purportedly showing that the joblessness crisis eased last

year, Sonny Africa, executive director of Ibon Foundation, said "there is nothing impressive" about the figures.

Malacañang said the easing of unemployment was a clear sign of effectiveness of the government's COVID-19 alert level system.

But just last April 28, Social Weather Stations (SWS) said that based on the results

UNEMPLOYMENT p19

Viva clarifies photo of Sarah Geronimo wearing pink

Viva Artist Agency clarified a circulating photo of Sarah Geronimo wearing pink, supporting Vice President Leni Robredo.

A screenshot of the Instagram story of Viva Artists Agency showing a smile of a woman wearing pink shirt and pink lipstick trended online recently.

“Papunta pa lang tayo sa exciting part,” the story said in the caption.

Social media users believed that the person is Sarah, fueling speculations that the singer will be supporting Robredo’s presidential bid.

In its Instagram account, Viva issued a statement, saying that the image was altered.

“A screenshot of an Instagram story is circulating online supposedly from the account of Viva Artists Agency (‘VIVA’),” Viva wrote. “The post was altered and was never pub-



lished on any official VIVA social media account,” it added.

Speculations that Sarah is a Robredo supporter came out when a photo of her and singer-songwriter Nica del Rosario who sang Robredo’s “Kay Leni Tayo” and “Rosas” circulated online.

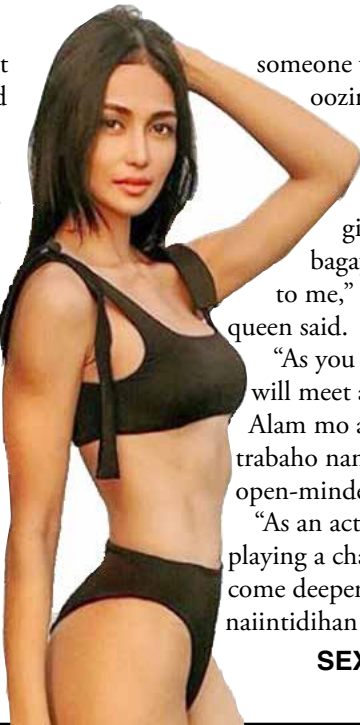
Nica is also the composer of Sarah’s hit song “Tala.”

What it means to be sexy for these Vivamax female stars

The female stars of the newest Vivamax series Iskandalo shared what it means to be sexy and their thoughts on being viewed as sexy actresses in the industry.

Cindy Miranda, Ayanna Misola, Angela Morena and Jamilla Obispo also detailed how their perception towards sex and sexiness has changed over time, especially that they topbill the 10-episode crime, mystery and erotica-thriller series, currently streaming on Vixamax, which also tackles such themes.

Cindy started the conversation in a virtual call by defining the word “sexy” as



someone who is overflowing or oozing with confidence.

“It’s really how you carry yourself. Buong-buo ka na ginagawa mo lahat ng bagay and that’s so sexy to me,” the former beauty queen said.

“As you grow older, you will meet a lot of people.

Alam mo ang kagandahan sa trabaho namin, mas nagiging open-minded ka na tao.

“As an actor, (while) you are playing a character, you become deeper as a person. Mas naiintidihan mo kahit gaano pa

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Ed Tubale (FAR RIGHT ON LEFT PHOTO)joins friends at Earl bales Park for the Leni Robredo-Kiko Pangilinan election campaign.

Charlie Dizon is willing to be an OFW for family

If she weren't an actress, Charlie Dizon said she wouldn't hesitate to work abroad for the sake of her family.

"Actually, if there are plenty of (work) opportunities here in the country, definitely, you will choose to stay with your family," began Charlie regarding her thoughts on Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs).

"Pero minsan kailangan talaga. Kumbaga, tawag na ng tadhana o sitwasyon. So for me, I'll do everything for my family and I think, that's also the reason of the person I'm portraying in MMK (Maalala Mo Kaya)."

The subject was brought up during the virtual media conference to drumbeat the weekly drama anthology's episode that Charlie is starring in, with Kiko Estrada, where she portrays an OFW.

"It's not an ordinary love story. I want to show the true person's (Raquel, the letter sender) character, and as much as possible."

Charlie deemed the opportunity to work with different screen partners as an advantage because she is able to discover and learn how to build rapport with



them.

Working with different actors, Charlie added, improves her own acting style "because you get to see their distinctive approaches. So, I feel na mas nag-gro-grow ako as an actress."

Asked how was Kiko as a partner in the MMK episode, "Kiko and I did not know each other in person, we were not acquainted yet, when I accepted the project. So, I felt a bit awkward in the beginning but when we did the pictorial prior to the taping, we jibed right away. Parang nagka-biruan kami agad, so I felt that he was easy to work with. At the same time, I saw his passion for his craft because he had already memorized the script. Then, we would talk about how to attack our characters, kung paano 'yung dynamics namin sa isa't-isa as a couple."

She also learned from Kiko how his parents would give a tip or two in acting. "He comes from a family of actors (Kiko's dad is Gary Estrada and his mom is Cheska Diaz) so he would share pieces of advice from his parents at malaking tulong 'yun for me and at the same time, nakikilala ko rin s'ya as a person."



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Life's brighter under the sun



Joshua Garcia featured in Bella Poarch's TikTok video

Kapamilya actor Joshua Garcia has been featured in the latest post of Filipino-American sensation Bella Poarch. Bella posted a TikTok video wherein she was supposedly cooking but her brain thinks of Joshua. "Singer ba siya?" Bella captioned the video.

Joshua comment-

ed three peeking emojis to which Bella replied with a shushing emoji.

TikTok users were excited to see the two, requesting for a collaboration.

Bela has 89.1 million followers with over 2 billion likes on her videos.

Joshua, meanwhile, is new in the video sharing platform, but he already has 5.9 million followers. His first video uploaded last December wherein he's seen dancing "Ginseng Strip" became a trending topic on different social media sites. It now has over 128 million views.



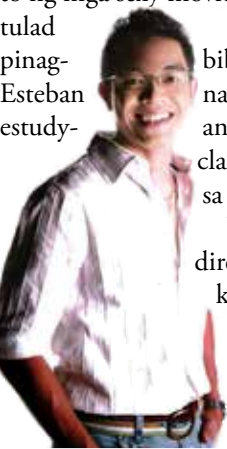
GB Sampedro sa mga idinidirek na sexy stars: Iginagalang ko ang pagkatao ng mga artistang dumadaan sa akin

NAG-PROMISE si Direk GB Sampedro na hindi niya experience ang mga kuwento ng mga sexy movies na ginagawa niya tulad ng "Doblado" na bibidahan ni Denise na gumaganap bilang ante sa umaga at high class prostitute naman sa gabi.

Natanong kasi ang direktor ng "Doblado" kung paano niya nabubuo ang ganitong kuwento at ipinaliwanag nitong may mga exclusive site yang napapanood na ganito ang kuwento bukod pa sa tsikahan ng mga kakilala.

Isa kami sa naniwala kay direktor GB na hindi siya nagpupunta sa mga bars at naglalabas ng babae dahil sobrang family man ito na mas gusto ka-bonding ang mga anak at asawa kaysa mag-ubos ng oras sa panandaliang-aliw.

Saka, ang gaganda ng mga babaeng na-



karelasyon ni direktor GB noong hindi pa siya kasal kaya hindi na niya kailangang subukin ang mga nasa exclusive site.

At kung hindi naman niya kasama ang asawa't mga anak ay nasa shoot ito lalo't kaliwa't kanan ang raket niya.

Anyway, natanong siya kung bakit laging tungkol sa buhay-estudyante ang storyline ng mga ginagawa niya tulad ng "Kinsenas Katapusan", "Crush Kong Curry", ang upcoming series na "High on Sex" at ito ngang "Doblado" na mapapanood sa Vivamax sa Mayo 6 produced ng Viva Films.

"Actually, nagkataon lang na tungkol sa student ang ginagawa ko pero 'yung mga susunod kong project hindi naman ganu'n. Nagkataon lang siguro saka kasi ang buhay ng estudyante ay napakagandang topic, magandang subject to a film.

"Nagkataong marami akong na-research about (student life) kaya lately ganito ang ginagawa ko," paliwanag ng direktor.

Samantala, ipinagdiin ni direktor GB na ang main focus niya sa mga pelikulang



ginagawa ay ang istorya at hindi ang sex scenes.

"Added elements na lang (sex) kasi kailangan pero alam ko na mahirap gumawa rin para sa mga artista ang mga ganitong klaseng eksena.

"Kaya ina-assure ko sila na itong ginagawa natin ay art hindi ito kalokohan na ginagawa lang sa set na 'gagawa tayo ng sexy scenes.' I'll make sure na protected sila at iginagalang ko 'yung pagkatao ng bawat artista na dumadaan sa akin," paglilinaw ng direktor.



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Two Filipino Street Festivals? Same Location?🧐😏😏

“I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.”
- Thomas Jefferson

Two Filipino street Festivals

The original street festival, “Taste of Manila” or TOM to be held on August 20-21 and the new festival, Fun Philippines, to be held on July 23-24, are happening. Double the fun, the double the excitement mga kaibigan.
Fun will bring a kapamilya star. And TOM will bring a star that is with isa sa mga independent management companies na nasa Pilipinas. Marami po iyang mga managers na nagsulputan nang mawala ang

ABS franchise.

Are we still friends?
Never has an election in the history of the Philippines more divisive than this 2022 Presidential election. Friends unfriending. Families split. What for? Para sa mga elected politicians to get rich? Tayo, ano na? Waley. Hindi na tayo kilala ng mga politico. Sabagay, hindi naman nila tayo kilala before the election. Sila mayaman na. Pinaupo na natin sila sa pera. Tayo, nakaupo pa rin sa sahog. Wala kasi tayong pambili ng upuan man lang. Isang kahig, isang tuka pa

rin tayo. 😊

Ano na James Reid?
Around February nitong taon nang sabihin ng father ni James Reid na bibisita lang at may recording session si James sa America. Ito ay matapos na siyang bigyan ng despedida ng mga kaibigan. Saving face lang daw sabi ng iba dahil kung hindi mag-work, may babalikan. Sabi tuloy ng iba pa, “sana raw bigyan din sila ng despedida kapag namasyal sila sa Boracay.” Gaano katagal ba iyang dalaw at recording na iyan? Month of Mayo already. Bakit wala nang balita? 😊

Jennylyn Mercado gives birth

MANILA, Philippines — Actors Jennylyn Mercado and Dennis Trillo gave a glimpse of their first child together in a vlog, as the actress gave birth last April 25.
On May 1, the couple released a video on YouTube of what was supposed to be a nursery room tour. Then at the latter part of the video, Mercado was seen lying on the hospital bed while Trillo was sitting by her side, with the date “4/25/22” flashed



onscreen.
In the vlog, it can be seen that the old staff room was transformed into a cute nursery room with walls painted with pink flamingos. There’s a sanitizing station before entering the room, then the furniture pieces come in baby pink colors, too, with some with mustard and brown accents. The room also features huge white, spacious closets.
Jennylyn also showed that they provided a space for baby books, “Merong corner

dito na pwede lagyan ng mga shelves. So diyan ko na lang (mga books) sinabit.”
The singer-actress then shared that they were surprised by the turn of events when their room tour turned into a pre-delivery vlog: “Checkup lang dapat kami ngayon e, bigla na lang kaming manganganak na daw. Hindi kami ready.”
Mercado and Trillo shared initially that they were trying to have a baby through surrogacy, and confirmed they were expecting in October last year. The two later got married in an intimate civil wedding.

PIDC holds an International Women’s Day By Tony A. San Juan, OCT-Retired



Organizing Committee (L-R): Aris Elefano, Danny Almodal Orbillo, Suzy Llanera, Aurora Ticzon Elefano, Agnes Pasaporte Miranda, Ramon Estaris, Jean Pardo, Melinda Manlapaz (PHOTO BY RAYMOND SANTOS)

The Filipino-Canadian community held its first “International Women’s Day” in Toronto, Ontario on April 3, 2022. Sponsored by Ms. Agnes P. Miranda of World Financial Group(WFG) and organized by the Philippine Independence

Day Council (PIDC), the event honoured 80 women of distinction in Ontario, Canada at the FV Foods Banquet Hall, Scarborough, Toronto with 150 dignitaries, special guests, and recipients in attendance.

Distinctively, this was the first-ever event conducted “under one roof” to appreciate the many accomplishments and achievements “ng mga kababaihan”.. of Filipino women. The honourees received their “Medallions” and “Certificates of Appreciation” from WFG and PIDC, respectively, as well as congratulatory scrolls from Federal Members of Parliament Marco Mendicino, and Shaun Chen.
Led by Ms. Agnes P. Miranda, WFG senior executive vice-chairman, and Ramon Estaris, PIDC president, the other distinguished event guests who also gave inspirational and congratulatory re-

marks included Philippine Consul General Orontes Castro, Federal Members of Parliament Rechie Valdez, Salma Zahid & Ya’ara Saks, MPP candidates Paul Saguil & Mazhar Shafiq, and CMC-AO’s Sid Ikeda & Mar-Mar Cho. WFG’s Agnes Miranda, in her special address, “exhorted everyone coming to terms with characteristic reciprocal understanding, desirable unity, and full cooperation” among the strategic players and influencers “for a much better and more productive Filipino Canadian community”.
The occasion was jointly hosted by Danny Orbillo and Ramon

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Shania Twain sends ‘kisses’ to Gabbi Garcia over ‘You’re Still The One’ slow dance with Khalil Ramos

Gabbi Garcia was ecstatic after Canadian singer Shania Twain saw her and her boyfriend Khalil Ramos’ slow dance to the singer’s 1990s hit song “You’re Still The One.”
The actress received a triple face-throwing-a-kiss emoji from Twain, through a comment she left on Garcia’s post, as seen on Garcia’s Instagram Stories.
“[Hi, oh my gosh]. We love your song. Would love to watch you live soon!!!” Garcia replied to the country-pop music icon.
Garcia earlier gave a glimpse of her romantic moment with Ramos which sent fans gushing and giddy. The actors, who have been a couple for five

years now, danced to the classic Twain song which is about a love that stayed and withstood challenges.
Meanwhile, Twain recently performed at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in California, along with British singer Harry Styles. The duo sang Twain’s songs “Man! I Feel Like a Woman!” and “You’re Still The One.” JB



Velasquez admits having singing difficulties

Kapamilya singer Regine Velasquez admitted that she’s now having difficulties in singing.
During the recent press conference of her upcoming concert “Iconic” with Sharon Cuneta, Regine said she felt the changes in her voice.
“When



“May voice also changed. It doesn’t sound the same. Pero I’m okay with that kasi ang weird naman kung 50 years old na ko pero boses 18 pa din. Ang weird no’n,” she said.
This year, Cuneta and Velasquez return to the concert stage with “Iconic” on June 17 and 18, 8 p.m. at the Marriott Grand Ballroom in Resorts World Manila.

The “Iconic” concert that was first staged in 2019 was a highly successful sold-out show that has earned the year’s prestigious Aliw Award for Best Collaboration in a Concert.
As two formidable divas return to the stage, “Iconic” is set on a grander scale under the musical direction of industry greats, Louie Ocampo and Raul Mitra and directed by Paolo Valenciano. Produced by Full House Theater Company, the “Iconic” concert will be a night to remember with two Philippine iconic divas performing live on a single stage.
Regine, however, said that she accepts the changes.



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Mocha Uson lambasts Toni Gonzaga over Malacañang statement

Sexy actress Mocha Uson criticized “Four Sisters and a Wedding” co-star Toni Gonzaga for her remarks that her favored presidential aspirant is due to return home to Malacañang Palace. Toni made the remark during the presidential candidate’s rally in Cebu. “Konting-konting panahon na lamang at magbabalik na si BBM sa kaniyang tahanan — ang Malacañang,” Toni said. In her TikTok account, Mocha lambasted Toni, saying no one owns the palace. “Alam mo, ma’am, hindi maganda ‘yang sinasabi ninyo. Napaghahalata-ang wala po kayong alam sa public service. Si Pangulong Duterte nga po, sinasabi niya na ang Malacañang ay kaniya lamang opisina, hindi po niya ito tahanan. Ito ay pag-aari ng taumbayan,” Mocha said. Mocha added that Toni’s statement just confirmed that Bongbong’s father is a dictator. “Para sabihin mo na babalik na sa kaniyang tahanan sa Malacañang si Marcos, ay parang sinabi mo na rin po na diktador ang kanilang pamilya na ginawa na talagang tahanan ang Malacañang noon. Umalis lang saglit, at ngayon ay babalik muli para angkinin ito,” she said. “Paalala lang po: Ang Malacañang ay pag-aari ng bawat Pilipino. Ito ay opisina lamang ng public servant ng ating bayan. Sana po, ma’am, matuto kayo sa mga sinasabi ng Pangulong Duterte,” she added.

FROM ‘KILIG’ TO DRAMA How DonBelle prepares for heavy scenes

Like most love teams, that of Donny Pangilinan and Belle Mariano — more popularly known as DonBelle — started gaining massive following because of their strong chemistry on screen. But after serving the kilig dose with their TV series and first full length movie in 2021, Pangilinan and Mariano are ready to take the next step — showcase their acting chops in more challenging scenes. They need not go far from the project that launched their love team, however, as DonBelle will reprise their roles in “He’s Into Her Season 2.” This time, Pangilinan and Mariano have to step up their acting game. “Noong una kinabahan ako kasi this time mas may depth and yung characters, mas makikita nyo yung challenges na pagdadaanang nila. with the help of everyone, it was to be back in the zone,” Mariano said. “It was definitely a challenge but we enjoyed the challenge, we enjoyed showing a different side of their relationship — how far they are now, the problems they go through, with their families and even their friends. This time, however, the high school couple will endure bigger problems. Despite heavier demands from their roles, DonBelle impressively portrayed their more mature characters, as attested by series director Chad Vidanes who was also present in the conference. One of these heavy scenes was an emotional confrontation between the two leads in the middle of a heavy downpour. “For me that’s one of, if not the hardest scene that we took this season. Kudos to Donny and Belle, hindi ko sila sinukuan at



For me that’s one of, if not the hardest scene that we took this season.

hindi rin sila sumuko kahit grabe yung shooting conditions noon. We have to prioritize their health so mabilisan ang setup namin. But makikita mo talaga si Donny and Belle na sobrang focused with their characters,” Vidanes revealed. DonBelle remembered the challenges of that scene. “Yung rain scene, hindi biro kasi one take lang. Even our camera was handheld. We had a lot of preparation such as practicing our lines and movements before the scene, making sure we hit those markers. Ang daming technical aspect but I’m happy that we were able to pull it off,” Pangilinan detailed. Mariano agreed, adding, “Blood, sweat and tears ang pinagdaanan namin but seeing the scene after — sobrang worth it talaga.” In tackling heavy scenes just like the rain scene in HH2, the onscreen couple revealed they have already adapted a system between them. “We talk about it but we don’t talk. It’s a mix of both, we talk it about it beforehand but before taking the scene, hindi kami mag-uusap at all, zero, we’re just in our own spots. “May sarili akong way na magkaroon ng emotion sa scene, siya rin may sarili siyang way na kumarga. And then, when we get to the set to take, doon na namin ilalabas. After direkt says cut, we make sure to comfort each other. Hindi pwedeng nakabukas lang yung pintuan na yun tapos hindi isasara,” said Pangilinan. Finishing, Mariano added, “It is a collaboration but we feed off each other.”

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PH, US to fortify economic alliance

THE Philippines and the United States have agreed to strengthen their economic partnership.

Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez and US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo discussed trade issues.

He expressed the Philippines' intent to join the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), an American initiative seen by many as an effort by the US to preserve its leadership and presence in the region.

Lopez said IPEF's terms of objectives which include advancing resilience, inclusiveness and competitiveness, as well as technology, innovation, digital economy, energy transition, climate goals and equitable growth are aligned with the Philippines' trade priorities.

Raimondo said that the US is keen on including the Philippines in the IPEF.

Lopez also asked the US to consider the Philippines as a supplier of critical minerals, saying that the country is the biggest source of nickel, accounting for about 31 percent of the total global exports.

Lopez added that the economic policy reforms initiated by the Duterte administration were expected to improve the business environment in the country and attract more foreign investors.

"The growth in data centers will also lead to more renewable energy demand since RE is the required source of energy for these facilities. The government reforms put in place by the Duterte administration will support building stronger trade and investment ties with the US," he said.

In 2021, the US was the Philippines' third-largest trading partner, top export market and fifth-largest import supplier. Department of Trade and Industry data shows that total bilateral trade with the US amounted to \$19.6 billion, with the Philippines enjoying a modest trade surplus. The US was also the Philippines' fifth-largest investor in the same year with approved investments amounting to \$77.64 million.



Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez with US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo

Baron Geisler finishes Theology course; pushes for less porn, more family movies

Baron Geisler and his wife Jamie Evangelista are currently separated.

The actor also said his wife is asking for annulment.

"I am not proud of it and it's taking a toll on my marriage, from my wife who is demanding for an annulment. God bless us all!"



pagtatapat ng magaling na aktor.

He is also currently undergoing treatment with Alcoholics Anonymous.

"Jamie and I followed the advice of our sponsors to take a break and seek treatment as we renew our efforts to each work on our 12-step program," pahayag ni Baron.

"Hopefully, we can soon be back together when emotions are less raw," pag-asam ni Baron.

Sa isang social media post ay may mensahe naman ang aktor para sa kanyang mga tagasuporta na nag-congratulate sa kanya pagkatapos niyang grumaduate sa Theology.

"Guys, I appreciate your congratulatory messages but I really did not work that hard to earn a degree in Theology, I take it as a blessing.

"I am still a work in progress. I'm still in treatment for my alcohol addiction, hoping that I will get better roles in the future," aniya.

Baron also has a request from May pakiusap din siya sa Viva Films.

"Hopefully, Vivamax will create movies that promote good family values and not just soft porn content for the reason that sex sells.

"Invest in acting workshops and character development. It is contradictory to my beliefs as a Christian and my image as a transformed family man."

Maricel Laxa, Mariz Ricketts return to showbiz

Celebrities Maricel Laza and Mariz Ricketts made their showbiz comeback via GMA-7 series "Apoy Sa Langit."

Maricel said her kids encouraged her to return to showbiz.

"Sabi nila, 'Mom, you know, we're fine. You've given us enough time. It's time for you to shine now.' And I didn't think of myself coming back to showbiz or even imagining na magkakaroon pa ako ng second wind and season na mae-enjoy ko talaga," Maricel said.

"Ngayon, I am just so happy na I have their blessing and excited sila na malaman kung ano 'yung mga bago kong natututunan. Tapos marami rin akong

nae-explore na mga bagay nagugular ako so naggo-grow ako. Naggo-grow din 'yung audience. And natutuwa akong may pagkakataon pa na ganito na ibinigay sa isang artista na nagbabalik kasi hindi

naman lahat nabibigyan ng pagkakataon," she added.

For Mariz, her showbiz return comes at a perfect time.

"There were offers before pero hindi talaga nagma-materialize. Hindi nagpo-progress. Ito lang 'yung project na parang talagang may pinagdaanan and this came to me at the most perfect time. I was ready, my family was ready, Ronnie is ready," Mariz said.

"Alam ko naman ang set-up ng bagong mundo ng taping, lock-in, pandemic pa rin tayo, so in-embrace namin ni Ronnie ang chance na 'yun. This is the first time na nagkahiwalay kami nang matagal. For 28 years, hindi kami naghihiwalay and



ito 'yung challenge sa amin. Pero surprisingly, nag-enjoy ako. Nakakita ako ng second family sa grupo na 'to," she added.

Anji Salvacion on almost quitting showbiz: 'I thank God nahimasmagan Niya ako'

The Pinoy Big Brother Celebrity housemate recalled almost turning her back on showbiz for good two years ago.

"That was during the pandemic and when the (ABS-CBN) franchise was closed. The second time that I was

doubting myself was when I was about to go home and everything was just tearing apart. I'm so thankful na God really was there for me even at my lowest point in my life. And I'm just so thankful to my mom for

always reminding me that I'm not alone and I shouldn't give up. I'm so thankful that I get to share with others and inspire them to never give up. If life beats you up, at the end of the day you should stand up and set dreams for yourself. Always dream big and never give up on your dreams," she recalled.

Aside from wanting to achieve her dreams, the 19-year-old singer said her biggest motivation has always been her family.

"Yung moment that I had with my dad and my brother while stargazing when he just told us to never give up on our dreams. These days it's really hard for people to keep on going. They feel that they're alone. I want to make them feel that they're not alone. There's a lot of us," she shared.

Anji also made sure to give thanks to her parents for everything they have given her.

"First of all I wanted to say thank you because if it wasn't for you, wala din ako dito, hindi ako nabuo (laughs). I am so thankful to you mommy and daddy. It's because din of how you raised me to dream big and how you keep on always encouraging me to not stop. If matumba ka it's okay. that's what they always told me and I'm always so grateful that you taught me that very quote that I'll always remember. Thank you for the love because if it wasn't for your love I wouldn't be able to write the song 'Dalam-pasigan'. Because that song is really for you. I just wanted to say how much I love you," she said.





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Maria Ozawa willing to be in a relationship with a Filipino again

Actress-entrepreneur Maria Ozawa revealed that she's willing to fall in love again with a Filipino.

In an interview with Philstar.com during the launch of her new business Maria's Room by M88 Mansion, Maria said she's now opening her heart again.

"If there is a chance. Not only Filipino but I'm open to anyone," Maria said.

When asked why she loves the Philippines so much, Maria said: "The Philippines is so much different from where I came. I like the food and the people's hospitality."

She is also open to do a Filipino film again after her movie with Cesar Montano.

"If ever, yes. That would be great," she



said. Last January, Ozawa and Filipino actor and businessman Jose Sarasola have broken up. In a report by PEP.ph, Jose said their long distance relationship because of the COVID-19 pandemic was the reason behind their breakup. "To be honest, wala na kami. It's been difficult, e, it's been very hard. LDR is very hard. We never expect this to be difficult," he said. "Last December, we had a talk. We mutually agreed to part ways. Pero wala naman kaming pinag-awayan, big fight, third party. Wala naman talagang away. It's, like, ang hirap lang talaga ng LDR. We didn't expect na ganito kahirap talaga," he said.

Ogie Diaz on alleged Janella Salvador-Markus Paterson split

Some netizens noticed that celebrity couple Janella Salvador and Markus Paterson are yet to share new photos of them together in social media.

The last one they shared was taken New Year's Eve.

Some believe this is because both have been busy.

While others speculate the two are fighting.

But this was belied by die-hards who pointed out how Markus penned an appreciation post for Janella on her 24th birthday some weeks ago.

That time, the 23-year-old actor shared a snap of Janella and Baby Jude, along with the text: "happy birthday to the best mama in the world."

Talent manager-comedian Ogie Diaz discussed the matter in his recent vlog saying, "Hindi ako mapalagay sa bagay na yan."

"Ang narinig ko lang, Loi, chismosang-chismosa... Ang narinig ko lang ay matagal ng hiwalay si Janella Salvador at si Markus Paterson," he told his co-host.

"Hindi naman taon, kung hindi mga ilang buwan na.



Dahil ang narinig ko, chismosang-chismosa... Dahil na rinig ko Loi, na medyo itong si Janella Salvador ay nagkakaroon ng problema kay Markus Paterson," he added. "May drinking habit - yan ang narinig ko." But he made clear he is yet to confirm the issue. Early this year, in an interview with Ogie, Janella revealed her trauma being around drunk people.

Baron Geisler clears Janelle Tee

Baron Geisler recently set things straight about him and beauty queen-actress Janelle Tee supposedly making sweet music. During a presscon for their movie "Pusoy," Baron reiterated, "Wala kaming relationship or whatsoever." "She is a good friend," he added.

The rumor started circulating weeks ago after Baron's wife, Jamie Evangelista, took to social media to rant against an unnamed actress.

Jamie related: "Booking a car for a married man to go drinking at your place ain't cool." She reiterated, "I support and respect my husband's craft, but I don't tolerate



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such disrespect. So, let's keep it professional."

In the comment section, Jamie tagged the Facebook page of Viva Artists Agency, suggesting they should train their "talents/starlets" to learn how to get out of character.

In another post, she explained, "I don't intend to humiliate anyone, but I value my mental health and my family. Wrecking a family shouldn't be an avenue to get famous, breast exposure, and being f*cked on screen should be enough. Know your place."

Sometime later, Jamie apologized for the post.

When asked about it, Baron explained, "Siguro wala kasi akong pang-book ng Grab. Di ako makapasok sa



house. Siya lang nag-book for me to get another place to stay at. Nagpasalamat nga ako sa kanya. So that's just about it."

Meanwhile, when asked how it was working with international award-winning director Philip Giordano in "Pusoy," Baron related that they hit it off right away.

Baron added Philip is one of the "most meticulous" directors he ever worked with in his entire career. "That's what I love about his style," he admitted. He also likes that they get along whether on or off set. He noted how he always came up to him for suggestions. And thankfully, the latter has always been generous with his input.



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Jake Cuenca

After confirming his breakup with Miss International 2016 Kylie Verzosa on Instagram, Jake didn't hold his emotions back and posted photos of him crying, showing that he cared as much about their relationship. He showed a vulnerable side to him that broke the toxic masculinity trope, highlighting his love and respect toward his former partner. Jake and Kylie also kept everything under wraps until they reached a mutual understanding, a break from all the intense drama we've seen lately.



Daniel Padilla

The young actor proves that he's still a fan favorite as thousands of his admirers all took the time to greet him on his birthday. Throughout his years in showbiz, Daniel changed the landscape of Philippine movies and teleseryes, along with his beau Kathryn Bernardo, to bring kilig to viewers and a whole other spectrum of emotions. His shine hasn't dulled just yet as the public continues to demand his appearance in more projects.



People are not talking about...

Baron Geisler

Last month was filled with highs and lows for the actor as news about his alcohol relapse circulated through media outlets and social media. He and his wife, Jamie Evangelista, are taking a break to sort things out. On the other hand, Baron also recently graduated with a college degree in Theology. Hopefully, he and his wife come to a mutual understanding about his condition and come out stronger for the sake of their family.



Ricci Rivero

The basketball player for the University of the Philippines' Fighting Maroons also made headlines some time ago for asking Andrea Brillantes to be his girlfriend after a match. Their relationship earned both praise and criticism from the public, but it's unlike other relationship announcements where people stay tuned to get kilig updates. Most of the people have already moved on from them. Nevertheless, it seems the pair are happy to be in each other's company.



Shanaia Gomez joins HH2

Isa si Shanaia Gomez sa mga bagong dagdag sa cast para sa Season 2 ng phenomenal series na #HesIntoHer, kung saan gaganap s'ya bilang si Dominique "Dom" Rossi. Ibinahagi ng 19-anyos na aktres ang kanyang naging karanasan sa set ng nasabing serye at kung gaano sya mainit na sinalubong ng "Bear-kada".

"When I first went on set, syempre I still had that thought at the back of my mind na they

already have their bond. Like they've known each other for so long from the first season, ganun. But I was so, so blessed that they were so welcoming. We would all hang out whenever we had a free days and then we would play games, we would eat and just talk about



things. They were really welcoming and I'm really grateful na ito 'yung cast for 'He's Into Her,'" kwento ni Shanaia.

Matapos ang kanyang matagumpay na stint sa Pinoy Big Brother Kumunity Season 10, looking forward ang dalaga na makabalik agad sa acting upang mas mahasa ang kanyang talento. Napanood na rin si Shai sa pangatlong season ng #ClickLikeShare kung saan nakasama n'ya ang kanyang kasamahan at isa sa main stars ng HH na si Belle Mariano.

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How Donny Pangilinan dominates our hearts as a talented heartthrob

From being that adorable kid who appeared in a television commercial for a popular cereal with his mom Maricel Laxa-Pangilinan, Donny Pangilinan is undeniably among the hottest heartthrobs of his generation. Let's look back on his remarkable showbiz journey as a versatile actor, singer, model, and host, who relentlessly captures our hearts with his swooning good looks, irresist-

ible charm, and impressive talents. Despite coming from an influential family whose several members are in the politics and entertainment industry, including his parents Anthony Pangilinan and Maricel Laxa, he carved his own path and make a name for



himself. Starting as a MYX VJ in 2016, in which he astonished us with his hosting skills. He became a mainstay of ASAP Natin 'To since 2017, wherein he's also able to showcase his singing talent, and further showed his hosting skills as one of the hosts of its spin-offs ASAP Chillout and iWant ASAP. Donny went on to become part of Star Magic Circle 2018, alongside Charlie

Dizon and Tony Labrusca, and appeared in two different ABS-CBN programs. He got us smitten as Ezekiel "Zeke" Domingo in the daytime series Playhouse, wherein he was initially paired with Kisses Delavin, and impressed us with his acting skills in the "Dayuhan" episode of Ipaglaban Mo. It was also in 2018 when he had his big screen debut through the teen movie "Walwal," which was succeeded by his stints in "To Love Some Buddy" topbilled by Zanjoe Marudo & Maja Salvador, and in the Vice Ganda-starrer "Fantastica". The following year, it was announced that he would headline the series adaptation of He's Into Her opposite new on-screen partner Belle Mariano. In 2020, he finally snagged his first-ever lead role in a film through "James and Pat and Dave," which was also starred

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FV Foods owner Mel serves the guests at the PIDC International Women's Day



Maelynn Bucao's Debut



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PIDC from page 4 Estaris who also both rendered popular songs. A complete list of awardees is available at

www.pidc.com. The lively event was ably coordinated by the PIDC Board of Directors & Executive Officers composed of Aris Elefano, Rory Elefano, Suzy Llanera, Melinda Manlapaz, and Danny Orbillo, and Jean Pardo. They were equally

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OMNI reporter Theresa Redula (AT RIGHT) is honored at the PIDC International Women's Day.



Madeleine Mendoza of FV Foods (2ND FROM LEFT) receives her IWD award. PHOTO BY RAYMOND SANTOS



NDP Candidate for Ajax Christine Santos (3RD FROM LEFT) receives her Certificate of Recognition. PHOTO BY RAYMOND SANTOS



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Janelle Tee embraces sexy to become a good actress

Miss Philippines Earth 2019 Janelle Tee is getting out of the box as she plays a sexy role in her latest movie, something she feels that she has to go through, just like any other aspiring actress. Tee plays Euka in "Putahé" who sheds her mysterious aura and reveals her wild, seductive side as she engages in a tryst with Ayanna Misola's Jenny character. Her transition from a former beauty queen to a sexy star is not without challenges. "I would say [it is] challenging [because]

from being wholesome and then of course you're doing sexy films," she said. "Kumbaga, mahirap siya. Gusto ko kasing maging isang magaling na aktres. Kumbaga, pina-sok ko ito, ano ba ang proseso para doon." Tee felt she needed to get out of the box to make her dream come true. "Kailangan kong baliin 'yung pagiging beauty queen na nakakahon lang ako sa roles na kailangan maganda, kailangan best friend ka ni ganito. I would forever get those roles if hindi ko babaliin 'yung ganoon and hindi ko ipapakita na kaya

kong maging isang magaling na aktres," she said. "If being sexy would be the starting process towards that, then I am embracing it fully now," she added. As Euka, a bisexual in the movie, Tee discovered the world of a woman engaged in a girl-to-girl relationship. "Wala sa gender ang pagmamahal. Kapag nagmahal ka ay ibinubuhos mo ang lahat at binibigyan mo ng buong-buo. Ito ang na-discover ko sa pagganap ko kay Euka. Kumbaga, lahat ibibigay mo at lahat



hahamakin mo para sa pagmamahal," she explained.

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AJ Raval turns down 'Scorpio Nights,' will go back to school

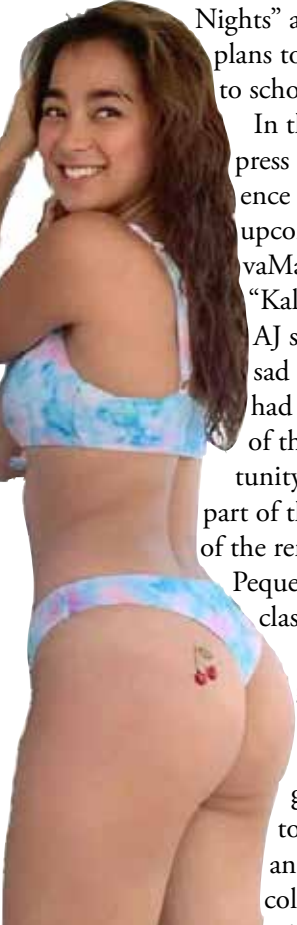
Sexy actress AJ Raval turned down a role in the remake of "Scorpio Nights" as she plans to go back to school.

In the digital press conference of her upcoming VivaMax movie "Kaliwaan," AJ said she's sad that she had to let go of the opportunity to be part of the cast of the remake of Peque Gallaga's classic movie.

"I have goals this year. I plan to go back to school and finish college," AJ said.

"Grateful ako na 'Scorpio Nights' was offered to me. Pero malungkot ako because I had to sacrifice 'Scorpio Nights' as one of the projects I cannot make. I will not lie, but my plan is to stop accepting sexy

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Miss Misamis Oriental Annabelle McDonnell is the 1st runner-up while Miss Taguig Katrina Llegado is the 2nd runner-up.

In the Question and Answer portion, Celeste was asked, "If you could stop time for a day, how would you



spend it?"

This was her winning answer: "If I could stop time, I would spend it with my family, especially with my mother. It's been two years since I've seen my family because they live in Italy and I came here in the Philippines just by

myself. So if I had the chance to spend one day, I would definitely be with my mom and I would just tell her how much I love her and I miss her."

In the casual interview earlier, she was asked: "You grew up in both Italy and the Philippines. What would you say are your best Filipino and Italian traits?"

She answered, "If there is something that I can say that is in common with Italian heritage and Filipino heritage is that we are strong women and that we always value family. If there is something that my mom always taught me is be grateful for your family, for your loved ones, and people around you, because when you're grateful and kind, people will be kind as well and grateful for you."

Celeste also won the Best in Swimsuit and Miss Photogenic awards.

Love can make Sue Ramirez do crazy things

Sue Ramirez couldn't agree more to the idea that people tend to do crazy things because of love. People who are in love may also even find themselves making choices that they wouldn't normally do.

In fact, the Kapamilya actress admitted about having had her share of impulsive behaviors and crazy acts in the past in the name of love.

"Yes, definitely, love will make you do crazy things. Love has made me do a lot of crazy things and love has made me accept a lot of crazy things also from (my) past partners," she declared.

But the 25-year-old Sue would like to make it clear that no matter how deeply in love she is with a guy, she won't allow herself to be a home-wrecker.

"I don't think I will come to a point na mang-aagaw po ako ng asawa (laughs). Hindi po ako aabot sa ganun," stressed Sue who is happily in love with actor and aspiring

politician Javi Benitez.

Who could ever forget the dinner scene where Sue's acting mettle was put to the test on how she would react as the other woman caught by surprise when Jill made the big revelation to Lexy's parents that their daughter is sleeping with her husband.

"Wow, I can really say it's the hardest for me," she said.

"But when it comes to a point that you don't realize that you are becoming too much and what you're doing is already wrong, then I think you need to have limitations and right balance because being idealistic and 'yung pagiging go-getter can also be very dangerous for a person."

If given the chance to do a cover of one of the soap's official soundtracks, Sue said she would



sing Gusto Ko Nang Bumitaw.

"It's a pressure to do a cover (laughs). But honestly, I always sing in the shower 'yung (proceeds to sing) 'umiiyak, gabi-gabi...' And every time I would hear that song play, para talagang tutulo na 'yung luha ko."

Asked about what other songs in her playlist she listens to whenever feeling sad or heartbroken, Sue replied, "I remember this song every time I am broken-hearted and I would listen to it again and again because I don't listen to happy songs when I am sad. Gusto ko 'yung nakakaiyak para matapos na, iiyak ko na lahat. That song is Walang Hanggan by Quest and there's a line that goes, 'Sabi mo walang hanggan pero bakit merong dulo' O, di ba sabi walang hanggan pero may dulo, ano 'to (laughs)."

Kabayan holds a blessing of Toronto Office

Last month Kabayan Remit hosted an office blessing in Toronto, with some special guests in attendance! Special guests were Philippines Consulate General in Toronto, Consul General - Mr Orontes V. Castro, the first Filipino-Canadian woman Member of Parliament, Ms Rechie Valdez - MP, Member of Parliament and the author of the declaration for

June as a Filipino Heritage month, Ms Salma Zahid - MP and from Our Lady Of The Assumption Parish Church in Toronto, Rev. Father Ben Ebcas Jr.



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KathNiel on return to romcom roots & future of their reel-to-real tandem



Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla are going back to their romantic-comedy roots in their 10th year – going 11 this 2022 – as a loveteam.

The reel-to-real pairing, fondly called KathNiel by fans, topbills the upcoming ABS-CBN series 2 Good 2 Be True.

The Kapamilya stars' enduring teamup can perhaps boast of the most number of titles on the streaming service Netflix Philippines. As of writing, at least seven of their movies and series are available on the OTT platform. But what makes 2 Good 2 Be True extra special is it will start streaming on Netflix by May 13.

Kathryn shared their reaction on working with the international streamer for 2 Good 2 Be True.

"So, when we were told about it, we were definitely excited because more people can watch this.

"Nag-request kami ni Kathryn na gusto namin ng something light na series, a nice breather from the times we're in," said Daniel. "So, when the story was formed and the casting was given to us, we were so happy."

For the 26-year-old Kathryn, it's teamwork that will spell success for a project.

"Sa totoong buhay na yung next

10 years ng teamup. Siguro after 10 years, mas kalmado na buhay namin, ano? What do you think?" he said, before asking Kathryn, "Loveteam pa ba tayo (laughs)?"

"Yeah, but it will always be there," Kathryn readily agreed. "Hindi na mawawala."

Kathryn stressed that KathNiel wouldn't have existed if they weren't partnered in the first place. "Wala rin kami kung di talaga kami tineam-up. So ang dami talaga naming memories, nitong loveteam."

Although these past three years, they've achieved their goals of taking on films without each other – Kathryn with Hello, Love, Goodbye, and Daniel's Whether the Weather is Fine – it appears that they're still open to do more solo projects.

Kathryn said, "So, in the next 10 years namin, ang dami gusto rin gawin ni DJ na projects, ako rin, individually and together, ang dami pa.

"But perhaps we're at a point where whatever happens, we support each other off-cam. Kahit ilang years pa – 10 years from now, five years from now – andito lang kami, cheering for each other kung ano ang mga plano namin gawin sa buhay."

Erich Gonzales gets sexier after marriage

Looks like Erich Gonzales will return to TV after she posted a pictorial on her Instagram.

She posted a black and white photo of her posing while make-up artist RB Chanco is fixing her.

Caption says "Soon."

All comments say they miss her already at excited to watch her.

Erich did not change her name. She is not using her husband Mateo Lorenzo's name.

Make-up artist RB posted their picture



on her IG account with the caption, "And there she is- my ever beautiful and extra glowing dearest friend Mrs. Lorenzo."

Ang ganda-ganda ni Erich, blooming siya sa ginanap na pictorial bagay na napansin din ng kanyang mga IG followers.

"Super Ganda ni Mrs. Lorenzo!!" "So pretty. Mrs. Lorenzo." "So happy to see her again, a very beautiful Mrs. Lorenzo." "Gondoh. Mrs. Lorenzo." "Marriage becomes U. Stay Happy. Thank u RB for this post."

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ka-weird yang character mo, naghuhubad ba yan or pornstar ba yang character mo. Why? You need to know why they do things. And when you understand that, it seems you sometimes become kinder to everyone," she added.

"Sexy is how you project yourself," replied Jamilla on being desirable. "It's how you handle

yourself and how you project that 'class.'"

While she felt happy being considered as a sexy actress, she stressed that she would like to show more facets of herself on screen.

"Of course, mas gusto ko pa rin na mas may makita at maipakita pa ako bukod dun sa pagiging sexy star. So we have to work harder," Jamilla said.

Joining the entertainment industry and being labeled as such have taught her to become more



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Ai-Ai shares biggest regret in her relationship with biological mom

It has been eight years since the death of Ai-Ai delas Alas’s biological mother. But to this day, the mere mention of it never fails to bring the actress to tears.

“I didn’t get to spend enough time with her. I was able to reunite with her only when she already had dementia so she probably didn’t remember that. I took care of her by way of being a provider. But I wish I was able to at least bathe her,” Ai-Ai said.

Ai-Ai was just an infant when she was entrusted by her then financially challenged parents, Rosendo and Gregorio delas Alas, to the 57-year-old actress’ aunt and eventual adoptive mother, Justa delas Alas.

“I regret not being with my biological mother before she got Alzheimer’s disease, and mak-

ing her feel that I still love her even if she had to give me up... because I still love her and owe her my life,” she said.

“It made me emotional whenever she said sorry or asked for my forgiveness, because I know that [giving me up] was something she wished she didn’t have to do. She didn’t have to do that. The life she gave me is something I can’t repay,” Ai-Ai said, adding that the things she wasn’t able to do with her biological mother she makes sure she does with her 93-year-old adoptive mother now.

“I get to bathe my adoptive mother, which I wasn’t able to do with my biological mother,” she said. “I get to take care of her.”

As such, Ai-Ai feels that she’s a better mother than she is a daughter. “I’m able to devote

more time to my children,” said Ai-Ai, who has two sons, Sean Niccolo and Sancho, and a daughter, Sophia. “They’re my source of pride. I’m happy that I was able to raise them well and give them education... What I wasn’t able to experience as a child, I made sure to give them.”

Rufa Mae ka-join daw sa Hollywood movie na ‘Barbie’ nina Ryan Gosling at Margot Robbie

HOT topic ngayon sa social media ang Kapuso comedienne na si Rufa Mae Quinto dahil sa chikang ka-join daw ito sa isang upcoming Hollywood movie.

“Barbie The Movie” will star Ryan Gosling and Margot Robbie will come out in 2023.

A teaser poster included the name of Rufa Mae.

Ang “Barbie” ay mula sa produksyon ng Warner Brothers Pictures at sakaling matuloy nga raw ang pag-appear dito ni Rufa Mae, ito ang kauna-unahan niyang Hollywood film na siguradong magbibigay karangalan din sa Pilipinas.

Narito ang ilan sa mga comments ng netizens tungkol sa lumabas na chika.

“Our kween Rufa Mae on Hollywood, todo na ‘to, go, go, go.”

“I’m a Barbie gorr gorr!”

“Are the casts legit? Like am I really gonna be able to watch Margot Robbie and Emma Mackey in one film??? But then again, I can’t take this seriously coz with is Rufa Mae Quinto listed there lmfaa.”

“Go, go, go Rufa Mae! Itodo mo na to!”

Ngunit sorry na lang guys, pero mukhang ang balitang ito ay isa lamang, “Joke, joke, joke!” Ha-ha-haha! May isang netizen na kasi ang umamin na in-edit lang niya ang list ng cast members at inilagay ang pangalan ni Rufa Mae.

Ayon sa Twitter user na may handle name na @stepisowild, siya ang nagdagdag sa pangalan ng komediyana sa ipinost ng Letterboxd page tungkol sa “Barbie” movie cast.

“OMG! It’s my jail era for putting Rufa Mae Quinto here. Please use the hashtags guys para maging totoo to!”

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energy resources, as the government looks to reduce dependency on coal-fired power plants amid increasing environmental concerns.

According to the EO, nuclear power was also envisioned as a viable component to bridge the gap between rising energy demands and supply, taking into account learnings from the past, national, social and economic development pathways, as well as international legal and regulatory frameworks, and best practices.

The program would harness potential driving effects of nuclear energy on economic growth via increased productivity and dynamic spillover effects on related industries.

For the environmental objective, the EO says that venturing into nuclear technology could help minimize possible trade-offs between emissions and the environment.

“Life cycle emissions from nuclear power chains are comparable with the best renewable energy chains and several orders of magnitude lower than fossil fuel chains.”

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Catriona Gray wishes Miss Universe PH candidates given ‘more difficult questions’

Catriona Gray gave her opinion regarding the questions asked to the Miss Universe Philippines candidates during the coronation night yesterday, April 30.

The Miss Universe 2018 titleholder, who was not present at the said event due to a filming commitment, expressed her excitement just before a new Miss Universe Philippines was crowned, via her Twitter page, also yesterday. Gray asked fans who their bets were while stating her thoughts on the

questions.

“I wish the girls were given more difficult questions. Feeling ko kayang-kaya nila (I feel like they can do more),” she said.

Although not present physically, Gray contributed a “special participation” through a taped video aired during the event, which the pageant organization earlier teased about.

Meanwhile, Gray received the same sentiments from netizens, with some of

them pointing out that the questions given were “simple” and prevented the candidates from “shining” during the question-and-answer portion.

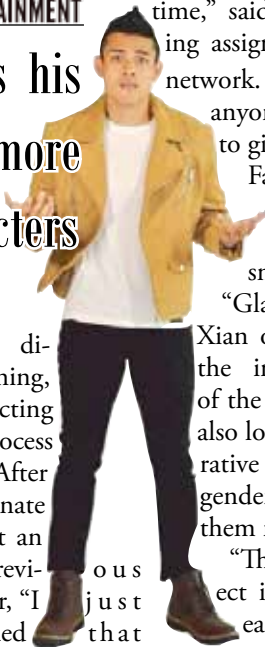
“Same feeling. I felt they weren’t able to shine because of the questions that they got. Like Pasay, for one, had the same answers from a chat with Pia and final Q&A,” one @sugasnecklace replied, referring to Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach.

“Exactly! I mean, nothing against the organization since it’s how and what they

[probably] plan. But it could’ve been very exciting to see how they answer tough questions,” one @Yanskies23 stated. “In addition, we’re talking about [the] Miss Universe title at the end of the day. [Barangay] competitions supply more difficult questions than what they’ve given to the girls during the finals. Just [saying].”

“True queen! The girls must have a difficult (not a literal difficult) question and I think they must include to their questions the current events like the upcoming election, leadership, mother nature, etc.,” one @_gbrl_prk said.

Xian Lim keeps his word to play more engaging characters



Aside from writing, directing and performing, Xian Lim enjoys acting and the creative process that comes with it. After all, the multi-hyphenate artist is first and foremost an actor. As he put it in a previous one-on-one with this paper, “I just want to create,” and added that he also wants to write more and play as many characters as he can. The latest addition to his growing collection of diverse and engaging characters is Edward dela Guardia, a young husband, who will experience a “gender switch” and has a bun in the oven, in the upcoming family and fantasy drama, False Positive. With that, Xian remains true to his word. Playing Yannie, wife of Edward, is the ever-reliable Glaiza de Castro. “When I started shooting, I was just really excited and nervous at the same

time,” said Xian of his first acting assignment for the Kapuso network. “I didn’t want to let anyone down and I wanted to give it my all.” False Positive is also the first team-up of Xian and Glaiza on the small screen. “Glaiza is super nice,” said Xian of the actress. Besides the inspired performances of the actors, viewers should also look forward to the narrative scenes that touch on gender equality and make them reflect on gender roles. “The message of this project is all about respecting each other and loving each other no matter what,” said Xian. What are his reflections about relationships that he can share with young couples? “I personally believe after everything has been said and done, love is a choice,” answered Xian, “and after the honeymoon stage, pagkatapos ng lahat ng yan it’s gonna boil down to choice, dapat lang you’re in it for the long

run.” He added that if partners want their relationship to last, they have to work on it every single day. “Make sure that you, guys, are always growing and make sure you, guys, inspire each other to be a better person every single day,” Xian emphasized. **Richard Gutierrez starts action series** Ang birthday celebration ng panganay nina Richard Gutierrez at Sarah Lahbati noong Saturday sa country club ng village na tinitirhan nila. Sinu-sinong mga celebrity ang bisita sa 9th birthday celebration ni Zion? “Walang masyadong celebrity guests kasi we wanted more intimate na classmates niya ang mga bisita, plus ‘yung football team na kasama niya,” sey ni Richard. Masaya lang daw dahil wala nga siyang trabaho at nandoroon mismo siya sa selebrasyon ng kanilang panganay na anak. Noong 4th birthday kasi ng bunso nilang si Kai noong March 21, nasa lock-in taping si Richard ng FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano sa Ilocos Sur. Anyway, noong Saturday na katsikahan namin si Ruffa, nagmamadali siya dahil hahabol pa nga siya sa birthday party ni Zion. Siyempre, ayaw ni Ruffa na ma-miss ang event na ‘yon ng kanyang pamangkin. Anyway, going back to Richard, ang alam ko after ng May 9 election ay may lock-in pa siya para sa FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano and after that ay saka niya sisimulan ‘yung action-drama series naq pagbibidahan niya sa Kapamilya Network. Bongga!



Christine Bermas replaces AJ Raval in ‘Scorpio Nights’ remake



Showbiz newcomer Christine Bermas admitted that she felt the pressure when she was given the lead role in the upcoming movie “Scorpio Nights 3.” In an interview with Philstar.com during the “VivaMax Summer To The Max” press launch yesterday, Christine said that “Scorpion Nights” Ana Marie Gutierrez and “Scorpio Nights 2’s” Joyce Jimenez were big shoes to fill in. “Ang laking pressure nang nafi-feel ko noong una pa lang na sinabi sa akin na ako ang gaganap. Natuwa po ako at the same time ‘yung kaba na-feel ko,” Christine said. Although the role was originally given to AJ Raval, Christine said she does not mind being the second choice. “Okay lang naman sa akin kahit ako ‘yung second choice. Nire-respect ko naman po ‘yon. Siguro po may mga

reason kung bakit nangyayari ‘yung mga ganoong bagay,” she said. The “Siklo” and “Island of Desire” star said she’s willing to show and give everything for the sake of the film. “Ngayon kasi puro physical ang ‘Scorpio Nights’ e. When I read the script, nag-prepare na ko physically,” she said. “Simula kasi bfore, pinakita ko na lahat. For this movie, special kasi ‘tong film na to for me, I can do all the way. Frontal? I guess siguro madalian lang kung kailangan mismo sa film, go,” she added.

3 Filcans running for Ontario MPP

FILCANS, from page 1 Kids. Christine is the founder of EPIC Generation, engaged in Children’s media production and leadership training. She has worked as a freelance video journalist for ABS-CBN Corporation and has had work experience for 10 years as a benefits specialist, compensation delivery analyst, and total rewards specialist in 3 Toronto companies. For the past 15 years, as a community volunteer, she has been a children’s liturgy catechist, choir member, and an alumni mentor. Christine, if elected, pledged to “fight for the rights of immigrants and workers, support

small businesses, investment in education, and public mental health care”. (The electoral riding includes all of the Town of Ajax plus that part of the City of Pickering north of Finch Avenue and east of Brock Road, the area north of Highway 401, and east of Valley Farm Road). Paul Saguil, an award-winning lawyer, Saguil “has defended equality and human rights before the Supreme Court of Canada. According to OLP leader Stephen Del Duca, Paul is a dedicated community advocate and has “spent his entire career fighting for people and ensuring their voices



es are heard.” “My career and community volunteerism has been dedicated to fighting for inclusion and advocating for those whose voices are not always present or heard in places of power,” said Saguil. “I believe we have an incredible opportunity to bring strong leadership and integrity back to public office and I’m looking forward to fighting for a safer, healthier, and brighter future for our province!” A Registered Social Worker, Veronica Javier, has a BA and Master in Social Work from York University. With a specialty in nephrology, Javier is the Policy Development Secondee at Scar-

borough Health Network and works with social workers across Ontario “to bring to light issues faced by patients living with kidney disease and their families.” Raised in Scarborough, Veronica has worked with families there for over 10 years. Javier, once elected, wanted to help “protect what matters most to residents from equity to strong social services to health care and decent, affordable life.” It is hoped that this time, with much-needed kababayan political engagement and support, the 3 Filipino MPP candidates in Willowdale, Scarborough, and Ajax, Ontario will be successful to represent the Fil-Can community and their riding constituents by articulating their voices on issues and concerns that matter most to them.(Tony A. San Juan, OCT-Retired)

Darren Espanto nilinaw na hindi kabahagi ng INC

DINENAY Kapamilya singer na si Darren Espanto ang kumakalat na balita na miyembro ng Iglesia Ni Cristo (INC) ang kanyang pamilya. Kumalat ang chikang ito matapos siyang magpahiwatig ng pagsuporta sa kandidatura nina Leni Robredo at Kiko Pangilinan na kasalukuyang tumatakbo sa pagkapangulo at pagkabise presidente nang dumalo ito sa nagdaang Bulacan rally ng iRoPang Angat. “What’s happening to Iglesia? It seems some youth members like the highly popular @Espanto2001 are openly backing @lenirobredo?” tweet nig journalist na si Raissa Robles noong April 27. Agad naman itong ni-retweet ni Darren at nilinaw na walang katotohanan ang kumakalat na balita. “Hello po, Ms. @raissawriter I’d just to clarify po that my family and I are all Roman Catholics,” saad ng binata nang i-retweet niya ang sinabi ng journalist.



President Rodrigo Duterte inspects the newly-launched P1000 polymer banknotes with BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno at Malacañang.

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Platform launched for Philippine natl ID

THE Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) introduced on Friday the Philsys Check, an authentication platform for the Philippine national ID. Assistant National Statistician Fred Sollesta noted during the launch that Philsys Check is a web-based offline authentication solution that leverages public private key cryptography to allow relying parties to check the authenticity of PSA-issued QR code. ‘The QR code at the back of the Philippine identification card or the Phil ID may be verified by simply accessing the website using a smartphone or computer with camera and internet access,’ he said. Sollesta further said that Philsys Check was intended to serve as a platform for identity verification in regard to transactions between individuals and various reliant parties, such as government organizations or any corporate entities. He said the platform was piloted in November 2021 with 13 financial institutions participating.

BSP launches new P1,000 ‘plastic’ banknote

MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte on Wednesday night launched with economic managers the new P1,000 polymer banknote featuring the Philippine eagle in place of three World War 2 heroes, despite earlier criticisms from historians. The new plastic banknotes, which the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said are “smarter and stronger,” will be released in phases. Duterte inspected the banknote with BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno and Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III. “The advanced technology, intricate design, and complex security features make counterfeiting significantly more difficult and costly,” the BSP said. Diokno earlier said shifting from abaca-based paper bills to plastic or polymer bills was more environment-friendly, cost-effective, hygienic and more secure from counterfeiting. Representatives from the Philippine fiber industry however contested this saying polymer banknotes are expensive to manufacture, not as durable or secure as claimed, and definitely not good for the environment. Historians had also criticized the BSP for removing World War 2 heroes Jose Abad Santos, Vicente Lim and Josefa Llanes Escoda from the new P1,000 paper bill. The National Historical Commission of the Philippines said it was not consulted with the new P1,000-bill design. BSP Deputy Governor Mamerto Tangonan however said they did not consult historians because no historical element was added to the banknote. “But in this case, there is no historical element that we have put in in the new design, and then we already have the facts vetted by DENR when we reused the eagle,” Tangonan explained. “We are not going to cease the current circulation of the P1,000 banknote featuring the images of our three great heroes. So this will continue to get circulated,” said the official.

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Sharon Cuneta reveal international projects

Sharon Cuneta is starring and executive-producing the feature film adaptation of the Palanca prize-winning novel *The Mango Bride* by global media company 108 Media with US-based production outfit Bold MP.

Written by US-based Filipina author Marivi Soliven, *The Mango Bride* tells the intersecting lives of two Filipinas who migrate from Manila to the US — the socialite Amparo and the mail-order bride Beverly.

More importantly, Sharon shared that 95 percent of the international production's cast and crew is Filipino, if not Filipino-American.

"Even the story is (so) Pinoy. For me, it was the best project to present to the global audience that is about and made by Filipinos," she fsaid.

Meanwhile, it was also Variety that announced she was joining the cast of *Concepcion*.

"Concepcion is a TV series, they're pitching it now. That may come later. Concepcion is the family name," said Sharon before jokingly referring to her ex-husband's last name, "Sige magtawa



Sharon Cuneta will star and executive produce the film adaptation of the Palanca prize-winning novel *The Mango Bride* authored by Marivi Soliven. The movie will be a Filipino and American co-production.

kayo Concepcion ang title (laughs). Di ako ang pumili nun, na-offer lang sa akin."

As per Variety, "All Rise's Reggie Lee will team up with Yellow Rose and Lingua Franca co-producer Jeremiah Abraham and ABS-CBN for Concepcion, a drama series in the works from creator Craig Obligacion Wilson.

"Written by Lynn Harold who serves as co-show-runner with Wilson, Concepcion follows the lives of an Asian-American kingpin and his extended crime family that lords over Historic Filipino town ('HiFi') in Los Angeles."

Sharon was tapped for a major role in Concepcion was because of Reggie, who is a longtime fan of the star.

Sharon confirmed, "Reggie's a good friend. She further shared, "It's about a Filipino crime family based in America. And my role, if it pushes through, would be that of a

It's about a Filipino crime family based in America.

matriarch. Parang mga Soprano na hindi, kasi kami yung mga Concepcion."

Sharon also expressed her pride over daughter KC Concepcion's return to acting. She recently got cast as female lead of the romantic-comedy, *Asian Persuasion*, replacing the previously announced Toni Gonzaga and starring opposite Fil-Am Hollywood actor Dante Basco.

The film is led by multi-Tony Award and Grammy-winning producer Jhett Tolentino.

"Sa akin dumaan yun (offer) because Jhett Tolentino who is a Grammy and Tony Award-winning producer offered me also a movie before. But unfortunately, we had trouble finding people to finance it because he wanted me to star with A-list American actors. So, it was so hard but it was a beautiful concept," Sharon shared.

"So nag-usap na sila. KC is, you know, a full-fledged adult so she makes decisions on her own. Obviously, she accepted it and I'm very happy for her. She's in good hands."



Muslim-Filipino in Canada to celebrate Eid'l Fitr 2022

After years of seclusion due to pandemic, the Muslim Filipino Association of Canada (MFAC) in collaboration with United Youth for Peace and Development (Unypad) Canada chapter is inviting Muslim-Filipinos in Ontario to join them celebrate this year's Eid'l Fitr to be held on Saturday, May 7th, 2022 from 11am to 6pm at Thomson Memorial Park, 1005 Brimley Rd, Scarborough, ON M1P 3E9.

The MFAC was founded in Ramadan 2009 by a group of Muslim-Filipino who are passionate to find and unite their brothers and sisters in faith. This group aims to support their brethren in matters needed as a Muslim in Canadian society. Meanwhile, Unypad-Canada aims to educate the community and society at large about the Moro people of Mindanao.

For more information about this year's Eid'l Fitr celebration contact Carolina "Ayesha" Pineda at (647) 205-3429 or email Riza "Khadeejah" Khamal at rkhamal@gmail.

How Wil Dasovich will react if Alodia Gosiengfiao will have a new boyfriend

Cosplayer Alodia Gosiengfiao revealed on social media recently that she's dating a new man.

She posted a photo of herself with her new beau, enjoying the cave in El Nido, Palawan.

Alodia's ex-boyfriend Wil Dasovich hasn't spoken yet about the issue.

He, however, said in a video blog by Nico Bolzico published weeks before the

cosplayer's post that he would be happy if Alodia will find her happiness with another man.

"To be honest with myself, I don't know how I'd feel until that happens. But if she was happy, and I believe he was a good guy, I would be happy. Because my goal for her, and



for everyone in the world, is to be happy," Wil said in the vlog.

"And if she can find that

happiness with someone else, that's great. Hey, it may hurt, it may be weird, it may be awkward, it may touch a nerve or something—but at the end of the day, if she's happy, that's great," he added.

Wil and Alodia dated for three years before splitting in November 2021.

Ria Atayde more daring at 30

"I'm 30. I feel like it's a great way to welcome my adulthood," declared actress Ria Atayde, whose sexy photos created online buzz recently.

"How did I get to that decision? A big part of it is my 'mama-ger' Kathryn (Bernardo), who mounted the shoot. It's so funny because for each layout the photographer, Cha (Charis Malico), would send some photos to Kath, who would keep saying, 'More skin! More skin!'" recalled Ria, whose actual birthday is March 23.

"As for me, I was so game. I'm not saying that I'm at my fittest, but at this point, I feel that I'm at my happiest. Right now is a time that I really want to remember. When we were shooting, I was like, 'More skin pa ba? OK!' To me, it's like a role. For that day, my role was a daring model," she told Inquirer Entertainment in a recent virtual chat.

"It's not like I would get into

more daring roles from now on. If it's worth being daring, yes I'd do it, but it would need convincing. It's just that, when else would I be photographed like that?" she argued. "I actually did two [shoots]—one mounted by Kathryn and another one by my glam team as a gift to me."

Asked what the reaction of her family was to the daring photos, Ria said, laughing: "My mom (Sylvia Sanchez)

liked the photos. (Brother) Arjo, according to my younger sister Gela, asked, 'Who's that?' My dad (Art Atayde), when I showed him some of the photos, said, 'Why do you want to show everybody your panty?'"

She said she still does "light workouts" with her physical therapist. "I do a lot of stretching, too. That's the thing! I still eat rice every day. I used to be able to finish six to eight slices of pizza. Now,

I'm OK with one or two. Pizza is my happy food," she shared.

When asked for her thoughts on being single at 30, Ria gave an interesting reply: "In our culture, a measure of success is whether or not you have a stable family. I love my life right now, that's keeping me less pressured. It also helps that the people around me make me feel that being single is OK."

Buko ni Andrea masabaw, katakam-takam

Bagong "Buko Queen" na yata ang Kapuso star na si Andrea Torres.

Aba, pasabog ang kanyang mga sexy picture na ipinost sa Instagram kunsan, napaka-sexy naman talaga ni Andrea sa kanyang one piece swimsuit pero halos kitang-kita naman ang kanyang flawless skin, pati ang kanyang buttocks or backside.

Obviously, sa shooting ng pelikula niyang "Pasion al" sa Coron, Palawan kuha ang picture ni Andrea na may hawak-hawak na buko habang nasa tabi ng isang buko or coconut tree.

Kaya heto na lang ang nasabi ng mga netizen:



"Ang ganda mo!"
"Grabe naman!"
"Ang sexy mo!"
"Ang sabaw naman ng buko mo, katakam-takam."
Well, obyus naman na ang buko o boobey ni Andrea ang tinutukoy ng ibang mga male netizen sa mga comment nila na masabaw at katakam-takam, eh.

At umulan din ng mga fire emoji sa comment sa Instagram ni Andrea.

Kim spoiled kay Xian

Relationship goals talaga sina Kim Chiu at Xian Lim. Talagang ibang level ang support at understanding na meron silang dalawa sa isa't isa. Kaya naman very thankful si Kim kay Xian.

During the live of 2021 Miss Universe Philippines, dapat daw talaga ay lalabas silang dalawa at mag-date. Pero instead na lumabas at mag-date, mas gusto



raw kasi ni Kim na manood lang ng Miss Universe sa telebisyon.

Kaya 'yun naman, as ever supportive boyfriend, magkasama nga silang nanood ng Miss U habang magkayakap, siyempre.

Sey ni Kim, "Gusto ko lang manood ng Miss Universe. Thank you for being so supportive."

Sabi pa ni Kim, "Dapat lalabas kami pero buti pumayag sya sa gusto ko."

Neil Coleta sold bangus during lockdown

Neil Coleta is one of the actors who looked for other sources of income at the height of the pandemic.

“Nagtinda ako ng bangus, kumuha ako sa Dagupan.

He enjoyed it and did not worry what people think.

“Mag-business ako na di kailangang ikahiya. Nagde-deliver ako pag may kumukuha sa Quezon City, minsan nag-aalok ako sa mga bahay. Malaki ang kita. Tapos nagtitinda din ako ng milk tea, tiger sugar with ice



cream. Yung iba ang iniisip, ‘Wala ka na bang pera?’ Hindi,

hindi sa ganun yun.

He stopped selling bangus now but he also opened a liquor store.

“Still open. Marami din naman ang bumibili, tumatangkilik,” of his liquor business.

“Nung una Lyka yun, e, malakas ang Lyka,” sabi pa ni Neil. Ang tinutukoy niyang Lyka ay ang social media app kunsaan ang naipong points ay nagagamit

bilang mode of payment.

“Saka isa pa, bahay namin dati, so wala kaming renta. Bahay namin yung pinaglagyan namin ng store. Lumang bahay, so wala akong renta.

“Pag walang bumili, okay lang. Kung mayroon, okay lang din.”

NEIL IS NOW A FATHER

Mas inspiradong magtrabaho si Neil ngayon dahil isa na siyang ganap na ama.

Pitong buwan na si Baby Jazmin Chinnei, anak ni Neil sa non-showbiz live-in partner na si

Chin Kee.

“Priority ko kasama ko ang baby ko. Pag uuwi ako, excited ako, kasi gusto ko siyang makita. Gusto ko araw-araw na yakapin...”

BACK TO ACTING

Napanood sa ‘Widows’ Web ng GMA-7 si Neil, pero guest star din siya sa Darna remake ng Kapamilya network.

“Thankful ako kasi nakatawid ako ng GMA, ng ABS, at sunud-sunod naman ang trabaho ko,” saad ni Neil.

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of its Dec. 12 to 16, 2021 survey, 24.7 percent or 11 million of the Philippines’ 44.5 million labor force were jobless.

The number was nearly 25 percent, or one in three. It was also among the highest unemployment rates in the world. In Southeast Asia, according to World Bank data, the average unemployment rate was just 2.9 percent even at the height of the pandemic in 2020.

“It is more important than ever for the next administration to take the long view and make a commitment to full and decent employment with social protection the center of economic policies,” Africa said.



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American Idol finalist Francisco Martin is proud of Pinoy roots

The 21-year old American Idol Season 18 Top 5 finalist Francisco Martin sang at the Miss Universe Philippines (MUPH) 2022 coronation night.

His parents have not yet been back in the Philippines in more than 20 years. “(They went to the US) when they were 17 and now they are in their 50s,” he continued. Honestly, just seeing the environment and atmosphere, learning all about it, smelling the air kind of just seeing what’s different in New York versus here. It’s like a big culture shock but I’m all for it.”

Francisco is currently based in Los Angeles. His parents live in San Francisco. He can cook pork adobo, pork asado and bam-i (pancit) noodles. He has also tried balut.

He knows Tagalog words such as “opo” and

“salamat.” “I can understand everything. My parents just speak Tagalog and I picked up on it. I can speak broken phrases,” he revealed.

His dad hails from Nueva Vizcaya while his mom is from Ilocos Sur. He would like to collaborate with Filipino artists such as the London-based No Rome and Inigo Pascual.

He will be dropping his sophomore EP, titled Manic, come July 22. “It’s all kinda tied to all my mental health (struggles) in the past year and kind of what I’ve been living in life and how I feel about it,” he said of the EP.

He described his American Idol experience as “life-changing.” “Before then (going live on TV), I was kind of a hermit and hid myself in the house. He was a college student pursuing law

at that time and now he is a full-time recording artist.

“Right now has been great. Joining Idol definitely gave me the career that I needed to have and in turn got me signed. It gave me beautiful opportunities like going to the Philippines and having shows and doing live tours. Idol definitely gave me that extra boost,” he furthered.

Meanwhile, Francisco admitted he is single and is ready to mingle. “I had a Filipina girlfriend back in high school. I didn’t date a lot in college,” he disclosed. “I’m open to different types of women. I’m very, very happy that I’m here and meet beautiful women everywhere, especially while I’m here.”



Ogie always bonding with Vice

Alam mo, Ateng Salve, ‘katuwa lang si Ogie Alcasid dahil talagang close na close siya sa mga kasamahan niya sa It’s Showtime. Kapag nagba-bonding sina Vice Ganda, Ion Perez, Vhong Navarro, Ryan Bang, Amy Perez at iba pang mga kasama sa noontime show ng ABS-CBN, talagang nagdyu-join si Ogie. May pagkakataon din na naggo-golf si Ogie na kasama si Ryan.

Nice!

Anyway, ‘yung paggo-golf ay nagagawa na talaga ngayon ni Ogie dahil maluwag-luwag na nga kahit may banta pa rin ng COVID-19. Noong nag-OA sa Love in the USA nga sila nina Paulo Avelino at Janine Gutierrez, naisingit din ni Ogie ang paggo-golf at nakasama pa niya ang kumpare niyang si Dingdong Avanzado. ‘Yun nga lang noong araw na maggo-golf sana sila, umulan ng pagkalakas-lakas kaya hindi sila natuloy. The next day na bale sila nakapag-golf.



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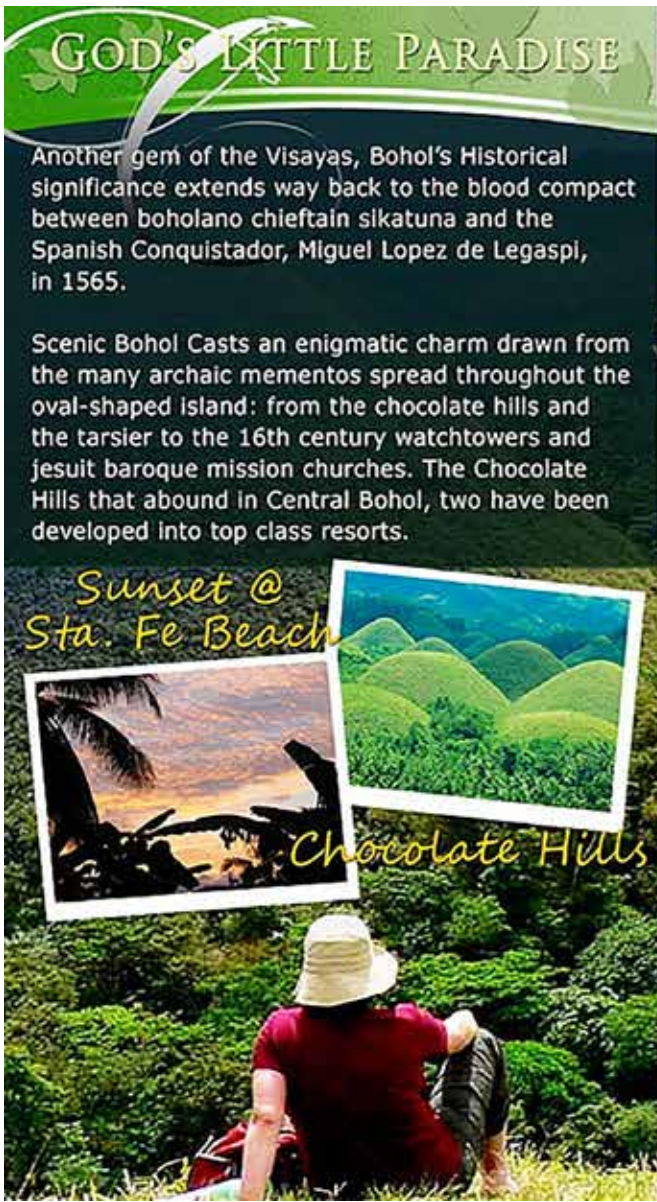
GOD'S LITTLE PARADISE

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

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

Sunset @ Sta. Fe Beach

Chocolate Hills

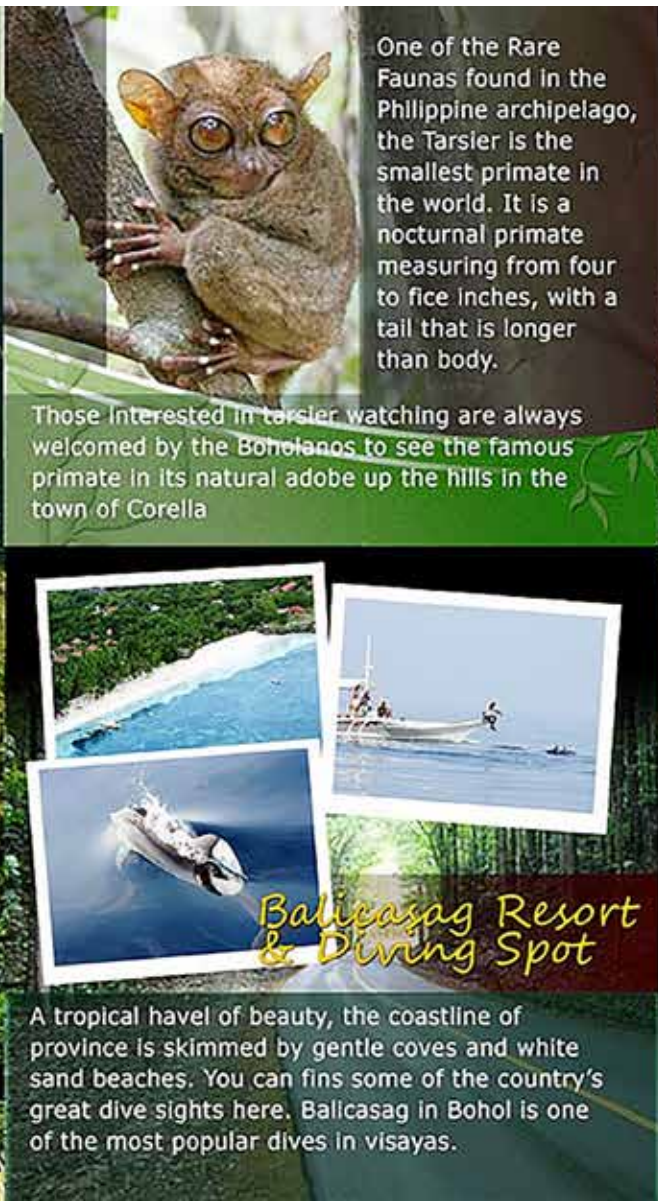
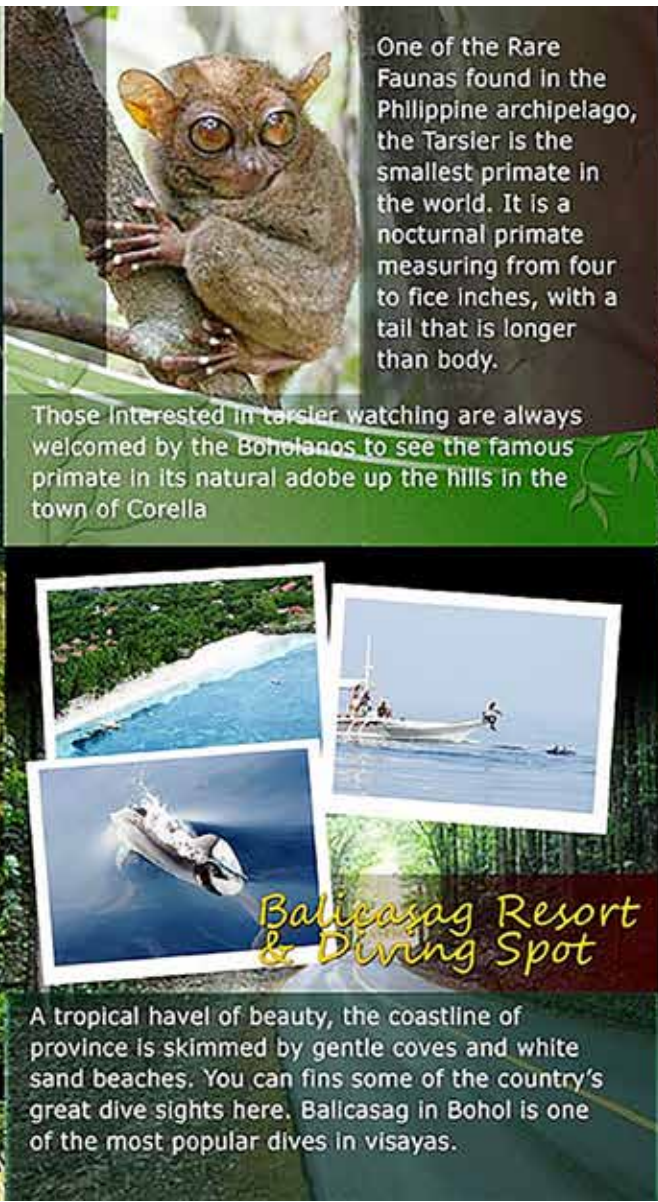


One of the Rare Faunas found in the Phillippine archipelago, the Tarsier is the smallest primate in the world. It is a nocturnal primate measuring from four to five inches, with a tail that is longer than body.

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

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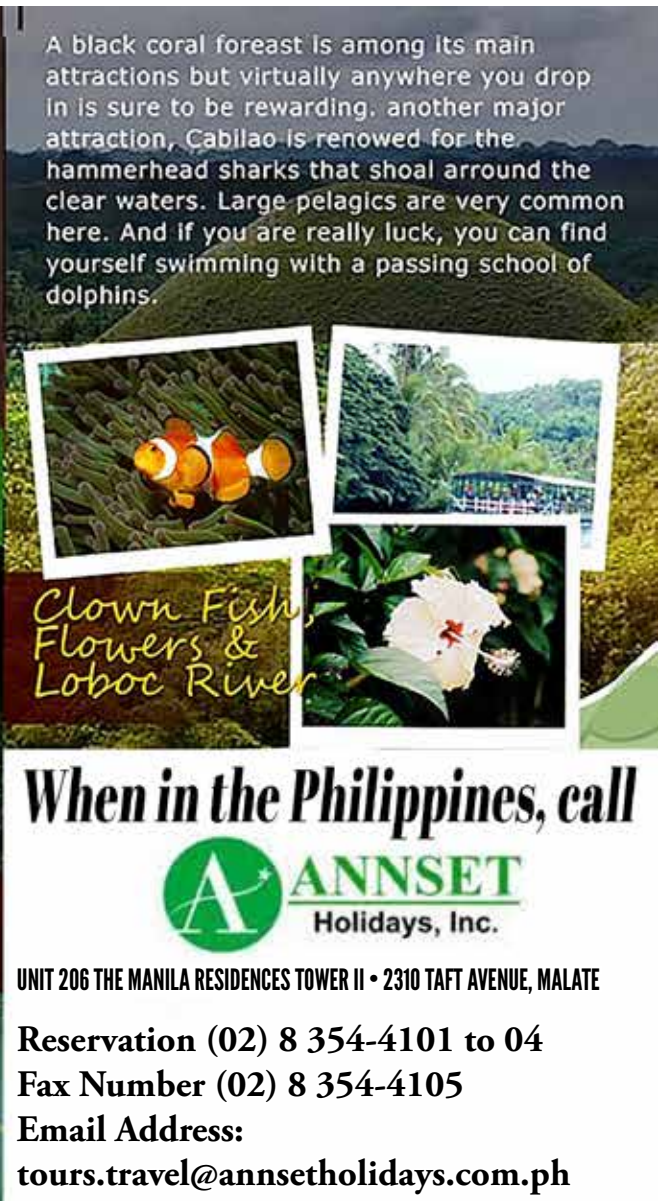
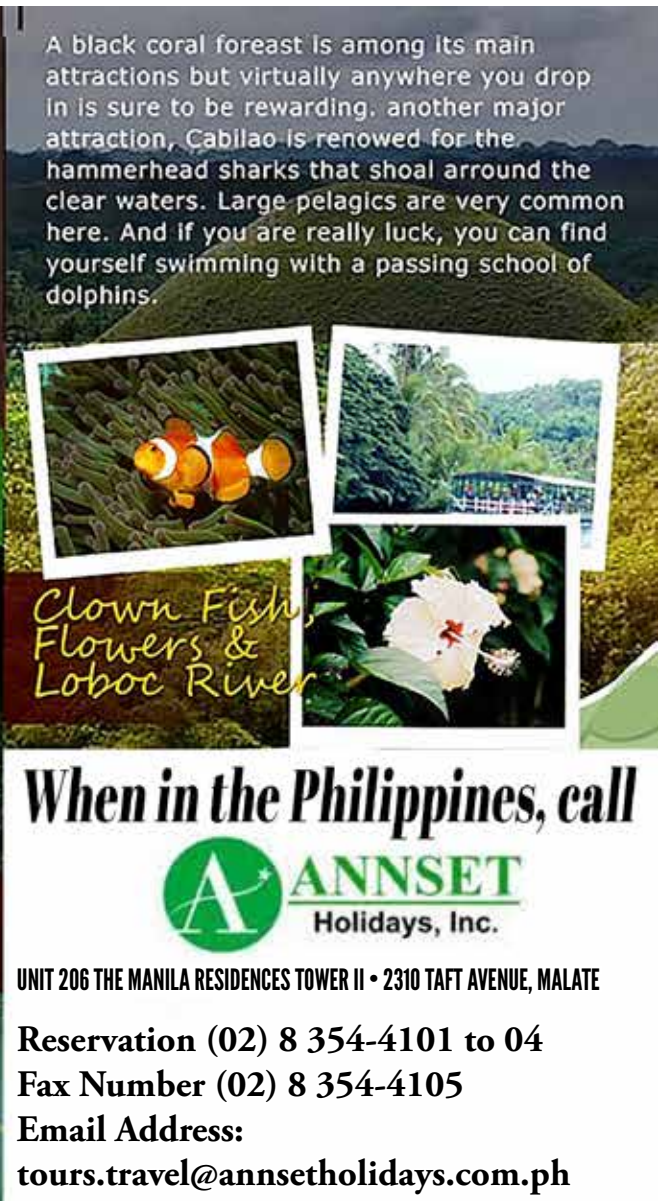
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open-minded as well. "Mas lum-awak yung pang-unawa ko when it comes to that subject. Mas (na)intindihan ko siya and for me, I look at it as an art, too."

As for Angela, she said "sexy" is being confident and furthered, "(it is also about) embracing yourself — the way you look, talk and the way you think."

Angela pointed out that "learning is a never-ending process" in an actor's life. She said, "Every day, marami akong natututunan hindi lang about sex, being sexy, but also about life. Every time that I have acting projects, including sexy roles, mas lumalawak yung understanding ko, yung perspective ko pagdating sa ganitong bagay. I'm very grateful (to) all the people I've worked with because they are instruments kung bakit mas naiintindihan ko 'to, mas natatanggap ko 'to at mas nagagawa ko 'to."

On the other hand, Ayanna felt "flattered and empowered" to be

deemed sexy. It is a compliment for her. She stated, "Personally, I don't feel confident enough to be called sexy. But I received feedback from people, referring to me as such and so I felt empowered as an individual."

She likewise became more "open-minded" upon entering the entertainment industry, especially after she did the raunchy comedy Pornstar 2.

The young talent admitted that she used to be "very conservative and judgmental." She detailed, "Parang konting ito lang yung kita, parang feeling ko ang ano na ng tao na yun. What's good about our work (as actors) is we learned to be open-minded and we would know the reasons of each person or every character that we portray. We would know why they became the way they are."

Meanwhile, AJ Raval, one of the show's stars, exited the press-con early on.



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Ria Atayde nagbigay ng dahilan kung bakit imposibleng maging dyowa niya si Joshua Garcia

AMINADO ang Kapamilya actress at host na si Ria Atayde na talagang attractive mabait at magaling makisama ang young actor na si Joshua Garcia.

In fairness, marami ang boto kay Joshua para sa anak ni Sylvia Sanchez mula nga nang matsismis na may “something” na raw sa kanilang dalawa.

Kaya naman nang makachikahan namin si Ria sa nakaraang special celebrity screening ng bagong digital family drama ng iWantTFC na “Misis Piggy” ay natanong uli namin ang dalaga tungkol sa kanila ni Joshua.

Game naman itong sinagot ng Kapamilya actress at tulad ng nauna na niyang naging pahayag, nagtataka pa rin siya kung bakit hindi pa rin natitigil ang relationship rumors sa pagitan nila ni Joshua.

Ngunit aniya, sinasakyan na lang daw nila ng binata ang mga chika about them, “Well, feel ko kasi we laugh about it talaga at this point.

“It’s Josh. He’s such a dear friend to me and I feel like it’s nice to know that we are as comfortable as we are with one another,” pahayag ng dalaga.

Kasabay nito, nabanggit din ng aktres na sa gitna ng pagkaka-link nila ni Joshua sa isa’t isa ay mas lumalim pa ang closeness nilang dalawa.



boto rin ang mga fans sakaling magkatuluyan sila.

Diretsahang sinabi ng dalaga na talaga namang attractive ang kanyang kaibigan, “Josh is an attractive guy, he’s just really younger and for me it’s such a alam niyo, ‘yon? I’m 30 and Josh is what turning 25 pa lang.”

Para kay Ria, alam rin niya secure ang friendship niya sa aktor, “I mean I get it, Josh is an amazing guy tama rin naman pero some people are better off as

friends kasi that way.

“Mas secure ka na hindi mo siya mawawala in your life so I guess that’s it na lang rin na we’re better off as friends so at least I know I can keep him forever,” aniya pa.

Nagsimulang ma-link sina Ria at Joshua nang madalas silang makitang magkasama, kabilang na riyang ang pagbabakasyon nila sa iba’t ibang lugar sa Pilipinas kasama ang mga kaibigang sina Kathryn Bernardo at Daniel Padilla. Naging malapit rin si Joshua sa pamilya Atayde nang magkasama ang aktor at si Sylvia Sanchez sa Kapamilya series na “The Greatest Love.”

Samantala, mapapanood na ang “Misis Piggy” nina Ria at Sylvia simula sa April 28 na siyang magiging Mother’s Day special ng iWantTFC.

or Blind,” where they amused and moved us with their compelling portrayals of Ino and Cara. Aside from his hosting and acting chops, the 24-year-old actor was also able to show off his singing talent through his variety show stints, and various singles he released from 2017 to 2021, such as “Did You,” “Walk With You,” “Ngiti Mo,” “Dream,” and “Wings.”

This year, fans of DonBelle are looking forward to seeing them reprise their roles in He’s Into Her Season 2, and watch the developments in their characters Deib and Max, as well as witness how they’re going to face the challenges that will come their way as individuals and young lovers.

Which project of Donny do you love the most?

Jake Cuenca confirm split with Kylie Verzosa

The 3-year relationship of Jake Cuenca and Miss International 2016 Kylie Verzosa is gone.

Jake said the split was not easy.

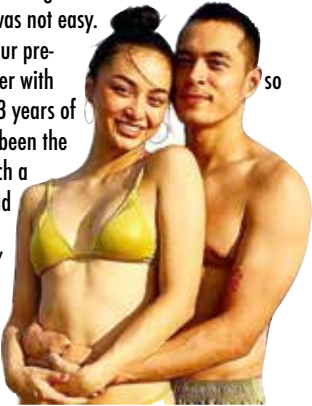
“I’ll hold on to all our precious memories together with much value. This past 3 years of my life have certainly been the best. I say this with such a heavy heart but me and Kylie have decided to go our separate ways,” anunsiyo ni Jake.

Jake said they will remain as friends.

“I’m still so proud of us because we didn’t want to break up in anger. I’m happy we were able to finish this chapter of our lives the same way we started it. As friends.”

Dagdag pang mensahe ni Jake para kay Kylie: “Wherever you are or what ever your doing I will always be sending you love and positivity. Know that you will always have a person in me who will always be proud of you. I’ll see you around Kylie.”

The two first met the when they were cast in the movie “Ang Panday” in 2017, and grew closer in 2018 as they were working together in the drama series “Los Bartados.”



Kasama rin dito sina Iana Benaldez, Elijah Canlas, Nikko Natividad, Rubi Rubi, Ricky Davao at marami pang iba, sa direksyon ni Carlo Catu mula sa Dreamscape Entertainment.

In fairness, ang galing-galing lahat ng artista sa “Misis Piggy” at napakaganda ng tema at concept ng istorya kaya nga bitin na bitin kami sa first two episodes ng serye. At ang promise namin, susubaybayan talaga namin ang “Misis Piggy” hanggang sa katapusan nito.

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projects for the meantime, while I am in school,” she added.

She also said that she will lessen her sexy movie roles because she wanted to focus on doing action films. “I have been wanting to take a break from doing sexy films,” she quipped. “I want to try doing action, like my Dad. It’s sort of my tribute for him. I am going back to school, so I need to lie low from the erotic genre.”

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“Napag-usapan na namin ng manager ko at ng Viva. No problem ang sexy roles for me. I can still do that anytime. Pero gusto kong mag-action talaga,” she said.

“Ang pagpapa-sexy, na-enjoy ko siya. Natutuwa ako na na-appreciate ng mga tao na tinatawag pa akong ‘Pantasya ng Bayan,’” she added.

She, however, vowed not to abandon doing sexy films.

“Hindi ko na bibitawan ang pagpapa-sexy. Pero gusto kong gumawa ng meaningful projects kahit na sexy. Sa twist ng story, dapat may katuturan. Dapat may end goal ang story, ang script. Hindi ko bibitawan ang pagpapa-sexy. Masaya ako doon. At doon ako nakilala ng tao,” she said.

Cat food naging tissue: Jenine imbyerna sa online seller

Uminit ang dugo ng nanay ni Janella Salvador na si Jenine Desiderio sa inorder nitong cat food, pero ang dumating sa kanya ay isang dangkal ng tissue.

Sa kanyang magkakasunod na tweet, kinuwento ni Jenine na isang sako ng cat food na worth P1,355 ang inorder niya sa online, pero isang buong plastic ng tissue ang dumating sa kanya.

Pinakita pa ni Janine sa post ang tissue para patunayang bogus ang nakatransakyon niya.

Nanggigil sa galit si Jenine dahil iginiit ng seller na ipinadala sa kanya ang inorder na item at may shipment proof of docu pa ito. Pinangako ng seller na ipapadala ang inorder nito kasama na ang regalo, bilang pampalubag-loob sa aktres.

Sinusulat ang item na ito hindi pa rin natatang-gap ni Jenine ang inorder na cat food.

Ivana nilalandi ni Jake

Hindi na kami magtataka kung sina Ivana Alawi at Jake Ejercito ang magiging magka-love team.

Sinimulan na kasing landiin ni Jake si Ivana sa set ng ‘A Family Affair’, na kinakikiligan ng mga fan.

May video nga na habang busy si Ivana sa taping, biglang ginulat ni Jake ang sexy star, na hinawakan ang paa.

Super tili naman si Ivana.

Tawang-tawa si Jake sa ginawa niya kay Ivana.

Mababasa ang mga comment na nagnanais ang mga fan nag awing love team ang dalawa. Na hindi malayong mangyari dahil pareho naman daw walang dyowa ang dalawa.

Magtagumpay kaya si Jake kay Ivana? Maging magka-love team kaya sila?



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Nadine Lustre puts Instagram feed for VP Leni

Curated no more. In a rare instance, actress Nadine Lustre posted something colorful on Instagram. The post highlights her video showing her support for presidential candidate Vice President Leni Robredo. "Lahat naman tayo gusto ng tahimik na buhay 'di ba? Tataya ako sa best person who can give us that," she wrote, adding: "Si Leni Robredo. (colorful heart emojis)." The 28-year-old star also used the hashtag:



#PresNadine4PresLeni" Of course, Leni extended gratitude to Nadine for rallying behind her. On Facebook, she wrote: "Para kay Nadine Lustre, ang susunod na Presidente ay dapat may angking husay at tibay, lag-ing present, at handang ibigay ang lahat para sa Pilipino - at si Leni Robredo lang ang nag-iisang kandidato na nagtataglay nito. Maraming salamat sa suporta at pag-mamahal sa bayan, Nadine! #IpanaloNa-10ParaSaLahat #PresNadine4PresLeni." Note that aside from Nadine, Kathryn Bernardo and Liza Soberano also expressed support to Leni.



Filipino-Canadian boxer Justin Gandoza (CENTRE FRONT ROW) poses with the media, Music Box lounge owner Mike Cruz (2ND FROM RIGHT, FRONT), at the meet the press luncheon ahead of his pro fight on May 7. We wish him all the luck.

Candid SPOOF

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



FCT President Mary Ann San Juan chats with Joy D'aoust as they check the program during the PIDC International Women's Day awards event at FV Foods as Joy's daughter Skyea looks on.



1. Grandpa Hermie Esguerra is surrounded by grandkids on his birthday; 2. Alexander Ojha celebrates his birthday with wife Marie, daughter Alexandria and son Jake. 3. Kuya Hermie Esguerra is joined by wife Luth, daughters Marie, Heather, Heidi and sons-in-law Alexander, Marvin and Vinson brother-in-law, me; 4. Children open their Easter eggs. 5. Granddaughter Alexandria Ojha poses with grandpa Hermie Esguerra.

Alexandria Ojha Puts New Look Into Old Fashion

Rummaging boxes of her grandparent's clothes last Easter, Alexandria Ojha injects a fresh new look wearing her grandfather Hermie Esguerra's old suits. Apparently, she says it only looks good on young women like her. We totally agree.



Ex-PBB teen housemate may 17 anyos na anak na; nabuntis uli nang bumalik sa pagtatrabaho

ANG saya-saya ng lahat ng dumalo sa ginanap na "Summer to the Max" media conference ng Viva Films.

Isa si Jamila Obispo sa nakausap namin na sunud-sunod din ang pelikulang napapanood sa Vivamax tulad ng "Mahjong Nights", "Kinsenas Kata-pusan," at ang "Iskandalo" series kaya labis ang pasasalamat niya sa Viva bosses dahil may work siya ngayon. Nakakatuwa si Jamila dahil itsura lang niya ang nagbago at hindi ang ugali, ganu'n pa rin siya simula nang una namin siyang nakausap paglabas ng "Pinoy Big Brother Teen Edition" kasabayan sina Kim Chiu, Gerald Anderson at marami pang iba.

Hindi itinanggi ni Jamila na noong pumasok siya sa Bahay ni Kuya ay may anak na siya at kaya siya sumali ay para mapaperahan ang anak niyang may cleft palate. Kaya ito kaagad ang kinumusta namin na kanya kahapon, Martes, "Okay na po siya magaling na, 17 years old na po. Graduate na ng Senior High. Magaling kumanta nagbabanda-banda," masayang sabi ni Jamila na ramdam mong proud siya sa panganay niya.

May ikalawang anak ngayon ang aktres na 7 years old naman, "Nabuntis ako nu'ng nagtrabaho ako. Ha-hahaha! Pero okay naman na po." Inaming hindi pa siya kasal pero sila pa rin ng ama ng anak at kasalukuyan silang nakatira sa South kasama ang kanyang mga magulang. Sinabi rin namin na muntik namin siyang hindi nakilala dahil ang puti-puti na niya kumpara noong paglabas niya sa "PBB" na kayumanggi. "Ha-hahaha! Nag-glutathione ako, o di ba



Ex-'PBB' housemate Josef Elizalde goes the sexy route

effective!" tumawang sagot sa amin sabay sabing, "Ano ba itsura ko, tumanda na? Matured na?" Na sinagot naman namin ng "hindi" dahil mas nagkaroon pa siya ng aura ngayon. Sa kasalukuyan ay mega-ipon si Jamila para sa kinabukasan ng pamilya.

Actor Josef Elizalde started early in showbiz. As a teenage housemate on the reality competition "Pinoy Big Brother," he finished high school then made his entry to the showbiz world. Earlier in his career, Elizalde essayed supporting roles in TV dramas and big screen projects. He was in FPJ's "Ang Probinsiyano" (2019), "Angelito: Batang Ama" (2011), even in a number of episodes in "Ipaglaban Mo" and "Maalaala Mo Kaya." This year, for the first time, he's doing sexy roles. The first sexy film that Elizalde did, Lawrence Fajardo's "X Deal 2," did not have the blessing of his mom, talent manager Martinez Carvajal-Elizalde. "Sinabi ko na lang after we shot the movie. Hindi naman siya nagaliit" Spending nearly half of his life in showbiz, the 31-year-old Elizalde admitted to exploring new avenues in his acting career. After "X Deal 2," he goes daring onscreen anew in Sampedro's sexy thriller, "Doblado." "I want to experience everything sa pagiging

artista," Elizalde asserted. "Puro pa-cute lang ako dati. Pa-comedy. This [sexy route] is a new environment for me. It's a different style of acting also.

"I had to seriously think about it kung magagawa ko ba at kung kaya ko ba. So far, nag-e-enjoy naman ako. It's challenging and fun at the same time." Elizalde never got to finish college. He was an incoming senior high school, only 16, when he joined "PBB." But he did get to finish high school before he joined showbiz. "Then nag-plateau ang career ko, I decided to go back to college. I had to think about my future. So I wanted to do my second dream job which was being a flight attendant. "Requirement there was at least two years in college, so that led me back to school. I did two years of college then when I returned to showbiz, I transferred management to Viva. Bumalik ang career ko." Elizalde had projects again, so his dream to become a flight attendant was put on the back-burner. His dad, Route 70 co-founder Butch Elizalde, who is a musician, surprisingly, never influenced him to take the musical road. "Me and my brother, walang nakakuha ng passion for music ng dad ko," Elizalde said. Essaying the daring scenes for his character Ronan in "Doblado" is no longer that hard for Elizalde, compared to the first time he did a



Josef Elizalde with first-time leading lady, Denise Esteban in 'Doblado.'

sexy role. Ronan is a lovable person and rich kid. His character is one of the dream roles Elizalde aspired for before. "Since both of my parents are in the [entertainment] industry, alam naman nila that it's also part of my job as an actor to do this," Elizalde maintained. "I told them 'Doblado' is not just a sexy film. Like what direk GB said, it's an art. "It's still considered acting. Both my parents are okay with me doing sexy roles. Sabi ko sa kanila huwag na lang nilang panoorin. "Ako, 'pag dating ko sa eksena, it's not Josef who's there, but Ronan. I guess confident level naman ako. Nandoon naman siya. Admittedly, Elizalde initially had hesitations in accepting the project. "Ayokong ma-disappoint si direk GB, baka hindi ko ma-portray ang character since it's challenging." No one was more surprised in Elizalde's re-invention as an actor than himself. "Nagulat ako the first time I watched myself," he admitted. "Ang hirap. "For X-Deal 2,' ang daming nagulat. Mga friends ko, they messaged me. I got

a lot of messages from members of the LGBTQ community. They were telling me their fantasies. I also got indecent proposals if I was willing to do it in real life." "Seeing the trailer alone, you would be intrigued about the story," Elizalde said. "This is one of the few projects that I'm really proud of and I can say I'm part of the movie. Sana matalo namin 'yung mga nag number one sa Vivamax. "I'm really happy and blessed where I am now. It was a rough road for me to get to where I am now. I think God will not put me in different paths na alam niyang hindi ko kakayanin. "I believe God put me in that rough path before to be where I am now. To make me the strongest person that I am. I'm happy and blessed to be where I am now." Crucial for Elizalde is how to connect with his leading ladies working on this sexy genre, where they had to do steamy scenes. "It's important to connect with your leading ladies para makita ang chemistry niyo," Elizalde explained. "Dapat natural ang acting at bitawan niyo ng linya. Kapag wala ang connection, madali din makita 'yun. "Wala ang spark at wala ang connection niyo. That's what's crucial to me, between you and your partner."

PH logged highest Catholic baptisms in 2020

THE Philippines continues to have the highest number of Catholic baptisms compared to other places in the world based on the just released 2020 Annuario Statisticum Ecclesiae (Statistical Yearbook of the Church)— the most recent year where numbers are available.

According to the Church's statistical yearbook, the Philippines had 1.6 million newly baptized Catholics in 2020.

Next to the Philippines is Mexico, which recorded 1.53 million baptisms, and Brazil with 1.12 million.

In 2019, the Philippines also topped the list of Catholic baptisms around the world. The yearbook also gives detailed figures on the Church's workforce, sacramental life, dioceses, and parishes.

Overall, the number of Catholics in the world reached 1.36 billion, an increase of 16 million over the previ-

ous year.

While Catholics continued to account for 17.7 percent of the world population, their numbers grew in Africa by about 2.1 percent and in Asia by 1.8 percent. In Europe, the increase was just 0.3 percent.

Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines Archbishop Charles Brown said this is "a living testament of faith in the 500 years of Catholicism in the country".

To whom is Ken Chan addressing his cryptic posts?

Though actor Ken Chan released a disclaimer, reiterating his cryptic posts are not directed towards relatives, netizens are curious as to the identity of people supposedly talking behind his back. The Kapuso star flooded his Twitter account with different tweets.

These include the quote: "Don't worry about what people say behind your back, they are the people who are finding faults in your life instead of fixing the faults in their own life." Then in another tweet, he shared a reminder: "huwag na huwag kang maninira ng ibang tao masama yun, lalo na wala namang atraso sayo yung taong sinisiraan mo. Nakatingin sayo si Lord." He also shared his realization "Ang sakit pala kapag ang taong malapit sayo ay kaya kang siraan.

Buti na lang talaga..."

Then he wrote: "Hindi ko po kama-ganak yung pina-tatamaan ko sa mga posts ko." Ken also agreed to a netizen who reacted: "Yun ang masakit sa backstab... hindi yun mga sinasabi or kinakalat niya, ang mas masakit kung sino ang may hawak ng knife paglingon mo."

He said: "Nakuha mo!!!" Later, the 29-year-old apologized for expressing his feelings publicly.

"Ngayon lang ako nagpost ng mga ganito. I'm sorry guys kailangan ko lang ilabas ang galit na nararamdaman ko. Pasensya na naapektuhan kayo. Hindi ko lang din kasi kinaya..."



Julia, hiwalay na kay Gerald?

Julia biglang lumipad pa-Thailand Nasa Thailand si Julia Barretto para magbakasyon. Pinakita ni Julia sa Instagram ang mga larawan na rumarampa siya sa Bangkok, kasama ang mga kaibigan. Napansin ng mga netizen ang maliit na waistline ng aktres. Mababasa ang mga comment na, "Why so hot Julia?", "Waistline goals?", "Sooo beautiful". Hindi ako sure kung kasama ni Julia si Gerald Anderson. Wala kasing photo na magkasama sila, at sa IG story ng aktor, puro basketball ang makikita mo. Well, ito ang unang travel ni Julia sa labas ng bansa na hindi kasama ang dyowa. Ang tanong ng mga 'marites' may nagaganap bang hindi kanais-nais sa relasyon ng dalawa? O baka naman work related talaga ang pinunta ni Julia sa Bangkok, na hindi kailangan ang pagcha-chaperone ni Gerald.

Lovely Abella will always be grateful to Marian Rivera for this



Lovely Abella will forever be indebted to actress Marian Rivera.

She took to Instagram recently to share why.

The actress wrote, "Kakatapos lang ng guesting ko sa bagong sitcom ni ate yan at kuya dong ang JOSE and MARIA'S BONG-GANG VILLA kaya gusto ko lang ishare sa inyo ang KWENTONG TOTOO! na ayaw ipasabi ni ate yan 5 years ago."

She went on, "Hindi kami kumakain ng sabay, di kami nagkakausap ng matagal pero noong panahon na nag 50/50 ang mamang ko, siya ang kau-

na unahang nagbigay ng tulong sakin. Pinaabot niya ang cheque at sabi sana gumaling ang Mama."

Lovely deemed it "unexpected."

Since then, she admired Marian more.

"Hindi lang ako humanga sa kung gaano siya kaganda, kundi sa kagandahan din ng kalooban niya hindi dahil nagbigay tulong siya sakin kundi tinatanaw ko na utang na loob ang tulong na yun," she related.

"Lagi ko sinasabi pag ako yumaman di ko kakalimutan ang mga taong tumulong sakin financially at emotionally. Di man materal ang naisokli ko ate @marianrivera pero lagi kang kasama sa dasal ko at ang buong pamilya mo at isa na rito ang bagong show mo. Muli salamat ng marami, Mahal kita ate," she ended her post.

What makes Ruffa Gutierrez glow differently these days

Ruffa acknowledges the presence of Herbert Bautista in her life right now, but she says they're still getting to know each other. '(He's) very slow, very steady, very respectful to my parents, very respectful to my kids.'

Ruffa Gutierrez radiates a different glow these days. Could she be in love again?

Ruffa immediately acknowledged the presence of actor-politician Herbert Bautista in her life right now. He is one person who undoubtedly gives her a different outlook in life.

"Nagpapa-glow siya sa akin because he motivates me and he guides me," Ruffa admitted. "I think that's what I really need right now. Tama 'yung sinabi niya sa isang interview. We motivate each other and we're in a mature relationship."

It was because of the erstwhile Quezon City mayor that Ruffa was egged on to go back to school and finish Mass Communications. She has known him from the '80s, when they first did Carlo J. Caparas' horror-comedy, Takbo, Bilis, Takbo (1987). Ruffa was only 13 then.

"Imagine, I haven't been in school for more



than 30 years?" Ruffa offered.

"When we worked with each other again in the sitcom, The House Arrest of Us (2020), talagang he encouraged me to go back to school. I told him I wanted to take only special classes or short courses."

"He said, 'Hindi. Bakit hindi mo tapusin ang studies mo? Kaya mo 'yan.' He said, 'Why not?' With him encouraging me, I was able to get a college degree. I'm graduating this July," she added.

"I think, ang kailangan natin sa buhay natin para mag-glow tayo, 'yung nagbibigay sa atin ng encouragement and not stress. With all the stressful things happening in our lives right now, he doesn't give me stress. He just makes me glow. That's what we need."

She is not dating any other guy at the moment. "I want to focus on my career right now. I'm on TV six days a week (It's Showtime on ABS-CBN). I want to also focus on improv-

ing myself. I am just so thankful that Herbert has the same goals. Wala sa amin ang, 'Let's get married na.' We're focusing on our goals individually," said she. "It's a very relaxed and happy companionship. No pressure. I don't even know if I can be with someone 24/7 anymore. I'm happy that Herbert feels the same way."

So, are wedding bells bound to sound soon for Ruffa?

"We're not into promises," she insisted. "We keep things real. Let's cross the bridge when we get there."

Sandara, kinabog ang mga Pinoy na ang lala ng accent!

Nagsasalita ng Tagalog kahit nasa Dubai...

At least pinatunayan ni Dara (Sandara Park) na kahit Korean siya at matagal nang umalis ng bansa, hindi niya nalilimutang magsalita ng Tagalog. Hindi siya nagpi-feeling citizen of the world.

Nag-trending nga ang pagsasalita ng Tagalog ni Dara habang nasa isang restaurant sa Dubai.

Makikita sa kumalat na video na nag-oorder siya sa waitress na Pinay. "Isang shrimp and chicken siomai and then ano pa 'yung masarap na ibang nasa menu? 'Yung mga chicken, beef,' sabi niya sa waitress.

Actually sabi ni Dara, nakalimutan niyang nasa Dubai siya that time dahil sa rami ng mga Filipino doon.

"I'm in Dubai right now but since there are so many Pinoy here, I keep on speaking Tagalog so naturally. So comfortable.

"Nago-order ako ng food in Tagalog and then I realized nasa Dubai pala ako, cute! Thank you sa love n'yo sa'kin," ayon sa video ni Dara na nag-trending.

At least hindi siya katulad ng ibang Pinoy na tumira lang sa ibang bansa, ang lala na ng accent.

Parang nakalimutan na ang pinanggalingan dito sa Pilipinas.

Sa Gangnam area raw siya madalas makakuha ng nagkalat na pusa ayon kay Dara nang huling maka-chika namin siya sa Korea kasama sina Ms. Aileen Go, Nay Lolit Solis, Rose Garcia and Maria Eleina. Binibihisan at inaalagaan daw niya talaga ang mga 'yun.

Pinatutunayan talaga ni Sandara na humble and down to earth pa rin ang original Krung-Krung ng Philippine showbiz.



Kris Aquino to leave PH 'in a few days'

Looks like Kris Aquino's plan to go abroad to seek medical treatment is finally pushing through.

She made this known commenting on Regine Velasquez's recent Instagram post.

Kris told the singer she is set to leave the country "in a few days" for health purposes.

Fans would surely miss her as Kris said she will be gone for "more than a year."

She wrote, "Mare sorry if my greeting is late- we leave in a few days and we'll be gone for more than a year for my medical treatments."

Kris thanked Regine as with her husband Ogie Alcasid for constantly checking on her.

"Medyo overwhelming... sobrang consistent kayo ni Pare asking kung kamusta ako," she said.

Kris has been diagnosed with gastritis and gastric ulcer.

Prior, she made public her having been diagnosed with chronic spontaneous urticaria, an autoimmune disease.





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‘Wala na kaming inaasahang prangkisa’: Vice Ganda says stars supporting Robredo do not after ABS franchise renewal. Arnell Ignacio reacts.



Kapamilya TV host Vice Ganda clarified that ABS-CBN celebrities supporting the presidency of Leni Robredo are no longer hoping to get the TV network’s franchise back.

Vice said ABS-CBN’s franchise now has a new owner.

“Linawin lang natin, ha. Wala na ho kaming inaasahang prangkisa, dahil ‘yung dati naming prangkisa, meron na hong nagmamay-ari nu’n. Wala na po kaming hinahabol na dating prangkisa, dahil ang prangkisa namin ay may nagmamay-ari na, at pagmamay-arian nila ‘yan ng ilang

dekada,” he added.

“Wala na pong in-apply na franchise ang ABS-CBN, kaya wala po kaming hinahabol na franchise. ABS-CBN is no longer after any franchise,” Vice claimed.

“Kasi lagi kong nababasa, ‘Si gani-yan, kaya ganiyan, dahil sa franchise, kasi umaasa sila.’ Wala nang inaasahan. Tapos na ‘yung kabanata na ‘yun. Tapos na. Puwede pang manumbalik ang mga trabaho, kasi ngayon, ang ABS-CBN ay nag-po-produce o lumilikha ng maraming content na maaaring ipalabas sa maraming plataporma. Mas maraming content, mas maraming trabaho. Kaya ang ABS-CBN ay unti-unti na namang nagbubukas ng mga

oportunidad,” he added.

The network’s frequencies is now with Manny Villar and Pastor Apollo Quiboloy.



ARNELL IGNACIO EDUCATES VICE GANDA ON FRANCHISE

Sinabi ni Arnell na mali umano ang argumento ni Vice. Hindi raw franchise ang tinutukoy ni Vice kundi frequency.

Aniya, “Vice, walang may may-ari ng franchise kasi wala naman lumabas na franchise.

“At yun ay libre. Ang tinutukoy mo ay

yung frequency.”

“Okay, let me explain. Yung franchise, puwedeng-puwede talaga ninyong i-apply muli.

“So, itong pagbibigay ninyo ng suporta, e, puwede talagang maidugtong dun dahil kung saka-sakaling papabor yung susunod na administrasyon na the network will be resurrected, e, talagang it will go through the process. Pero hindi imposibleng ito na ay ma-grant.

“Next, the NTC, e, merong ina-assign na frequency para diyan sa mabibigyan ng prangkisa na mag-operate ng network.

“You need this frequency, ito yung channel, so you cannot go back to the previous channel that you were using before.

“Puwede kayong ma-assignan ng bagong channel, maaari Channel 6 na kayo or Channel 8 or whatever, so it is not impossible.”

Bea Rose Santiago gets a kidney transplant; thanks brother for donating kidney

Ilang taon ding ang inantay ng beauty queen at model na si Bea Rose Santiago bago ito nabigyan ng pagkakataon na sumailalim sa isang kidney transplant.

Matatandaang taong 2018 nang ikinuwento ni Bea na mayroon siyang chronic kidney disease.

Kaya naman masaya nitong ibinahagi na naging matagumpay ang isinagawang kidney transplant sa kanya sa Toronto General Hospital sa Canada.

Noong Disyembre ng nakaraang taon, ibinahagi ni Bea na nagsimula na siyang mag-dialysis matapos itong maranasan ang

kidney failure.

Sa isang Instagram post, ipinakita ni Bea ang mga litrato at video na kuha mula sa ospital.

“New kidney, who this?” caption ni Bea sa kanyang Instagram post.

Todo ang pasasalamat ni Bea sa lahat ng mga taong sumuporta sa kanya.

Pinasalamatan din niya ang kanyang kapatid na siyang nag-donate sa kanya ng kidney at tinawag niyang “hero.”

“Thank you to my baby brother’s love and bean I am changed. Thank you world for showing me kindness and patience and

of course to my family, friends, and strangers for your support, countless prayers, and positive energy,” ani Bea.

“Finally after the third time and three years of dialysis! I feel brand new! I feel loved and renewed!” saad pa niya.

Masaya naman ang mga kaibigan ni Bea kabilang na ang mga beauty queen na sina Pia Wurtzbach, Rachel Peters, Megan Young, at Katrina Dimaranan.

“So brave! what a woman! Congratulations Bea!!” sey ni Pia.

“Yay!!! So happy for you and sending you love and strength as your recovery,” ani



Rachel.

“Wow, this is so beautiful! Sending prayers your way queen!” saad ni Katrina.

Tinanghal si Bea Rose Santiago na Miss International noong taong 2013.

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Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC) and World Finacial Group’s Agnes Miranda sposored the International Women’s Day event at FV Foods. Women from from the different sectors of the Philippine community received a certificate of Recognition for their respective work. It was a day-long affair that lasted from 2 in the afternoon until 8 in the evening.

Noteworthy is the blessings of the office of Kabayan Remit. Founder and CEO Mr. Simon Roberts said that the company has more remittances coming from Ontario alone than the whole of Britain. it’s probably a combination of having more Filipinos here, or earning more with disposable income left to be able to send money home.

Upcoming is Randy Bucao’s Kayu-manggi Chess torunament to be held June 11 at the Filipino Centre Toronto. This is a a different tournament. It does not require physical effort. Hmmm...I wonder if Filipinos will join a game that requires more thinking that physical effort? We’ll see.

Liza nawalan ng appeal sa masa

Humahabol na sa career nina Heart Evangelista, Anne Curtis si Liza Soberano sa pagiging endorser ng mga luxury brand. (11)
Matapos ipangalandakan ni Liza ang pagiging endorser ng Bulgari rings, Louis Vuitton naman ang pinu-promote ng aktres. (10.5)
Ang bongga talaga ni Liza sa latest post nito kung saan pinakita niya sa video ang box ng LV na naglalaman ng latest collection na sunglasses at scarf. (10)
Sinuot agad ni Liza ang sunglass at scarf. Sabi pa niya, ini-spoil daw siya ng mga kaibigan sa LV. (9.5)
‘Yun nga lang, nawala ang pagiging masa ni Liza dahil sa pagiging endorser niya ng mga luxury brand. (9)



AJ Raval buong araw umiiyak matapos gawin ang mga sex scenes sa 4 na lalaki: Tapos tumakbo po ako sa friend ko...

“IYAK ako nang iyak, tapos pumunta ako sa friend ko, wala lang basta umiiyak lang ako sa kanya!”

Iyan ang bahagi ng pahayag ng Vivamax sexy star na si AJ Raval tungkol sa isang pasabog na eksena niya sa pelikulang “Kaliwaan” kasama si Mark Anthony Fernandez.

Napanood na namin ang pelikula na idini-rek ni Daniel Palacio at mula sa konsepto ng award-winning director na si Brillante Mendoza mula sa Viva Films sa ginanap na premiere night.

At isa nga sa nakakalokang eksena sa movie ay ang pambababoy ng karakter ni Mark Anthony kay AJ na gumaganap bilang spa attendant at masahista.

Actually, awang-awa kami sa dalaga habang pinanonood ang “Kaliwaan” dahil hindi lang si Mark ang nagpasasa sa kanya rito kundi pati na rin ang iba pang male character na ginagampanan nina Juami Gutierrez, Vince Rillon at Felix Roco.

Kaya naman natanong si AJ kung napagod ba siya sa dami ng sex scene niya sa pelikula, “Sa totoo lang po, yes po. Actually, meron pong pagkakataon na parang buong isang araw, puro karga lang ako. Umiiyak po ako.

“Tapos, nu’ng pack-up na po kami, dala-dala ko pa rin siya. And then, tumakbo po ako sa friend ko. Lock-in kami nu’n, e.

“Tapos pumunta ako sa friend ko. Tapos pumunta lang ako dun, iyak lang ako nang iyak. Hindi ko po alam bakit ako umiiyak. Parang nadala ko po yung emosyon ng karakter,” pahayag ng rumored girlfriend ni Aljur Abrenica.

Tungkol naman sa maselang eksena niya with Mark Anthony na siguradong ikaka-shock ng manonood, “Si Kuya Mark, hindi ko alam, aliw na aliw po ako sa kanya na katrabaho.

“Parang after nu’n, gusto ko na siyang maging tropa. Nakakaaliw po siya. Tapos, yung eksena po namin...very ano naman po siya, very professional. Saka yung mga restrictions, talagang nagtatanong siya kung hanggang saan puwede.

“Marespeto naman po siya sa mga eksena namin. At napakagaling. Magaling po si Kuya Mark,” aniya pa.

Ito naman ang reaksiyon ng sexy star nang mapanood ang buong pelikula na tinatawag na isang torture porn, “Ganito pala kaganda yung film! Kasali pala ako dito,



sabi ko sa sarili ko!
“Kasi, nu’ng sinu-shoot namin yun, parang nagbe-breakdown ako the whole day. Ang akala ko talaga, yung film, drama lang. So, hindi ko in-expect na ganun pala kaganda yung story saka yung, ayan, kung gaano kagaling sina Vince, sina Kuya Felix.
“Yung torture scene ni Vince, parang hihimatayin ako kanina! Talagang nagtsi-chill ako, nag-tatakip ako ng mata. Pero I don’t wanna miss the scene. Kasi, ang ganda! Ang ganda ng story. Ang galing na aktor ni Vince!” chika ni AJ.

Will Ashley and Elijah Alejo have their hands full after Prima Donnas

The Prima Donnas has ended What’s next for stars Will Ashley and Elijah Alejo?

“It’s very challenging,” said Will of his character in the upcoming series, The Fake Life. Wrapping her head around some dramatic portrayal is Elijah, who will guest in such shows as Wish Ko Lang!.

“It still depends on what they (people behind my talent management will) give me,” said she, who has done a convincing kontrabida character as Brianna, of possible project preferences. Actually, in Prima Donnas season one, I got very nervous doing my scenes because it was my first time to be a kontrabida. Like any young actors out there, who are still learning the ropes of acting, Will and Elijah accept any role that is served on their plate.

“Nagkaroon naman po ako ng mga mababait na roles,” said she. “Mem-



orable is the one I did in Wish Ko Lang!, it was super dramatic, talagang malayo from my being a kontrabida and from my mababait na roles before.” Her high school student character went through the ordeal of being abused by family members. The young star was also seen acting as a quirky sister in I Can See You: The Lookout.

Will, Elijah and Jillian are not yet part of a Sparkle loveteam, so they can work in a show with or without a partner.

Helping them understand well the rudiments of acting and mentoring them on the entertainment business is the series director Gina Alajar.

“I always say this na nag-uumpisa sila ngayon (they are starting to build their careers) and they’ve shown great potentials.

“Never stop learning. My advice is not to stop learning,” added she. With that, Will and Elijah are ready for any acting assignments that will come their way.

Jodi Sta. Maria gives thumbs-up to spoof of Broken Marriage Vow scene

Jodi Sta. Maria’s portrayal of a betrayed wife in the Kapamilya series The Broken Marriage Vow (TBMV) became a trending topic anew online after content creator AC Soriano started streaming what he dubbed as Jodi Sta. Maria: The Unauthorized Rusical.

According to reports, AC (or @ItsACsLife on social media) has been impersonating Jodi’s character for nearly two months now, including her signature hairdo and fashion sense as Dr. Jill Ilustre.

However, it was only a few days ago when Jodi finally got to watch the live Rusical — inspired by the term popularized by RuPaul’s Drag Race — including the now-viral remix of her dialogue in The Broken Marriage Vow.

Jodi expressed appreciation for AC’s effort in coming up with a remix version of her dialogue in the TBMV

dinner scene, as well as spoofing her characters in past TV soaps.

“Gumawa s’ya ng sarili n’yang remix ng ‘Your daughter is sleeping with my husband’ and then prior to that, he had this line, ‘Papunta pa lang tayo sa exciting part,’” began Jodi. “We got to exchange messages on IG and then, he invited me if I could watch the performance. I stayed up until 11 p.m., way past my bedtime, and then I watched his performance.”



As those tuned in to the drama series would know, it was the dinner scene where Jodi’s character revealed the cheating by uttering the unforgettable “your daughter is sleeping with my husband” line in front of her husband David (Zanjoe Marudo), his other woman Lexy (Sue Ramirez) and the latter’s parents. It recently made buzz online following AC’s remix with Benny Benassi’s Satisfaction.

In the same media call, showbiz reporter MJ Felipe requested Jodi to recreate the said viral remix to which the actress initially hesitated to oblige.

“Oh my God, MJ! You put me on the spot,” gushed Jodi with both hands covering her face.

After a little more prodding, Jodi gamely delivered her lines, “Your daughter is sleeping with my husband, your daughter is sleeping with my husband. Nabuntis ni David ang anak ninyo at pumunta s’ya ng Amerika para ipa-abort ang bata! Your daughter?” to the beat of the song.

Asked if she would sing and dance to the remix version, Jodi quipped, “Well, sana kung nabigyan ako ng pagkakataon (laughs).”

Kidding aside, Jodi said she told AC to continue making people happy with his talent. “Thumbs-up talaga ako sa ginawa n’ya. Nakakatuwa talaga.”



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