



MARCOS SIGNS LAW TO FIGHT TEXT SCAMS

National ID system is needed for successful implementation of this law

MANILA - The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) reminded cell phone users to register their SIM (subscriber identity module) cards to avoid

their deactivation.

DICT Secretary Ivan John Uy said SIM card users must register within the prescribed 180-day period or their SIM will be automatically deactivated.

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Newly bought SIM cards must also be registered first before use, Uy said.

"No registration, no activation of the SIM cards," he said.

President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. has signed Republic Act 11934, or the "SIM Registration Act," which requires all public telecommunications entities (PTEs) or direct

sellers of SIM cards to require users to present a valid ID with a photo upon purchase.

This means that postpaid and prepaid SIM users must register within 180 days, or about six

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Liza Diño calls for more funding for local entertainment instead of K-drama ban

MANILA - Liza Diño stressed the need of the local entertainment industry for more funding to produce "better-quality content," as she spoke up against the idea of banning Korean dramas in the country.

The former Film Develop-

ment Council of the Philippines (FDCP) chairman voiced her take on banning foreign-made shows through her Facebook page last Sunday, Oct. 23.

"We are losing our very own audiences to Korean con-



tent because there aren't enough local producers who produce the kind of content that Filipino audiences prefer to watch and consume," she said. "So instead of banning their works, tingnan muna natin ang sarili

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Miss Texas R'Bonney Gabriel Makes History as First Filipino- American to Win Miss USA

Miss Texas R'Bonney Gabriel was crowned Miss USA 2022.

Gabriel, 28, is the first Filipino-American to win the pageant and will go on to represent the U.S. at the upcoming Miss Universe pageant, which is scheduled to take place on Jan. 23 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

"Oh my God, it's an honor," Gabriel told Houston Life following her win. "I'm getting messages on Instagram and just social media of Filipina girls and women telling me they're so excited, they're so happy."

"They're crying tears of joy because they are inspired to go after pagantry or something," she added. "Like I'm paving the way for them to just go after whatever they want no matter what it is. So it's an honor."

Gabriel succeeds Miss

Kentucky Elle Smith, who was named Miss USA in 2021. Smith, 23, crowned her successor during Monday's ceremony, officially passing off her duties as last year's winner as a result.

"Class of 2021, I hope I made you proud," Smith posted on social media ahead of the show, adding that winning the title was "The moment that changed my life forever."

In December 2021, Gabriel became the first Asian American to claim the Miss Texas USA title. Speaking to ABC News on Oct. 3 the Houston resident explained how she felt a "big responsibility" to positively honor her multicultural background while representing the Lone Star State in a hope that it could empower others to do the same.

"My dad moved to America from the Philippines on

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Taste of Manila 2023 Launched

The Taste of Manila 2023 festival was launched at Republika Restobar and Grill. The organizers for 2023 is SPARC - Society of Philippine Artists, Recreation and Community headed by Danilo Baluyot as its Executive Director.

Ontario's Solicitor General, the Honorable Michael Kerzner, MPP graced the event together with Toronto's Ward6 incumbent Councilor and also running as candidate on October 24's election is Councilor James Pasternak. The Philippine Consulate

office supported the event represented by Consul Rodney Jonas Sumague.

On the side of Taste of Manila were Chairman Rolando Mangante, Nieves Eswagen Mangante, Joseph Redoblado, Lovely Danna, Pepito Torralba, Tony San Juan and Jackie

Mangante and Rick Dumlaog. SPARC's directors were Rose Ami (vendor and sponsorship sales), Lita Mendigoria (finance), Janelle Blaire Arcayos-Bacson (Marketing and Social Media) and Terry Elegino Barker (secretary).

Karla Estrada deny Kathniel split

It seemed all is well between celebrity couple Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla who recently went on a trip to Palawan together amid breakup talks hounding their relationship.

Speculations arose after the actors gave different answers when asked what would be the definition of loyalty to them.



While the couple did not address the rumors, Bernardo showed moments with Padilla in Palawan. Padilla's mom, actress Karla Estrada, also earlier dismissed the rumors after one @nalie0224 asked her to "enlighten" fans.

"Tita Karla, please [enlighten] us na hindi totoo na break ang Kathniel. "Walang katotohanan!" Estrada replied in all capital letters. (It's not true!)

Sarah Geronimo wants peace in her heart

Two years after what seemed a falling-out with her parents Delfin and Divine, Sarah Geronimo addressed them in an open letter, with the singer extending her apologies for recent "life decisions" that affected their

relationship.

Geronimo first expressed gratitude to God, her family and her babies for being her inspiration amid hardships in life, as per her Instagram page.

"Gusto ko rin kunin ang pagkakataon na ito, sa paraan din na ito na humingi ng tawad sa aking pamilya na labis na nasaktan sa aking mga naging desisyon sa buhay. Patawad po," she wrote. "Sa aking mga magulang, walang hanggan po ang pasasalamat ko para sa buhay na ibinigay niyo sa akin, sa aming magkakapatid. Lahat ng suporta at pag-aaruga, ang inyong walang katumbas na pagmamahal, walang sino man ang pwedeng makapagpunan po nito."

"Mahal na mahal ko kayo daddy at mama ko. Araw-araw ko po kayo nami-miss at naiisip," she added.

The "Tala" singer pointed out



the importance of humility as well as acceptance in a family amid differences and varying individual decisions. She also reminded fans to value the time they spend with their loved ones.

"Napakadali para sa atin na manghugsa at magbigay ng opinyon sa buhay ng iba. Wala tayong kontrol sa pag-iisip nila, ang pinakaimportante ay alam mo ang katotohanan sa puso mo," she said.

Geronimo then expressed her love and longing for her family, stating that she is dedicating her musical comeback to them. The singer also thanked her talent manager Vic del Rosario and her fans, dubbed as Popsters, who supported and granted her dream to be a singer and an artist. "Sa aking buong Geronimo family, mula noon hanggang ngayon, kayo ang inspirasyon ko sa buhay. Para sa inyo ang aking muling pagyapak sa musika at



Maria Panaligan (FRONT, 2ND FROM RIGHT) graduates from University of Toronto and is surrounded by family and friends.

pagkakataon na muling makapagbigay ng saya at inspirasyon sa ibang tao," she stated.

While Geronimo did not mention anything specifically, the singer-actress' relationship with her mother turned sour with her marriage to actor Matteo Guidicelli. The two wed in secret in a private Christian wedding in February 2020, but her mother found out about it anyway and stormed into the reception, confronting the couple and guests during the wedding reception.

Claims that Guidicelli punched the pop star's bodyguard during the event also arose but this was later on denied by the actor in a statement. Despite all this, Guidicelli opened up about his hopes of reconciling with Geronimo's family, adding that he often imagines dining with them.



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Filipino-British singer Beabadoobee on teleseryes, OPM as musical influences

Having just finished the Philippine leg of her “Beatopia” Asian tour, Filipino-British singer Beabadoobee already can’t wait to return to her home country.

The London-based singer recently capped her Manila concert at the New Frontier Theater last September 16, and was clearly proud of her roots as she donned a Filipiniana top.

In an intimate media conference held a few hours before her concert, Beabadoobee was on a roll about her love for Filipinos, starting out the presser by calling everyone her “kababayans!”

Born Beatrice Kristi Laus, the singer shared about her life in Great Britain and how she found it hard as she stood out in her community.

“I didn’t have many Pinoy friends in London... high school was the most difficult [time] because there were only two other Filipinos around,” Beabadoobee said, adding that she would always be “too different” no matter who she hung out with.

But being back in the Philippines must have given her comfort, as she immediately asked for a bowl of sinigang; next on her list was to search for some champorado.

Another activity Beabadoobee did while in Manila was visit Greenhills and haggle with shopkeepers over items she wanted to buy, which included jewelry, sunglasses, a headband, chicharon and mamon.

Pop culture and music

Beabadoobee also talked about how her mom was a great influence to her when it came to Pinoy pop culture, particularly teleseryes growing up as her mom loved Derek Ramsay and John Lloyd Cruz.

The Iloilo-born singer shared about her connections with Filipino musicians, such as listening to a podcast about the Eraserheads and how Apo Hiking Society meant a big deal to both her and her mom.

“I wrote a love song in Filipino, almost inspired by Apo,” Beabadoobee said, teasing she might release the piece one of these days.

Having done music that revolves around indie rock and indie pop, Beabadoobee said she would like to give music with weird soundscaping a try, referring to Icelandic singer Björk as an example.

Deep down the singer is glad to be able to represent Filipinos wherever she goes as most children and young adults dream of seeing a brown person like them onstage.

Beabadoobee connects such representation to Halle Bailey’s casting in the live-action “The Little Mermaid,” “[I’m] really proud, I know what it feels like... It’s nice knowing that I can be that person for at least one girl or boy.”

Ali Sotto: You can surmount grief with love

In December, it will be 19 years since Ali Sotto’s youngest child Miko Sotto died.

What the veteran broadcaster has proven to be true and irrefutable in her journey to overcoming grief over the loss of her beloved son is that “death cannot trump a mother’s love.”

“Where am I in the journey? In 2003, (Miko) passed away. 19 years na in December. Natatakot na nga ako to totally get over the grief,” Ali opened up in a recent virtual interview.

“Alam mo yung kanta, ‘Let the pain remain forever in my heart, if that’s the only way to be with you again?’ Because apart from the memories and all that, it’s the raw pain that connects you to him.”

Ali acknowledged that the pain lingers, but she has come to live with it — and even embrace it.

Sofia and Nino from eldest son Nino

“By God’s grace, the character of pain has changed. It’s there but by God’s grace, I’ve been able to... The journey continues but the pain is not sharp and yung parang feeling mo you’re drowning. The pain is there but I’ve learned to live with it and embrace it. We grieve because we love, ‘di ba? ‘Pag natanggap mo yun, you’ll know, we grieve because we love. Alam mo tama yun (what they say) it’s the price you pay for love.”

She was reminded of the love, strength and courage of every mother who has lost a child after seeing what became of the evergreen tree planted in honor of Miko’s memory. It now looms tall and striking

behind their house in Conde de Orgaz in Madrid, where Ali lived with her husband, retired foreign diplomat Omar Bsaies, over a decade ago.

“(Because) he passed away in December 2003, Christmas time, Christmases were difficult for me. I wasn’t putting up the Christmas tree and ‘pag nakakakita lang ako ng Christmas lights, umiiyak na ako,” Ali shared.

Meanwhile, keeping Ali’s life busy and exciting nowadays are her daily news-commentary show with Pat-P Daza, Ano sa Palagay N’yo?, on Net25 from 8 to 10 a.m. and her two grandchildren — Sofia and Nino — from eldest son Chino. “I’m their Mima, which is Arabic for Lola. Sweet talaga. Ang sarap! Talagang yun nga, di ba, chapter-chapter na ng buhay. It’s the cycle of life.”

Ali also admitted that while December is still not that easy for her, this time of the year no longer feels like a burden. “Ang dating ng Christmas lights and Christmas songs sa akin... it’s not hard, it’s not a struggle anymore, but it’s melancholy pa rin, it’s not merry.”

She has, however, learned to celebrate Christmas for what it truly is. “You become more inward-looking. Nawala na yung typical trappings ng Christmas, it’s highly commercialized, di ba? Christmas really is a time to look inwards and appreciate what you have,” she reflected.

“Hackneyed and cliched, but the spirit of Christmas, it’s really about our Savior. Ang tunay na diwa ng Pasko, I live that.”



Sofia and Nino from eldest son Nino



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Life’s brighter under the sun



‘Dead in two years’: Vicki Belo e had stage 3 cancer

Celebrity doctor Vicki Belo revealed that she had stage 3 breast cancer in 2016.

In her interview with Korina Sanchez, Vicki said she sought treatment in Europe and New York and was told that she only had two years to live.

“This is the first time I’m going to discuss it and only because I trust you and I think it’s over,” Vicki told Korina. “I had cancer in 2016. I was diagnosed with third stage cancer of the breast,” she added.

The celebrity doctor said that her doctor told her not to bother trying chemotherapy because she will be dead in two years.



“I was diagnosed I think in January of the year then I went to Europe and I was told by them there that I was going to die — ‘Don’t bother to have chemo, just fix your affairs. You’re dead in two years,’” she narrated.

“I went to New York but they wouldn’t give me anything so I asked, ‘What are my chances?’ and they were very quiet — ‘We’ll try our best,’” she added.

Vicki said that her husband Hayden Kho and daughter Scarlet Snow were the reasons why she survived the darkest time of her life.

“Kasi I really look at her and I want to be with her. I don’t want to leave her so young, so I kept praying, ‘Lord, please give me time.’”

Vicki and Hayden tied the knot in 2017 and welcomed their daughter Scarlet in 2015.

Miss USA is Filipino-American

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a college scholarship with about \$20 in his pocket. He wanted to pave a new life for himself. He met my mom in Texas, who is a country woman from Beaumont,” Gabriel told ABC News’ local affiliate in Houston. “I’m a very proud Filipina Texan.”

The model and designer runs her own fashion label R’Bonney Nola, which uses sustainable design methods and a combination of repurposed or natural fabrics in all its clothing, per its website.

“The garments are mindfully created with experimental textures, embroideries, and unique handwork in order to reduce the amount of textile waste produced by each piece,” adds the website. “By recycling more fabrics and reducing the amount of fabric scraps made during the production process, the more friendlier to our planet fashion can be.”

Aside from this, Gabriel is also a sewing teacher at Houston-based nonprofit Magpies and Peacocks, which reuses post-consumer clothing, scrap textiles and

accessories diverted from landfill to create sustainable clothing.

“OMG, we are beyond proud that our very own R’Bonney Nola just won Miss USA 2022!,” Magpies and Peacocks posted on social media after Gabriel’s win. “One of the sweetest, kindest and most giving people we know, this gorgeous young lady is so deserving of this crown and we are beyond proud to have her as a part of our sustainable fashion tribe ♥♥♥. Our queen with the heart of gold. #magpiesandpeacocks”

This year’s Miss USA competition drew former contestants like Miss Michigan 2021 Taylor Hale, who went on to win Big Brother 24 this summer.

As for her own future, Gabriel told ABC News that she plans to take her commitment to sustainable clothing to the next level. “I foresee myself in really doing about having a bigger brand that is focused on sustainability and being a leading voice in the industry that’s helping the industry push to a more environmentally friendly practice,” Gabriel said.



433 Winners ng Jackpot. Conspiracy Lovers hindi mapakali 😊

Last October 1, there were 433 winners of the jackpot sa Pilipinas. Well, actually, sabi ng Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office boss na si Mel Robles, 432 dahil iyong isa daw “nag-kamali” at bumili ng dalawang ticket at parehong tumama sa jackpot. So, dalawa ang share niya sa jackpot. So, the jackpot will ahve to be shared with all 433 winners. Well, what are the chances of these happening? Not high, pero possible. May mga politico na pumapapel naman at kailangan daw ng investigation. In my un-humble opinion, it is a waste of time. Wala ring makikita diyan.

IT HAPPENED BEFORE

Pero sa movie lang. Sa movie na Bruce Almighty, Jim Carrey complained that God is not doing the job correctly. So God gave him the job of being, well, God. So, he took the job. Then, he checked God’s inbox email and found out people are asking so many things. One of them is that almost all of them are asking to win the multi-million dollar lottery. Overwhelmed, he just auto-replied yes to all of them. They ended up winning



This is a scene from the Korean TV drama series “Crash Landing on You.”

just \$17.00 each and they were rioting in the streets.

BAN K-DRAMA DAW

Dahil very popular ang mga Korean drama sa Pilipinas, ang proposal daw ng mga senator is to ban them. Di ko ma-gets. Very popular din ang mga Hollywood movies, bakit walang nag-propose? Dahil kaya magagalit ang America and they might block our exports naman. Besides, puro special effects ang

mga popular na hollywood movies sa atin. Ang mga nanggagaling sa Korea ay puro drama tulad ng mga ginagawa natin. Sa tinging ng mga politico, parehas lang. Walang mamahalin na ginagamitan ng computerized special effects. S aisip nila, kung walang K-drama, panonoorin ng mga Pinoy ang mga Pinoy darama. E kung gumanti Korea and they block our exports, like fruits, what happens?

PCCT ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, VON CANTON IS PRESIDENT

By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT.



TORONTO - The Philippine Chamber of Commerce-To-ronto(PCCT), at the Board Meeting on October 28, 2022, elected its new set of Executive Officers for the 2023-2024 term. Director Rainier Macandoc hosted the 2- hour election meeting at his executive office in Scarborough, Toronto.

Nestor Von Canton was elected as PCCT President. Elected with N. Canton, were Cora De La Cruz- 1st Vice-President, Kim Villafuerte-2nd Vice-President, Christine Santos-3rd Vice-President, Lilac Cana- Secretary, Steve Pagao- Treasurer, and Rainier Macandoc- Auditor. The 3 vice -presidents chosen will be responsible for Government & Trade Relations. Membership, and Public Relations, respectively.

The 8 other members of the

PCCT Board of Directors who were earlier chosen on October 1, 2022, are Julian Baricuatro, Philip Beloso, Robeco Clarete, Beethoven Crasco, Corrie L. Coutts, Bernard Garcia, Gisele Mirasol, and Jennifer Uy.

President-elect N. Canton thanked the members of the Executive Board and briefly explained his 4- point program which includes “living up” to the PCCT mission & mandate and focusing on new members’ recruitment & training, job creation, and small business development.

Outgoing PCCT President Steve Pagao coordinated the early evening Board Meeting. Retired Toronto educator Tony A. San Juan and ABC Accountants President Al Tupe supervised the executive officers’ election. (Tony A. San Juan, OCT.)

Maxene Magalona moves out of home shared with Rob Mananquil

Maxene Magalona has moved out of the marital home she had shared with Rob Mananquil, weeks after she confirmed their separation to the public.

The actress documented her moving out, from packing her things to finally settling in at her own apartment, as seen in a video

on her Instagram page Monday, Oct. 31.

“Finally moved out of my marital home and into my own apartment,” Magalona said as she thanked the professional home organizers who helped the actress “get her life together” while moving out.

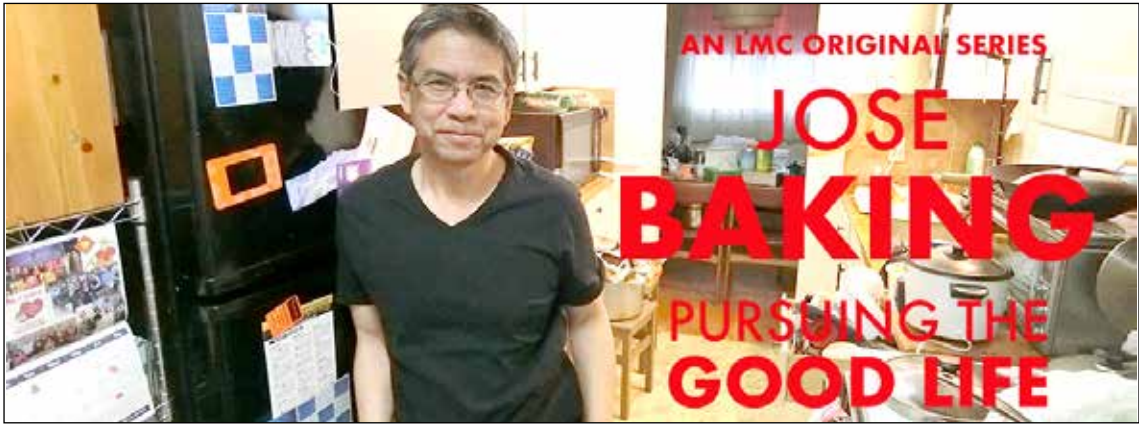
“Move on, move out and move forward.

When something ‘negative’ is happening in your life, approach the situation with love and kindness,” she added. “To my fellow single ladies and gents out there, let’s get moving!” Magalona confirmed her separation from Mananquil last Oct. 14 after she talked about the perks of being “single and childless.” Spec-



ulations that the two have broken up arose as early as January when eagle-eyed fans noticed that the actress had unfollowed him on Instagram.

Despite the breakup, Magalona went on a dinner date with her in-laws and vowed to keep in touch with them. Magalona and Mananquil tied the knot in Boracay in 2018.



Janine Gutierrez ecstatic over finally working with Erik Matti: ‘Tagal ko nang goal ‘to’

Janine Gutierrez could not contain her excitement as she finally fulfilled her dream of working with renowned film director Erik Matti.

The actress gave a glimpse of her meeting with Matti through her Instagram Stories on Monday, Oct. 31. “So happy to finally work with you direk



[Erik Matti]. Kung alam mo lang ‘yung saya ko. Tagal ko nang goal ‘to (If you only knew how happy I am. This has been my goal for so long),” she said. “See you soon direk!

Thank you!”

Both Gutierrez and Matti did not give further details about the project.

FILIPINO CENTRE TORONTO HONOURS 12 OUTSTANDING FIL-CAN GRADUATES

By: Tony A. San JUAN, OCT.

The Filipino Centre Toronto(FCT), a community-based, volunteer-run Filipino Canadian hub in the Greater Toronto Area, conducted its prestigious 16th Annual Awarding Event, known as the “Rosalinda C, Javier Outstanding Student Awards”, on October 29, 2022, at the FCT Social Hall in Scarborough, Toronto, Ontario.



Established in 2005, the yearly event is a community project of the Filipino Centre Toronto to challenge and encourage to excel in their academic studies and to achieve student



LEFT, Dr. Brendan Browne, TCDSB Education Director hands the award to student Raichel Santos. ABOVE, Students pose with guests & officers of The Filipino Centre Toronto.

success. To recognize and honour chosen outstanding students, awardees are given Plaques of Recognition, Cash Prizes, and Congratulatory Scrolls from government officials.

Among those honoured were two Grade 8 graduates Isaiah Diwa & Felicia Pagulayan; seven Grade 12 graduates

Princess Ammugauan, Sophia Arellano, Ysabella Bernasor, Nicholas De Castro, Joshua Manrique, Iain Sanchez & Raichel Santos; and 3 Post-secondary graduates. Althea Reyes, Carolyn Tanuan and Jeremy Tanuan.

The Guest of Honour & Speaker Dr. Brendan Browne, TCDSB Education

Director was introduced by Ms. Fermer Santos, Agincourt Collegiate Institute Vice-principal.

Awardee Felicia Pagulayan opened with an acknowledgement to the indigenous people The Inspirational Speaker was Dr. Ethel Tungohan, York University Asso-

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Dina Bonnevie shows the importance of doing ‘ego check’



This columnist with Kalye Kweens star Dina Bonnevie during an exclusive virtual interview.

“Hindi napapanganak ang artista na magpapahintay sa akin ng five hours! Goodbye!”

That was a feisty statement of Dina Bonnevie from a lengthy chat we had with her one fine afternoon. What was supposed to be a chat solely about her show, Kalye Kweens on TV5, turned out to be one full of wisdom and more from Miss D.

The context of it was how she reminisced about the sheer professionalism of the stars in her heydays as compared to now. Without naming names, Dina shared some experiences that left a bad taste in the mouth.

“No. 1, you have to come on time. Hindi yong six o’clock iyong call (time), nine o’clock darating ka naka-pajama! Tapos gulo-gulo pa buhok mo, tapos mawawala ka lunch break, babalik ka alas tres basa naman buhok mo. Hihintayin namin na tuyuin buhok mo. So, saan ka ba nanggaling na bumalik ka ganyan buhok mo? Question mark! Nakaka-inis naman itong feelingera. Ay ayoko ng ganoon!”

As if that was not enough, she went on to tell this tale that should serve as a lesson to future stars not to follow.

“Dapat may work ethics, like you come on time and when you come on time at

least have an idea what your role is. Hindi (yung) pagdating mo, ‘Direk, ano na nga ba role ko? Diba parang ako rito mayabang, malakas ang dating?’ Duh?! Hindi binasa yung script, eh dito iyong role,” Dina said.

“Tapos nag-reading na kayo, may kausap sa phone! Sasabihin, ‘Oo nga, hey, girl! Tuloy na ba? Kitakits! BGC na lang. Oo, masarap doon. Sige kita tayo doon! Puts down the phone and says, ‘Direk, ano na nga uli line ko?’”

The level of disrespect for Dina is off the charts. “Imagine, nag-rehearse na kayo and everybody is hearing you(r) plans. Care bears naman namin sa gusto mo na rampa. To top it all, wa mo memorize ang script mo,” she said.

Meanwhile, acting may be in Dina’s DNA, but there is another passion she is pursuing. The veteran actress is reviving a dying craft in Ilocos, which is the Inabel or Abel Iloco. We have been seeing her sporting the woven fabric since a few SONAs ago and even in the press conference of Kalye Kweens last week. Her whole ensemble was made of Abel Iloco. The interest came in when Miss D became a congressional spouse to Rep. Deogracias Victor “DV” Savellano of Ilocos Sur.

Dina even put up the online shop La-Bonnevie, which means the good life and sells the weaves for a fraction of the price of what other online shops sell. “The point is it should be accessible, so many people will buy and buy and support,” she shared.

She is in awe of the weavers she helps and all the proceeds are being saved towards opening a school to teach the art of Abel Iloco.

“The design is in their heads. Iyong design napaka-intricate, pero nasa utak lang nila,” she concluded.

Sagip Pelikula honors Charo Santos-Concio’s cinematic contributions

ABS-CBN Film Restoration pays tribute to Charo Santos-Concio and her countless contributions to Philippine cinema in Sagip Pelikula Spotlight, featuring the online screenings of her restored classics, including the comedy classic “My Juan En Only.”

The latest installment of its Spotlight series recognizes Charo’s work as an actress with her various titular roles in movies “Kisapmata,” “Itim,” and “Brutal,” among others; also, as a producer of some of the country’s most notable films including “Himala,” “Soltero,” and “Oro, Plata, Mata.”

Apart from her cinematic works, she was instrumental in ushering ABS-CBN Film Restoration and its efforts in restoring movie classics for today’s audiences to appreciate. According to Charo, her passion for archiving films stemmed from her love for cinema and how it reflects society throughout the years.

Kicking off the Spotlight series for Charo, Sagip Pelikula brings viewers the restored version of her 1982 comedy classic “My Juan En Only,” co-starring alongside the King of Comedy himself, Dolphy, with Panchito, Babalu, Paquito Diaz, Bibeth Orteza, and more.

Apart from “My Juan En Only,” audiences can also relive some of Charo’s cinematic roles in films such as “Esperanza: The Movie,” “Maalaala Mo Kaya: The Movie,” “Kapag Langit ang Humatol,” “Tisoy!” and “Kakabakaba Ka Ba?” and her co-produced films including “Himala,” “Oro, Plata, Mata,” “Soltero,” “Misteryo sa Tuwa,” “Nagsimula sa Puso,” and “Hindi Nahahati ang Langit.”



Sam Milby believes he has found the right woman

Actor-singer Sam Milby has opened up about his relationship with former Miss Universe Catriona Gray saying she’s the one for him.

“I do believe so. I say I believe so because I wouldn’t be in this relationship if she’s not the one. I really do,” confessed Sam when asked if Catriona is the right girl for him

Asked if he’s ready to propose to Cat, Sam said: “Hintay lang kayo and you will be surprised. Basta abangan n’yo po. I’m not getting any younger either. I’m turning 39 next year.”

“Noon may nagtatanong sa akin ano na ba ang ideal age mo para magpakasal. I would always say 35. I’m 38 now. When it comes to marriage and taking the next step, I feel that some people are pressured sa edad. And I think you shouldn’t be. I know it’s kinda rough for me to say that as a guy but I think if you think it’s not the right time, don’t push it. Cat and I are happy and abangan n’yo po. Yun lang,” Sam added.

Sam also said that he’ll be spending the holidays with Catriona in Australia.

Currently, Sam stars in the popular series “A Family Affair” where he plays the role of Dave. He admitted being focused on acting. But the Filipino-American artist said that he wanted to re-activate his musical career.

“My first love is music. Kasi minsan pag nasa taping, medyo stressed ako, I actually have my guitar with me. Medyo stress-reliever ang music. So that’s still my core, that’s still my passion. With acting, I’ve grown to love it also. But it depends on the role I’m playing. Right now, I would say na naka-focus ako sa acting. Medyo nakalimutan ko na ang musical side ko but I want to bring it back. Si Cat is musically inclined and she can also play the guitar a bit. I could do another collab with her so I do wanna get that side back,” Sam also said.





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Gelli de Belen, Ariel Rivera help in sons' biko business in Canada

Actors Gelli de Belen and Ariel Rivera are proving to be parents who raised their children well. The longtime married couple are parents to Joaquin and Julio Rivera, accomplished students living abroad on their own, and now budding “kakanin” (rice cake) entrepreneurs.

It is all thanks to Ariel’s dad, Ben Rivera, whose biko recipe inspired the boys to have their booming side hustle while still studying in Canada.

“We got this from Lolo Ben. This is his recipe that we’ve been using to sell our biko. Julio originally learned it a few years ago while lolo was around. He’s been doing it ever since,” explained Joaquin in Gelli’s vlog.

He later on joined his younger brother in making and selling the biko, which comes in original plain and with langka.

“Kasi we’re broke. We’re broke college students,” the two boys chimed in when Gelli asked



Gelli de Belen and Ariel Rivera with their sons, Julio and Joaquin.

them why they started the biko business.

Fondly called Lolo Ben’s Biko, the boys make the biko from

scratch, from cooking the mala-kit (sticky rice), slowly stirring the gata (coconut milk) with sugar, to making the latik (syrup) and presenting them in banana leaf with the biko topped with latik.

Delivering mostly in Greater Toronto Area, the boys announced on Lolo Ben’s Biko Instagram account that it is currently on hiatus because they will be busy with school. Julio, though, just graduated from York University.

“It is fulfilling actually to be able to give a part of us, our

family to other people for them to enjoy. I’d like to hear feedback from other people. It’s almost like an extension of lolo’s legacy,” shared Joaquin.

Gelli and Ariel help the boys in cooking the biko whenever they visit them in Canada. In Gelli’s vlog, Ariel can even be seen stirring the biko while Gelli helped in putting on the latik topping.

“I guess Filipinos really miss eating ‘yung biko na nasa banana leaves. It’s like a taste of home. Reminds everybody of home. It is a food for your soul,” Gelli said.

Heart Evangelista mum about Chiz Escudero’s birthday amid split rumors

Breakup talks between Heart Evangelista and her husband Chiz Escudero only gained more traction after the socialite-actress seemingly “forgot” to greet the senator for his birthday.

No personal or intimate greetings could be found on any of Heart’s social media pages for Chiz, who turned 53 years

old yesterday, despite the actress having consistently done so in the past. Instead, Heart’s pages were filled with promotional content and of her recent trips around Europe, which led to some Internet users to greet Chiz in the comments sections themselves.

Meanwhile, Chiz’s most recent tweet was of his daughter Chesi, one of his children with his previous wife Christine Elizabeth Flores.

“My daughter has been raving about the ‘Be the Sun’ concert of Seventeen for the past hour-and-a-half... never saw her this ‘alive’,” Chiz wrote, with two users greeting him in the replies section. Rumors about Heart and Chiz splitting up first surfaced when the former deleted the Es-

cudero surname on her Instagram account and used Evangelista instead, though her bio still includes “wife.”

Heart herself has admitted that she is going through a rough patch, and recently confirmed that she has a new apartment in Paris where she will be “indefinitely” staying for the time being.

Paulo Avelino admits still going out with Janine Gutierrez despite no project together

Kapamilya actor Paulo Avelino revealed that he and rumored girlfriend Janina Gutierrez are still hanging out despite that they



have no project together at the moment.

During the finale press conference of “Flower of Evil,” Paulo said their communication continues.

“Okay naman. Nag-uusap. Lumalabas pa rin,” he said.

When asked what’s his birthday

gift to Janine, who celebrated her 33rd birthday last October 2, he laughingly said: “Prayers and good health.”

“Hindi pa siya nagse-celebrate nang buo so makikita natin kapag may party na,” Paulo said.

Paulo wished her on-screen partner with more projects to come.

“Even busier and better career this latter end of 2022 and 2023,” he said.

Jomari Yllana to wed partner Abby Viduya after his political term ends

Paranaque City Councilor Jomari Yllana has vowed to marry his partner actress Abby Viduya after his political term ends.

“We will get married pagkatapos ng last term ko,” revealed Jomari at the launch of the Paeng Nodalo Memorial Rally in Quezon City last Friday. Jomari was reelected as councilor for the 1st District of Paranaque during the 2022 elections.

Asked to comment on his statement, Abby said: “Kinikilig pa rin ako hanggang ngayon. Every morning when I wake up, waking up next to him is nakakakilig. Ang tagal na namin and we’re already two years together, hanggang ngayon hindi pa rin

nawawala yung kilig. He’s vocal about it and the same way na I’m vocal about it. Hindi talaga kami nagpo-post ng mga sweet stuff pero ngayon natuto na kami sa social media. Sobrang mabait at maalaga si Jom.”

“Like every night kapag may sumasakit sa akin, mina-massage niya ako. A lot of things also like halimbawa nasa work siya, he will remembers or nagte-txt siya. Ang pag-uuii na siya, nagtatanong siya minsan ano ang gusto kong food. Super maalaga talaga siya,” Abby also said.

Abby added: “This will be the best thing that will ever happen to me.”

But Jomari said there’s only one problem: the venue of their wedding.

Jomari’s family is in the US while Abby’s circle is in Canada. Also, many of his relatives are in Bicol while Abby’s

“Sa Pilipinas ba kami magpapakasal? Sa Amerika or sa Canada? My family is in the US kay Abby naman sa Canada. Yung relatives ko naman nasa Bicol si Abby naman sa Ilocos,” he said.

Jomari said that he really wanted to see Abby walking down the aisle.

The stars became sweethearts when they were only 15. But they parted ways. They rekindled

their romance in 2019. Now their relationship is stronger than ever.

When they celebrated their anniversary as sweethearts recently, Jomari shared a photo of him with Abby on Instagram. He wrote a sweet caption: “My first and my last, my love and my life. Everything make sense since you came back. Happy anniversary.”

Elha Nympha on criticisms of her YouTube cover: ‘Nakakabwisit lang ung mga memang comment’

Young star Elha Nympha couldn’t help but react to “mema” comments on her YouTube cover of “Wonderful Tonight.”

Elha wrote: “Sa mga nagsasabing mas maganda yung... or ang pangit ng cover na to edi sana pina billboard niyo gawa kayo ng sariling niyo cover na mag sasatisfy ng expectations niyo di ko kayo need i please, im doing may own thing and wala akong pake sa inyo except for my TRUE FANS. Libre naman maging mema at nega pero wag sa channel ko pero thank u padin daming views and im gaining because of u all heheheheheez thank u all.”



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nating bakuran (let us look at our own backyard) and think of ways to improve our own outputs.

“We should challenge ourselves by learning their way of doing things. Adopt their best practices,” she added.

Diño said Korean productions

invest in making quality content and thrive because their government provides “substantial funding” to finance their projects.

“Ang core challenge ng (The core challenge of) local entertainment industry is FUNDING — both from the government and the private sector,” she added.

“Korean Film Council’s budget is

5 billion a year. Sa (In) FDCP, I started with P76 million in 2016, after [six] years, 290 million a year. Still not enough.”

Diño also underscored the need to be “ambitious” and to have a “change of mindset” to overcome the “barriers” in elevating the ways of producing local content.

“We all know that we are

better than what we produce, so let’s invest in developing better-quality content,” she stated.

“The name of the game now is to innovate, collaborate, and elevate. Let’s work with them, not against them.”

The possibility of banning K-dramas was floated by Sen. Jinggoy Estrada when he said

it had crossed his mind to ban foreign-made shows to possibly boost Filipino productions.

Estrada has since backpedaled on his comments on K-dramas after receiving criticisms from netizens and celebrities including Parokya ni Edgar frontman Chito Miranda, Pokwang and Bela Padilla.

Phl to shut 175 offshore gambling firms, deport 40,000 Chinese workers

MANILA - The Philippines will stop operations of 175 offshore gambling firms and deport about 40,000 Chinese workers.

The sector emerged in the Philippines in 2016 and grew exponentially, as operators capitalized on the country's liberal gaming laws to target customers in China, where gambling is banned.

At their peak, Philippine offshore gambling operators, or POGOs, employed more than 300,000 Chinese workers, but the pandemic and higher taxes have forced many to operate elsewhere.

“The crackdown was triggered by reports of murder, kidnapping and other crimes committed by Chinese nationals against



fellow Chinese nationals,” justice ministry spokesperson Jose Dominic Clavano said.

The POGOs targeted for closure had licenses that either expired or were revoked, for violations like non-payment of govern-

ment fees, Clavano said, adding the deportation of the Chinese workers would start next month. The government generated 7.2 billion pesos (\$122.21 million) in 2020 and 3.9 billion last year in POGO fees alone, according to the finance ministry. Economists estimate considerably larger amounts are being spent on taxes, workers' spending and office rental.

China's embassy in Manila in a statement said Beijing supports the deportation and crackdown on POGO-related crimes, adding the government "firmly opposes and takes tough measures to combat gambling."

The Philippines regulator, which recently said there were 30 licensed POGO firms

versus 60 before the pandemic, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Real estate consultancy Leechiu Property Consultants estimates that a complete exit of the POGO industry would leave vacant 1.05 million square meters (259 acres) of office space -- a third of the size of New York's Central Park -- and 8.9 billion pesos (\$151 million) in foregone annual rent.

The sector employs 201,000 Chinese and 111,000 Filipinos, according to Leechiu's data, which estimates POGOs deliver 190 billion pesos (\$3.22 billion) to the economy each year, a boon to the property and retail sectors.

Saab Magalona responds to 'not-so-pleasant' comments about son Pancho

Now that the world is opening up again, Saab Magalona and her family—her husband Jim Bacarro, and their sons Pancho and Vito—have had more opportunities to experience the outside world.



However, they have also been exposed to some “not-so-pleasant” comments. The musician and pod-caster took to Instagram to discuss these, especially the ones directed at Pancho, who has cerebral palsy.

“Believe it or not, in just the past

few weeks, we've been told 'sayang naman' 'gwapo pa naman' or 'awang awa kami sa anak niyo,'" Saab said.

“We thought we were prepared for this. That we would take it as a chance to educate people to choose a better way of saying things. But in reality, it’s way too shocking to actually respond in the moment so we just clam up,” she added.

Saab stressed that Pancho is their family's "pride and joy" and "source of happiness."

"He may be dependent on us but we are also dependent on him. He makes life easier," she said. "Being parents of a special needs child can

be challenging, but it's also a privilege and honor with rewards beyond our wildest dreams," she added.

Since it was also World Cerebral Palsy Day when one of the instances happened, Saab said, “[W]e’d like to remind everyone that families with special needs members do not need your pity. And if you ever encounter a family with special needs, give them kind words and support instead.”

She ended her post by sending love to cerebral palsy warriors and their loved ones.

Saab and Jim welcomed their miracle boy Pancho in 2018. Their son Vito was born in 2019.

'May pinagdadaanan sila': Ara Mina on Sunshine Cruz, Macky Mathay rumored breakup



Actress Ara Mina revealed that her half-brother Macky Mathay and his girlfriend Sunshine Cruz are going through a difficult time in their relationship.

"Sa isang relationship naman, normal lang naman na nangyayari 'yon. I really don't know. I haven't talked to Shine. Gusto ko kasi pag nakausap ko sila personal. May naririnig lang ako tapos mine-message ko sila na 'I hope you guys are fine.' Si Shine kasi nasa lock-in taping. Si Macky naman sobrang busy. Mas maganda kasi marinig ko ang personal 'yung both sides kung ano man ang pinagdadaanon nila," Ara said. "Dumadating naman na alam ko nag-aaway sila noon pero hindi naman lumabas sa media. Siguro dahil busy si Shine, busy si Macky, siguro time for each other ang nawawala," she added.

The former sexy star said she is hoping that Sunshine and Macky will be able to talk about their problems.

"Yes, of course. Siyempre hindi din biro 'yung six years," she said.

"Basta mag-pray lang. Kahit anong mangyari, sana sila pa rin. Nasa pag-uusap lang 'yan ng maayos. Ramdam ko na may pinagdadaanan sila," she added.

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'Filipino time': Vicki Belo wasn't allowed to enter Chanel show at Paris Fashion Week

Celebrity doctor Vicki Belo revealed that she wasn't allowed to enter the Chanel fashion show at the recent Paris Fashion Week despite having an invitation.

In her Instagram account, Vicki shared on her IG story photos of her on the way to the venue.

"Taking my time. Preparing for the Chanel show," she wrote in her first story.

"Walking slowly. Parang namasyal lang sa Luneta," she wrote in another.

But the doors were closed upon her arrival.



"As usual, Filipino time, I was late by 5 minutes and they're very strict here, sinarado na ang door," Vicki said.



"Ngayon lang sana ako makaka-attend ng Chanel pero not meant to be. Okay lang," she added.

A day before the show, the celebrity doctor shared her excitement for attending the show.

"It's the first time I'm attending the #chanel show. I've heard that it's always such a beautiful show. #parisfashionweek @chanelofficial," she said.

Friendship nina Joshua Garcia at Daniel Padilla hindi nawasak ng intriga: Nag-click kaming dalawa dahil...

Intrigues by haters and bashers of Kapamilya stars Daniel Padilla at Joshua Garcia does not affect their friendship.

When Joshua was new, they were trying to compare him to Daniel to create competition as the top leading man of ABS-CBN.

But Joshua said the intrigues wasn't a hindrance to his friendship with DJ. In fact, mas naging malapit pa nga raw sila sa isa't isa.

Sey ng leading man ni Jane de Leon sa action-adventure series na "Darna", parang tunay na kuya na talaga ang turing niya kay Daniel at ganu'n din daw ang aktor sa kanya.



Nagsimula raw ang friendship nila ng boyfriend ni Kathryn Bernardo noong makasama sila sa pelikula ng KathNiel na

"Barcelona: The Love Untold" na ipinalabas noong 2016.

"Proud moment ko talaga 'yun. Si DJ parang kapatid ko, Kuya ko talaga. 'Barcelona' pa lang," sey ni Joshua. "Before parang may competition nga, no? Di kasi namin iniisip ganu'n may competition. Kapag trabaho, trabaho. Gagawin namin professionally."

Mas naging solid pa ang friendship nila ni Daniel during COVID-19 pandemic. DJ at Kath took care of him.



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"Paglabas ng trabaho, lock-in, kita-kita, 'yun ang pinakapahinga. Lalabas Manila, punta sa Batangas. inom kaunti. Hindi lang talaga namin iniisip na competition. Nanaig ang pagkakaibigan sa amin," paha-yag ni Joshua.

"Nag-click kami kasi marami kaming gusto na similar, parehas mahilig sa old music, parehas kami hilig sa golf, sa sports ako rin, tapos, mahilig makinig (sa mga advice)," aniya pa.

"Okay sa akin yun. Pinapayuhan ako. Si DJ, mahilig magpayo. Di ko alam saan

nanggagaling kabaitan. Lagi niya akong pinapayuhan.

"Mahilig ako makinig. Nakikinig ako sa kaniya sa lahat ng mga sinasabi niya sa akin. 'Yun lang kaya nangyari siguro na bakit nga ba kayo nag-click, naging magkaibigan, magkapatid," ang sabi pa ni Joshua.

Natatawa pa niyang chika, "Masaya naman ako kung anong meron kami ni Daniel. Sa amin na lang yun! Ha-hahaha! Kala mo kami, no! Ha-hahaha! Kung ano nakikita ng tao yun na 'yun!"



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Nadine Lustre recently shared the real story behind how she ended up in Siargao over the pandemic.

The actress has been shuttling between Manila and the surfing island destination since last year, and it all started with her manifesting it on paper.

She recalled she was in a session with her life coach and was made to answer a questionnaire that asked where she saw herself two years from now.

“The story of (how I came to) Siargao, which was medyo amazing din, was because there was one time I had a session with (my life coach) Tita Cindy. It was more for manifesting naman and she

Nadine Lustre’s love advice: Don’t look for it, don’t give your all

asked me to write on a piece of paper and the first question was where do you see yourself in two years,” she recently told The STAR while talking about how she got through the pandemic.

“Nilagay ko somewhere near the ocean and the mountains. And then cut to two months after, I found myself in Siargao, my god, sabi ko, I think this is it.

“I think I wanna keep coming back here or at least, live here. As soon as we got there, (I remember telling myself), I feel different. It was my first time to travel since the



whole lockdown. I don’t know but I just feel good here, I might just keep coming back,” she said.

Nadine pointed out what she loves about staying in Siargao.

“I love being in Siargao just

because I feel free, to be honest. I’m not shitting on Manila but I mean here kasi in Manila I feel so... I don’t know but parang ang sikip-sikip na nakakasakal,” she honestly said.

“I feel like I’m in a box and everyone is rushing towards something but I don’t know where they’re rushing to and what it is that they want to achieve. Everyone is cloying their way up and tapos nagpapaunahan? That’s what I feel whenever I’m here.”

So when she moved to Siargao,

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Bea Alonzo looks on the Positive Side

Following the successful premiere of the long-awaited GMA Network prime time series, “Start-Up PH,” the show’s leading lady, Bea Alonzo, announced she will take a month off very soon for a much-needed holiday.

When asked if she finally feels settled in at GMA Network now that ‘Start-Up PH’ is airing, Bea Alonzo said yes.

Besides resting, Bea is excited to finalize the furnishing and decor of her well-appointed condo in Madrid and then put pencil to paper in planning a new business venture inspired by Dani, her character in the Filipino adaptation of Korea’s beloved Start-Up series.

“For now, meron na tayong mga ideas that will require a lot of planning, so gagawin ko din po yon during my time away.”



With such a happy demeanor these days — quick to smile, chatter and chuckle — the uncertainty that surrounded Bea’s career when she moved from her long-time studio to GMA Network has finally vanished.

To start with, she is grateful for all the good reviews she received for her performance as Dani in Start-Up PH across GMA’s pride, Alden Richards as Tristan.

She also talked about joining her first Pinoy TV concert in America with Dingdong Dantes, Rayver Cruz, Julie Anne San Jose and others.

According to Bea, she has Alden to thank for her new outlook in life. Admitting she had always been serious in her career, she found wisdom in Alden’s advice to always find the fun in all that they do.

When she returns from vacation, a reunion film with perennial screen partner John Lloyd Cruz awaits Bea. It will be a co-production between GMA Films and

Star Cinema.

For TV, however, management would like Bea to appear with a still different leading man in the near future.

Bea’s birthday wish is simply for everyone to embrace positivity. With some corners apprehensive about whether she is a fit for the role of Danni, the strong two-week run of the series has put an end to the issue and hopefully the bashers as well.

While she admitted she is hurt by baseless insults and unfair criticisms thrown her way via social media, Bea has also found a positive way of dealing with them.

“Of course, I will not be a hypocrite. Sometimes I get hurt. Because I’m only human, eh,” she

began.

“But I only take the criticisms I know would help me and avoid the rest of the cruel ones.”

She said she knows that Korean titles have many rabid fans, including Start-Up PH and expected the kind of bashing she received.

“When you really love series or movie, you can hardly think of anything else. It’s like, ‘Ay, she should be good because Bae Suzy is really good there.’ And it’s understandable, the doubt.

“But, I’m even grateful because of that — because I’m in a challenge right now. And I’m happy the Filipino audience resonated with my version of Dani. I’m happy they appreciate our efforts and the difference — at least the different take or twist we give to a character — they see that in a positive way too.”

‘Natatawa na lang ako’: Gerald Anderson reacts to effect of love scene with Ivana Alawi

Kapamilya actor Gerald Anderson poked

What’s next for KathNiel? *Daniel Padilla reveals*

Daniel Padilla shared that he and onscreen and real-life partner Kathryn Bernardo are considering projects that frighten them and will help them grow as actors.

“We’ve done so many films, shows. Tulad ng sinabi ni Direk Mae (Cruz-Alviar), marami pa kaming pwedeng gawin,” Daniel said, referring to the director of their soon-to-end hit primetime show “2 Good 2 Be True.”



Daniel and Kathryn or more popularly known as KathNiel lead the cast of the popular show that also streams on Netflix that is set to end.

“At some point, aabot din tayo na gusto rin natin gumawa ng ibang timpla e. Kasi ‘di ba ‘pag paulit-ulit, nawawala na rin kasi... You have to do something new,” he explained.

KathNiel has been starring in hit shows and movies since their tandem became a hit in 2012’s “Princess and I.”

“Masarap ‘yung ganon e. Hindi mo ini-

isip kung ano ‘yung kikitain ng pelikula mo. Lahat naman ‘yan, it’s all about passion and the craft.

‘Yun lang naman ‘yun,” Daniel shared.

“Yun ata ‘yung kinontra sa Netflix na kinomit. It’s 130 episodes, so we can’t extend. The viewers now are very smart. Alam nila kapag pinilit mo na lang, ‘pag pinapahaba mo na lang for the sake na, you know, filling the episodes,” Kathryn explained.

Director Cruz-Alviar also said that it is high time to end it on a high note.

“Mahirap magpaalam kasi kumbaga sa relasyon, okay naman kayo, masaya kayo and all and then why end something good? But then maganda na you end with a bang. You end on a high note, rather than you stretch mo nang stretch tapos mararamdaman naman ng audience. Pwede pa pero siguro it’s better to end it here habang masaya pa,” Cruz-Alviar said.

fun at individuals constantly linking him with his co-stars on projects, which he constantly dismisses after getting used to what are just plain rumors.

In an intimate media press conference for the upcoming finale of his show “A Family Affair” yesterday, Anderson said romantic links involving him have been circling for years despite him currently being in a relationship with fellow actress Julia Barretto.

“Feeling ko hindi mawawala ‘yan, honestly,” Anderson admitted. “Pero hindi na ganyan ang effect sa akin. Dati [kapag may narinig ako], ‘Ha? Tootoo ba ‘yan?’. Ngayon, hindi na.”

The actor said that such issues are always talked about on social media, and while



he finds it funny, he is also aware of how dangerous it could get especially when it involves topics like fake news.

“Minsan natatawa na lang, natatawa ako talaga,” Anderson said with a smile, adding that he has no control over fans suddenly linking him with co-stars.

Anderson used as an example a love scene he had with his “A Family Affair” co-star Ivana Alawi, which instantly blew up into rumors about them becoming an item.

“Wala... sanay na siguro!” Anderson laughed, and even joked he is waiting to be linked with his other “A Family Affair” co-star and fellow “Pinoy Big Brother” alumnus Sam Milby — though for his part, Milby is currently dating Miss Universe 2018 Catriona Gray.



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CANADA CENTER STAGE Singing Competition

JDL is currently holding a singing competition. They will have a preliminary on November 5 at Bridlewood mall from 1-4pm. Their semifinal will be held on November 12 at Oriental Centre from 2-4pm. Their final will be held on November 19 at Xinflix auditorium from 6-9 pm.

'I respect her so much': Bea Alonzo breaks silence on Lolit Solis' tirades

Actress Bea Alonzo finally broke her silence about the verbal attacks on her by veteran showbiz columnist Lolit Solis.

In a report by Mario Bautista in Showbiz Portal, Bea said she was silent about the matter because she doesn't read Lolit's column.

"I will never reply because hindi ko naman nababasa what she writes about me. People just tell me about it," Bea said.

Bea said she respects Lolit so much though they haven't met in person.



"But I respect her so much, although we've never met, we've never been introduced or spoke to each other," she said.

She also said that she will not speak against Lolit especially now that she heard that she's sick.

"I heard she's sick at lalo na akong hindi sasagot, dadalhin ko pa 'yan parang ang bigat-bigat," she said.

"Let's just stay positive. I will sincerely pray for her healing and for her to get well soon," she added.

One of Lolit's tirades was when

she called out the former Kapamilya star because she didn't want to work with a certain ex-boyfriend.

"Tawa naman ako sa mga lumabas na items ni Bea Alonzo, Salve. Meron doon na sinabi niya na never na siyang sasama sa isang project na nandoon si Gerald Anderson," she said.

"Wow! Strong words. Tandaan ni Bea Alonzo na ang nang-iwan sa kanya si Gerald Anderson, hindi siya. So huwag palabasin na parang ang may choice si Bea, si Gerald ang nasa upper hand dito dahil siya ang nang iwan, hindi siya iniwan, dahil ang na-ghosting si Bea," she added.

Rabiya Mateo cheers Miss Universe for allowing moms, wives to join pageant



Miss Universe Philippines 2022 Rabiya Mateo supports the Miss Universe organization's decision to let mothers and wives join the upcoming pageant.

Rabiya said the essence of being a woman won't end with having a child or getting married. "I have nothing against it because the world is changing and now we're being inclusive," Rabiya said.

"Sabi nga, 'pag nanganak ka ba you're not capable of doing things na, 'don na ba natatapos ang buhay ng babae?'" she added. Mateo star also said that the Miss Universe organization's decision is a powerful move.

"So now I guess the message of the Miss Universe is to be more inclusive, more open. Women can, kahit kasal na sila, kahit may anak na sila, they can still make a difference and it's a wonderful message," she said.

"I think it's a powerful move," she added.

Danny Javier of APO Hiking dies, 75

Danny Javier, one of the members of the iconic OPM group APO Hiking Society, has passed away, his daughter Justine Javier Long announced on social media on Oct. 31. He was 75.

"It is with great sadness that my siblings and I wish to announce the passing of our father, Daniel 'Danny' Morales Javier on October 31, 2022 at the age of 75 from complications due to his prolonged illnesses," wrote Justine.

She added: "In life, as in his death, our Pop never stopped fighting for what he loved, what he believed in and what he was passionate about. He left this world with his passion and his strength of will intact and we know he would not have it any other way."



Sarah Geronimo, Matteo Guidicelli co-write new song 'Cuore'

Pop singer Sarah Geronimo is



continuing her music comeback by dropping a second song in less than a month, this one co-written with her husband Matteo Guidicelli. Sarah announced the

"surprise drop" of the song "Cuore" on her social media channels, just weeks after she released "Dati-Dati" last October 6.

"Cuore" is the Italian word for heart, which is very apt as the song has an Italian chorus and talks about spending a simple life with a significant other.

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Kumukuti-Kutitap starts the Christmas Season

A new Filipino Bazaar called Kumukuti-kutitap featuring Filipino food, delicacies, services and dry goods was launched October 22. As Rodge Cultura said, it’s our way of marking the start of the Christmas season. Actually, our Christmas season in the Philippines starts in September. The bazaar was held at the Chinese Cultural Centre at 5183 Sheppard Avenue East in Scarborough. It was so successful that a second bazaar will be held on December 4, 2022, Sunday at the same location.

Congratulations to MH Productions for the very successful, sold out The Soulful Concert featuring Jaya and Jay-R.

The concert opened with the talents of

Marky Hugh. The audience applauded every performer.

Then, Jay-R made his entrance from the back of the theatre. He performed his famous hits like Parachute, Ngayoy Narito, Bakit Pa Ba?, I Got A Girl, No One Else and Just the Way You Are. He also did Bruno Mars’ Uptown Funk and the had the crowd cheering.

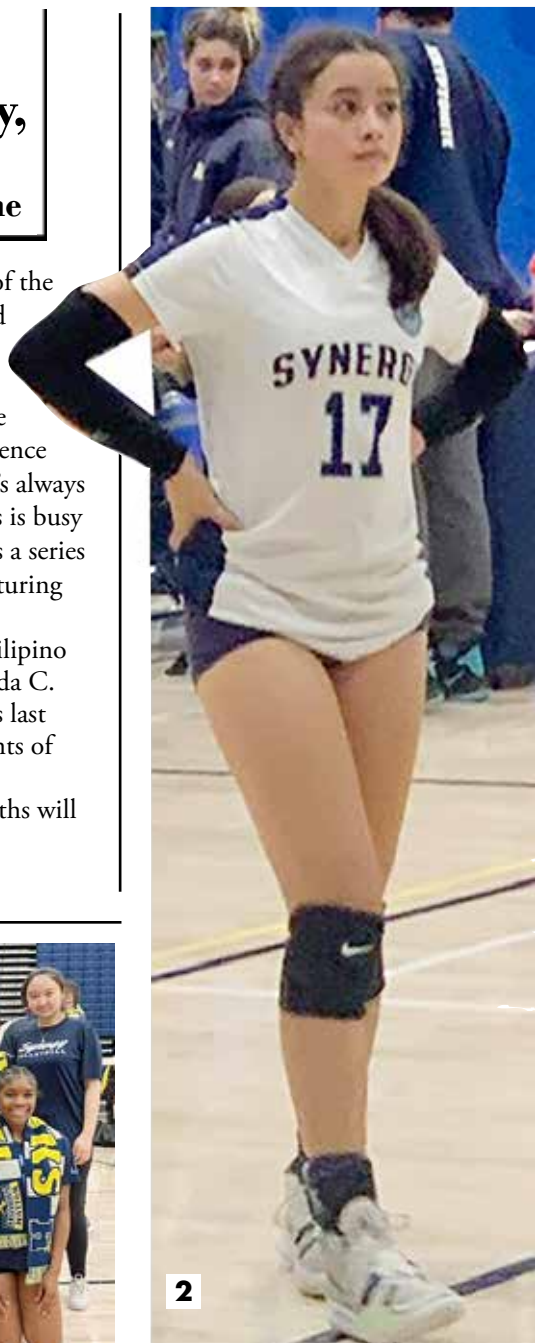
When his segment was finished, he introduced Jaya and they sang a duet. After that duet, Jay-R made his exit.

Jaya did her numbers, one was a medley of the 70s with a lot of Basil Valdez’s hits. Since Jaya’s numbers were more osulful, the crowd was more subduced but no less interested.

Jaya got suprised when a member of the audience went on stage and handed her money but she appreciated it. As Jaya related the story of their house in the US burning down, she became reflective and told the audience to always be thankful to God as he’s always watching over us. MH Productions is busy these days. Following the concert is a series of their Spotlight concert series featuring their own roster of talents.

On the field of education, The Filipino Centre, Toronto held their Rosalinda C. Javier Outstanding Student Awards last October 29. There were 12 recipients of this award this year.

Let’s hope that the coming months will continue to be healthy and happy.



1. Felix Sichantha celebrates his birthday with his cousins; 2. Lizzy Trovato waits for resumption of the game; 3. Lizzy (FRONT, SECOND FROM RIGHT) and team pose after their win; 4. Preston Sichanthacelebrates his birthday whit cousins; 5. Josie de Leon poses with her students after their recital.



Ivana Alawi no-show in presscon amid vlogger wars

Actress-model Ivana Alawi expressed her enjoyment working with Kapamilya actors Gerald Anderson, Sam Milby, Jameson Blake, and Jake Ejercito ahead of the upcoming finale for the show “A Family Affair”

Gerald, Sam, and Jameson graced an intimate media dinner to discuss their time on the show, however, Ivana was not present in person as she was “not feeling well,” so she instead attended via video call. Jake, meanwhile, was pre-occupied with another shoot.

Ivana’s absence comes amid Zeinab Harake dishing out several apologies to fellow vloggers like Ivana herself, an issue she has yet to directly comment on.

“May naging past issues kami noon. Parang nasira ako

sa kanya kaya in-unfollow niya ako. May wrong info kasi nakarating kay Ivana pero napag-usapan na namin. Okay na kami,” Zeinab said in her video.

As for her “A Family Affair” co-stars though, Ivana had nothing but words of admiration and respect in the few minutes she spoke at the media dinner.

Related: Zeinab Harake apologizes to Alex Gonzaga, Ivana Alawi after Wilbert Tolentino explosive vlog
“Sa mga day-off namin, pumupunta ako sa mga rooms nila para manggulo, kasi parang talagang family kami,” Alawi shared, adding that she learns each time from her fellow artists.

Ivana even recalled watching Gerald and Sam’s work from years before, which elicited laughs from two actors as it showed their “kuya” image.

Gerald, Sam on being seasoned actors



As veteran artists compared to some of the other cast members, “Pinoy Big Brother” alums Gerald Anderson and Sam Milby reflected on their time onset as “elders” setting an example for others.

“Hindi madali ‘yung work namin, ng mga tao sa likod ng camera,” Gerald said. “[Dahil na ang names namin, we have to 110 percent.” Sam then praised the actors Ivana, Jake, and Jameson for talents, and said they all maintained a level of professionalism.

Gerald added he was impressed with their work ethic, but joked “mahirap ka-bonding si Sam.”
“Siguro kami ni Sam, we see ourselves in Jake and Jameson kasi ganyan ako dati... pero mas payat ako [kay Jameson] noong nagsimula ako,” Gerald quipped. “Always try to do something unique and different, always give your best, because you don’t know when your last project will be.”



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holds a photo session of their artwork at The Filipino Centre Toronto for a coffee table book. 1. PAG Resident photographer Leo Mascarinas is tasked with taking the photos; 2. Earl Dacara poses with his artwork; 3. Rose Nagallo holds her artwork straight to be photographed; 4. Artists Earl Elcasa, Frank Cruzet, Theresa Lumanlan, artist Mogi Magado and Marlene Magado relax during the session.



Jonathan Manalo is most streamed songwriter, record producer with over 1.4B music streams

Jonathan Manalo is now the most streamed Filipino songwriter and record producer of all time with over 1.4 billion Spotify streams of music he penned and produced.

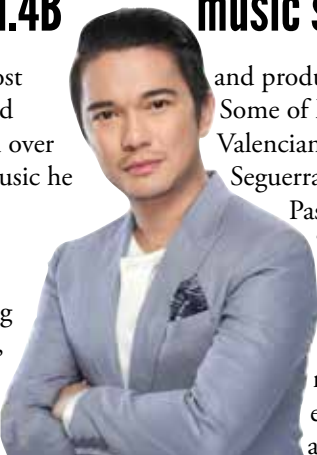
This feat will grow even more with the release of his five re-imagined compositions featuring OPM divas Gigi De Lana, Jona, Kyla, Nina, and Morissette.

Kyla's fresh rendition of "Di Ko Kayang Limutin," Nina's "How Can I," Jona's "Always on Time," Gigi's "Patuloy Ang Pangarap," and Morissette's "Pagbigyang Muli" are part of Jonathan's grand anniversary album, "The Music of Jonathan Manalo: 20 Years."

The nostalgic compilation celebrates the renowned musician's two decades of making original Pinoy music with 20 tracks he composed and produced. In 2021, seven of the album tracks already dropped, headlined by Rico Blanco's remake of "Pinoy Tayo."

Jonathan, who is currently the creative director of ABS-CBN Music, was the grand winner in the "JAM: Himig Handog sa Makabagong Kabataan" songwriting competition in 2001 for his composition "Tara Tena."

Since then, he has produced over 1,600 recordings, written more than 500 songs,



and produced over 200 albums. Some of his notable hits are Gary Valenciano's "Ililigtas Ka Niya," Ice Seguerra's "Para Lang Sa' Yo", Piolo Pascual and Sarah Geronimo's "Paano Ba Ang Magmahal," and Angeline Quinto's "Patuloy Ang Pangarap." His compositions and record productions have earned over 100 PARI gold and multi-platinum certifications.

He is the creative mind behind key albums and full discographies of artists like Erik Santos, Kyla, Piolo Pascual, Juris, Jed Madela, KZ Tandingan, Inigo Pascual, Yeng Constantino, and Moira dela Torre.

Hailed as the most awarded songwriter and record producer of his generation with over 500 nominations and wins, Jonathan was also named one of the Ten Outstanding Music Artists of the last decade in the National Commission for Culture and the Arts SUDI Awards in 2021.

Other well-loved tracks from his music catalogue, such as "Tara Tena" and "Kabataang Pinoy," were likewise featured in iWantTFC's first original music series, "Lyric and Beat," which will now be seen on Kapamilya Channel, Kapamilya Online Live, and A2Z

James Reid features in Korean band The Rose's new album

Filipino-Australian singer James Reid lent his voice to The Rose as he featured in one of the songs on the Korean rock band's new album.

The Rose released Saturday the 10-track album "Heal," which includes the song "Yes" featuring Reid.



The Rose's vocalist Woosung would feature in his song titled "Hold On Tight."

Reid has been teasing collaborations with international artists and producers on social media in the past year. Last March, he dropped an updated version of his single "Hello," featuring K-pop star Jay B and Taiwanese-American rapper ØZI.

Doll House star Baron Geisler hopes to sustain 'second wind' in showbiz

Baron Geisler takes the lead in the new Netflix film Doll House, a father-and-daughter story that tells of forgiveness, second chances and redemption.

"It's a heartwarming film. People will realize how important family is. It's about having that unconditional love, trying to find yourself, and how being selfless leads to something magical and unexpected moments. And it's about forgiveness, of course," the 40-year-old actor said.

"I can identify with my character and I was able to use that in the story and character, in terms of mga hugot, especially because I also have a daughter," he

pointed out. Baron hinted that audiences will see a different side of him as an actor in Doll House, also because a lot has happened and changed over the years.



"Baron, 10 years ago, was very immature and very irresponsible. But now that I've been living in Cebu, I've been connecting with the right people and a lot has changed. I'm just taking my family and being a father seriously. I want the best for them, that's why I'm praying also for the best projects ang dumating from the future," he said.

Dennis Trillo hopes OTJ: The Missing 8 will inspire film industry players

When Dennis Trillo gave his nod to director Erik Matti's crime-thriller, On the Job: The Missing 8, three years ago, he didn't expect the film to be noticed by a lot of people, even those from the other countries and especially the award-giving bodies.



"I hope OTJ will become hope to other actors and producers to also fulfill their dreams," said Dennis. "Once they do their job very well, they will see their hard work will

also pay off."

Dennis encouraged other local filmmakers to follow the path taken by OTJ. Until now, he found it unbelievable that the recognition and accolades given to the film have not stopped.

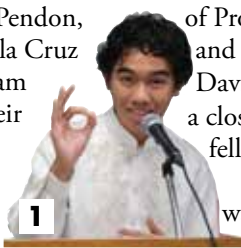
"Recently, OTJ is on its way to the Emmys and the Oscars. Thank you, all our efforts are paying off."

The actor joined the star-studded cast of OTJ: The Missing 8, which won for John Arcilla the prestigious Volpi Cup at the 78th Venice Film Festival last year.

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ciate Professor. FCT Board Chair Efren De Villa, delivered the welcome remarks, FCT Treasurer Wendy Arena recited her invocation, FCT Director Prescilla Tumalak gave the closing remarks and FCT Vice-president Theresa Lumanlan served as the emcee. FCT Directors Frank Cruzet &

Nita Rejik, Paul Arena, Hannah Pendon, Denise Martin and Gabrielle De la Cruz wonderfully assisted in the program delivery. Those who presented their "Congratulatory Certificates" are Canada's Members of Parliament Salma Zahid, Shaun Chen and Rechie Valdez, and Members



of Provincial Parliament Doly Begum and Raymond Cho. Student awardee David Nicholas De Castro addressed a closing inspirational speech to his fellow awardees.

A certificate of Achievement was awarded to Philippine athlete Chloe Isleta.

The RCJ-OSA Committee is Chaired by Filipino Heritage Council of Canada Founder Tony A. San Juan, with FCT President/CEO Mary Ann S. San Juan as Co-chair. The guests, awardees, parents and other attendees were treated to light refreshments served by the FCT officers, staff, and volunteers. (Tony A. San Juan, OCT).



1. David Nicholas De Castro gave the closing inspirational speech; 2. FCT's Efren de Villa, PIDC's Agnes Miranda, FCT's Nitz Rejdik and Frank Cruzet pose with Philippine athlete Chloe Isleta (CENTER); 3. RCJ-OSA Committee chair Tony San Juan; 4. FCT's Theresa Lumanlan and Wendy Arena talks with MPP Doly Begum's assistant; 5. Dr. Ethel Tungohan and Ms. Fermer Santos, Agincourt Collegiate Institute Vice-principal pose with student Felicia Pagulayan (CENTER) Felicia addressed an acknowledgement to the indigenous people.

Disney honors Filipino Americans with chicken adobo recipe

Disney is honoring Filipino Americans with a mouthwatering recipe to make the perfect Filipino chicken adobo.

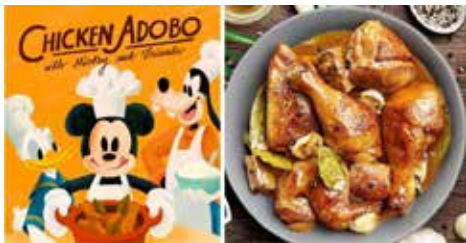
Marking Filipino American History Month (FAHM) this October, Disney shared an illustrated guide on how to whip up the well-known national dish of the Philippines on its official social media

accounts.

The special recipe features the work of Filipina artist Bianca Austria who illustrated Mickey Mouse and his friends Goofy and Donald Duck serving the dish.

The popular Filipino dish can be enjoyed on its own or served with rice, Disney recommends.

"Mickey and friends are here to share a special chicken ado-



bo recipe! #FilipinoAmericanHistoryMonth," Disney's official Facebook page and Twitter account posted on

October 22, 2022.

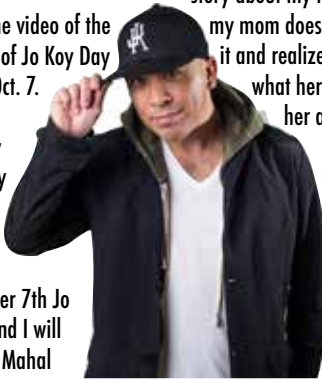
The recipe also noted that Pinoy adobo is distinct from the Spanish or Latin version of adobo, which usually calls for tomatoes, paprika, and other spices.

Disney earlier paid homage to Filipino culture and Christmas traditions in the short animated films "From Our Family To Yours" and "The Stepdad".

The iconic Filipino adobo dish was also featured by former Disney star and Hollywood celebrity Selena Gomez in her cooking show, Selena + Chef.

Oct. 7 proclaimed Jo Koy Day in Los Angeles

On Instagram, Jo Koy shared the video of the presentation and proclamation of Jo Koy Day in Los Angeles, California last Oct. 7. Jo Koy wrote: "Didn't think I was going to get emotional. My goal was always to tell my story and represent my culture the best way that I could. Thank you to the beautiful city of Los Angeles for declaring October 7th Jo Koy Day. I'm forever grateful and I will continue to wave my flag high. Mahal



Kita!" In the video, Jo Koy opened up about his journey to stardom as a stand-up comedian. "I wanna tell the story without having to do this whole thing where I'm like, 'You know, Filipinos do this and do that.' I want to do a thing where I could tell the story about my mom and just let you hear about what my mom does as a mom. And then you will relate to it and realize that a mom is just a mom no matter what her ethnicity is, what her religion is, what her accent is," he said. Jo Koy then shared the story of many Filipino nurses in his family. "I have an aunt that has about seven nursing homes and just a ton of Filipino nurses out there," he related. "They work their butts off, they take care of people 14 hours a day. They have been doing it for over 30 years.

And then they go home every day after a hard day's work and they turn on the TV and they watch TV shows about any hospitals and they don't see one nurse being played by Filipinos." "We giggle at that and I don't understand why we giggle at that because it's normalized. It shouldn't be normalized. Imagine how those people feel?," he added. Jo Koy said that it almost feels like his loved ones are "invisible." "They don't have an identity. Or whatever they did for whoever they took care of doesn't matter because 'You're just a visitor. You just live here. You are not American. We are not gonna show you on TV.' That's why I do the jokes that I do," he said. Jo Koy reiterated that he wants to give that voice. So he promised that he will continue to do it. "It's important, representation is important... We can't forget that because if we forget that, we lose our identity."

SCENES IN THE CITY



Katelyn Mohan, who graduates from Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts poses with her parents Tony and Anabella.



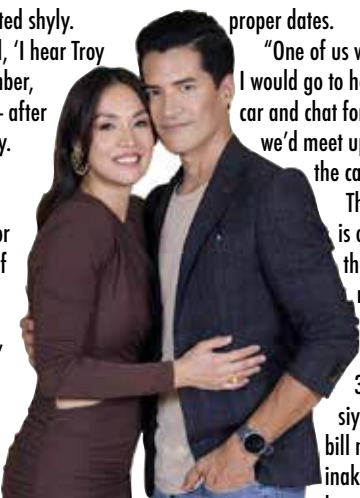
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1. Arielle Perez performs at The Soulful concert; 2. Philippine stars Jaya and Jay-R at The Soulful concert; 3. Christine Santos of ABS interviews Jarius Monzon; 4. Marky Hugh of MH Productions poses with Harianne Alindogan-Onil & Josh San Miguel at their MH Spotlight concert; 5. Dashlee Go (SECOND FROM LEFT) poses with her squad Girls Nathalie, Therese and Brielle backstage; 6. Joy D'Aoust poses with Jay-R; 7. Angelo; 8-9. Sarong sisters; 10. Vien Gutierrez-Sweeney; 11. Shane Aludud 12. Pearly Elarde, all perform at The Soulful Concert

Aubrey and Troy – From awkward meetup to lasting love

Amid stories of celebrity couples breaking up, it's refreshing and encouraging, to know husband-and-wife Troy Montero and Aubrey Miles who recently sealed their 19-year-partnership with an intimate wedding. It has not been the easiest of relationships, they agree. In fact, they started awkwardly and spent a fortune (more on that later) in their first years few of being together but looking back, they confirm what they have today is worth all the hardships. During their launch as endorsers of J's Diamond, the couple detailed how a fateful TV guesting – and a nosy close friend – brought them together. "We were both working for ABS-CBN at that time. She was on a noontime show while on that day, I was a guest for Kris Aquino's morning show. Kris and I are pretty close because we have the same manager. "During a commercial break, she initiated a small talk and asked who I was seeing. I said none and she was like, 'Oh come on, you have a crush?' And you know Kris, she would not let it go so I ended up saying, 'I saw Aubrey Miles, she's pretty'," Montero recalled when asked for what pop culture would refer to as their "meet-cute." What started during a commercial break, with only live audience as their listeners, made its way to live TV with the whole nation witnessing how Aquino

called Miles while Montero waited shyly. "Kris called Aubrey and said, 'I hear Troy Montero wants to get your number, can I give it to him?' And she – after some awkwardness – said okay. That's how it started." After his guesting, Montero messaged Miles to apologize for the on-the-spot call and asked if he could meet her in her dressing room right then and there. It was in this visit that Miles' noontime show "MTB" saw the potential between the two. "Somehow the wheels started turning and they said, 'Let's get Troy guest with a dance number with Aubrey in the opening,'" Montero recalled. Miles did not deny that she was flattered with the gesture. But it wasn't enough to immediately see a future with Montero. "Oo kniilig ako kasi hindi pa ako nag-a-artista, kilala ko na siya. But I didn't want to date because I already have a kid. And then I thought, baka babaero to eh. But I was open, so we started texting, nothing serious," Miles said. Their courtship ran for almost a year and with their flourishing careers, they rarely have to go on



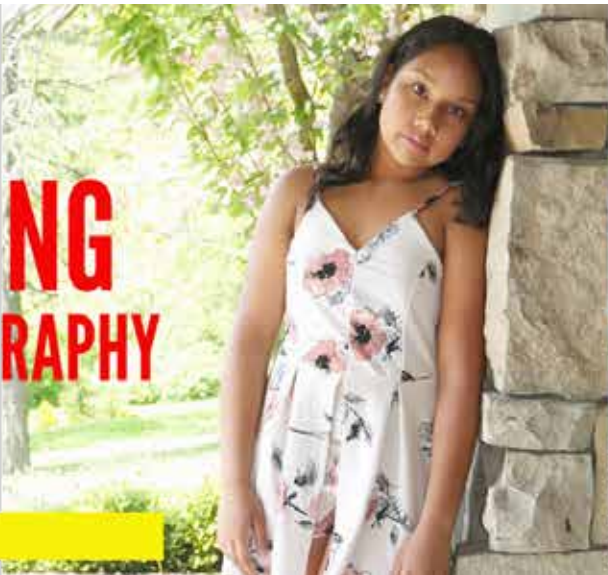
proper dates. "One of us would always be busy. Oftentimes, I would go to her set, she'd run out, we sit in the car and chat for a while and that's it. Sometimes, we'd meet up just to have snack or coffee in the car. We were that for a long time." They even said their relationship is older than social media and that they didn't have the luxury of modern messaging back then. "Really we would do calls and texts. Nag-aaway kami sa tawag, 30 minutes nun, nasa overseas siya. Inabot ng P50,000 yung phone bill namin. My gosh, ang dami namin inakusayang pera sa calls!" Mile laughingly recalled. "But in the end, it was a worthy investment," Montero saved. Today, the couple marks their 19 years of partnership and three months of marriage. After postponing their wedding due to the pandemic, Miles and Montero had a civil wedding ceremony in June. Finally asked why it took them longer to get married, Montero poetically answered, "We took the long road – the scenic route – but we still got here and we're still together. We just did what really made us truly happy, without minding the outside forces."

'Idol PH' changes lives

Khimo Gumatay, Ryssi Avila, Kice, and Bryan Chong feel blessed to be biggest talent reality show in the Philippines' Season 2 and shared changed their lives. "Idol Philippines" was indeed a humbling experience and also a blessing po, stated "Idol PH Season 2" grand winner Gumatay. He also thanked the people who pushed him in joining the competition. "Actually po, nung una hindi po dapat ako sasali ng 'Idol Philippines' pero sa tulong po ng mga taong nakapaligid po sa'kin na mag-push po talaga na sumali dito. Ngayon po, I'm beyond thankful po na sumali po ako rito sa 'Idol Philippines,'" he added. For Avila, the competition allowed her to clean her name and for her talent to outshine the controversies thrown at her. "Nabago po ng 'Idol' yung buhay ko kasi sila yung nagbigay sa akin ng chance na ipakita yung talent ko sa mga tao at iyon ang tignan nila at hindi yung mga controversy na nagdaan sa buhay ko," she said. Kice mentioned that the show made him closer to his loved ones. "Yung family ko from all over the world, they connected even mga family members ko na hindi ko kilala, naglalabasan lang because they watch me," he shared. Raniel and Chong are also grateful for the opportunity that was given to them and how the show recognized their talents.



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John Prats eyes more live concerts after directing K-pop star Jessi’s Philippines show

John Prats can’t wait to do more live shows after successfully directing South Korean-American artist Jessi’s recent concert at the Mall of Asia (MOA) Arena.

The actor-director revealed how he scored the gig in the first place. “Sobrang nakakatuwa how I got the project because I was in the bubble for (FPJ’s Ang) Probinsyano that time. A good friend of mine just messaged me on (Instagram) that there’s this production house who wanted to get me as a director,” he said in an exclusive chat.

The project turned out to be the first Philippine concert of the K-pop hitmaker, who’s behind the viral tracks Zoom and Nunu Nana.

At first, John was hesitant to say yes.

“Na to-torn ako, sabi ko ate Cynthia (Roque, his Cornerstone handler), I had Formula 1... And sino si Jessi, sorry pero ‘di po talaga ako familiar. Ang alam ko talaga na K-pop groups are BTS, BlackPink and EXO,” he recalled saying at that time.

When he found out who Jessi is and how popular she is, especially on TikTok because of her dance-friendly songs like Zoom (a favorite of John’s daughter), he was all-in to helm his first K-pop concert.

Meanwhile, the person who was the happiest over John accepting the directing job was his wife, who is a huge K-pop music fan. The Jessi show officially marked John’s comeback in directing concerts. His last live musical event was pre-pandemic, Jennylyn Mercado and Dennis Trillo’s Co-Love show at New Frontier Theater in 2020.

He was previously more focused on narratives, being a director on FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano, which ended in August after a seven-year run on ABS-CBN.



John gets a hug from a grateful Jessi. The actor-turned-director in action during his first job at directing a K-pop concert.

Narrative and live directing offer him a different yet similar set of challenges and level of fulfillment. Nevertheless, when it comes to live shows, he observes certain “rituals.”

Besides having one-on-ones with artists, he said he’s always present in rehearsals.

“And when it comes to a live show, once it starts, dire-direto na yan. You really have to pray that you don’t encounter technical problems – from the audio, LED, to the lights. Dun na pumapasok si God and yung miracle niya to work on that two hours. So, definitely, before a concert, I pray hard and hope nothing bad happens on the technical side.”

Meanwhile, John is looking to direct more live events in the months to come as the concert scene continues to

open up.

Though he’s not ruling out directing dramas in the future, he said that “at this very moment, what I want to do is live shows, either a TV show or a concert.”

He added, “Perhaps, the narrative, I’ll do one in the future, I don’t know. But for now, I’m enjoying this – super! Also, I just came from a narrative that’s why I miss this (live show directing) so much.”

Nevertheless, John will always be grateful for his last teleserye FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano.

“I tried directing,” he said of the biggest highlight for him from his time with the series. “They gave me the opportunity to direct. Because (it was the) first top-rating show (I directed), the pressure was bigger, the expectations were higher. And for me, to overcome those things as a first-time director, it was such an achievement for me.

“And that’s one thing I will never forget na nagawa ko for Probinsyano. That I’m capable of action and being an action director, as in na-enjoy ko siya. If you make me do action, I can do it, as there are so many techniques and styles that I have learned from the show.”

When Will We Get a DOH Chief? Once COVID-19 Situation ‘Normalizes,’ Says Bongbong Marcos

New variants have entered the country recently.

MANILA- With the detection of new variants of the coronavirus in the country, questions about the empty Department of Health (DOH) secretary post arise. President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. has yet to name a Department of Health chief. On Friday, October 21, the President said that it would only happen when the local COVID-19 situation has “normalized.”



DOH Officer-in-Charge Maria Rosario Vergeire

“Sa ngayon, naghahanap kami ng paraan para ma-normalize na natin at hindi na natin kailangan sabihin na ang Pilipinas ay [nasa] state of calamity pa rin,” he told reporters.

The President explained the delay in a statement yesterday. According to him, the state shouldn’t treat the pandemic as an emergency anymore. He would much rather look at the situation as “something that we will have to manage forever like the flu pneumonia.”

Marcos noted: “I want the people to understand that this is the government’s work, not everything is a crisis, so i-normalize natin ang trabaho ng gobyerno.”

He made it clear that the priority of the government right now is to open up businesses and stimulate the economy’s growth. Saying that the Philippines is still in a state of emergency might be detrimental to travelers, investors, and tourists.

As it stands, DOH Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire, who also happens to be the spokesperson for the agency, is the officer-in-charge of

the agency.

Department of Health (DOH) Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Maria Rosario Vergeire said that she has not received an offer from the Marcos administration to be the country’s health chief.

“No, honestly, it was not offered. I was asked to be an OIC,” said Vergeire during an interview with ABS-CBN News Channel on Thursday, Oct. 27.

In a related development, Vergeire said that she already met former Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief Camilo Cascolan and are now in the process of discussing his role as DOH undersecretary.

Last Oct. 23, the DOH confirmed the appointment of Cascolan as health undersecretary. The Alliance of Health Workers (AHW) denounced his appointment, saying that it is “a huge insult to our health experts who are most qualified to administer and run the affairs of the DOH.”

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months, to avoid deactivation.

Users with more than one SIM card can register all their numbers.

Uy said he is looking at 150 million prepaid and postpaid cards due for registration.

The main target for registration, however, are prepaid card owners, since postpaid users have already given their IDs and other relevant information to the telecommunication companies or telcos when they applied for a line.

He said the registration is best carried out online because telco offices or registration sites could be swamped if registration is through a personal appearance.

“Yan po ang ideal situation, online po ang lahat ng registration at submission ng mga verifiable documents katulad ng passport or driver’s license or SSS (Social Security System), GSIS (Government Service Insurance System) or PhilHealth cards upang maverify (Ideally, the registration and submission of the documents such as passport or driver’s license or SSS, GSIS or PhilHealth cards should be done online for verification),” Uy said.

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Since the national ID is not yet available, SIM card registrants can present their passports or driver’s licenses instead.

“There are other IDs that we’ve been using — passports, driver’s licenses, and so on. There’s a way of validating them,” he said.

“You can always contact the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) [and] LTO (Land Transportation Office), just to revalidate whether those are authentic or not,” he said.

He said, however, that the national ID is more secure since it already includes biometrics.

Other IDs are less secure, “but as I said, if you want the best, do we wait? How long do we wait?” Uy said.

Major telcos Globe, Smart and DITO have expressed support to the national ID system.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) aims to distribute 30 million ID cards and 20 million digital IDs by the end of 2022.

The PSA said it had already registered over 70 million Filipinos to the Philippine Identification System.

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'Extraordinary Pinoy brand' Attorney Woo' Park Eun-bin endorses Aromagicare

Korean star Park Eun-bin, whose popularity soared through the hit drama "Extraordinary Attorney Woo," is the newest endorser of a Filipino brand.



bin can effectively attract potential customers and product enjoyers of different ages.

According to founder and president Pauline Pu-

blico, "We would really love to have the adorable Park Eun-Bin on board. Making her the face of Aromagicare can positively give the brand its well-deserved boost in popularity because we really want to take things to the next level this 2022! We are lucky to have someone well-admired as her right now."

Park Eun-bin was praised for portraying Woo Young-woo, a young and genius lawyer with autism spectrum in "Extraordi-

nary Attorney Woo."

Aromagicare is a 100 percent Filipino-owned brand. Park Eun-bin is the endorser of the Aromagicare Therapy Oil.

The therapy oil can be used against different external health problems such as tense muscles, joint pains, back pains, rheumatism, arthritis, muscle pain, cramps, minor sprain, stiff neck, nerve pain, headache, sinusitis, clogged nose, common colds, cough, sore throat, and even insect bites.

Aromagicare Therapy Oil, an FDA-approved product, is also effective against skin problems like itchiness, wounds, skin burns, and varicose veins. The soothing capabilities of the product also work to ease vertigo, fatigue, stress, dysmenorrhea, bad breath, gum problems, and toothache.

Sunshine Cruz posts cryptic message about letting someone go

Actress Sunshine Cruz posted a cryptic message about letting someone go, just a few weeks after she and boyfriend Macky Mathay unfollowed each other on social media.



"People come and go, it may be hard to understand why things happen unexpectedly. For some of us, letting go of someone you loved with all your heart can definitely give us so much pain and sadness, but in life, there are some things we cannot control. What matters is the lesson we learned, the love that was shared, and the wonderful memories that will always be in our hearts. Life goes on," wrote Sunshine on Instagram on Sunday, Oct. 9.

On Sept. 25, Sunshine and Macky sparked breakup rumors after eagle-eyed netizens noticed that they were not following each other on Instagram.

Sunshine said that she had many realizations that past days.

"I experienced so much realizations

and challenges while I was locked in for 35 days. It wasn't easy coz there's not much you can do but pray and hope for the best. Challenges and trials will always be part of our lives and at the end of the day, we just have to focus on positive things

coming our way. So much blessings are being given to me and my family afterall. Wala akong karapatang mag reklamo," the actress said. "Everything happens for a reason, live it, love it, learn from it."

A few days ago, Sunshine shared a line about moving forward. She said: "You are never too old, and it is never too late to keep moving forward in your beautiful life."

In 2016, Macky confirmed he's dating Sunshine. Later, he admitted he's courting her.

Just recently, Macky attended the 18th birthday celebration of Angelina, one of three daughters of Sunshine and Cesar Montano.

For Filipinos, fake news is a problem they blame on social media influencers

MANILA, Philippines — Nearly nine out of 10 Filipinos believe that fake news is a problem in the country which a small majority of them blame on social media influencers, bloggers and vloggers.

A new survey by private pollster Pulse Asia released Tuesday revealed that 86% of Filipino adults say that false news or fake news is a problem, while only 14% say otherwise.

According to the poll, 58% of Filipinos see social media influencers, bloggers and vloggers as peddlers of fake news about government and politics, followed by journalists at 40%, national politicians at 37% and local politicians at 30%.

Filipinos said the top sources of fake news about the government and poli-



tics come from the internet or television which is statistically tied at 68% and 67%, respectively. Radio comes in far third with 32% viewing it as a source of misinforma-

tion.

Filipinos are split as to whether they are sure that the political news they consume is real, with 44% saying they are certain that what they read is not fake, while another 44% say they are unsure.

Still, 55% said they are confident of Filipinos' ability to discern whether the political news they encounter is truthful and only 7% say otherwise.

The survey was conducted from September 17 to 21, using face-to-face interviews. It was based on a sample of 1,200 representative adults 18 years old and above.

Fake news has long been seen as a scourge in the largely online Philippines, so much so that lawmakers have tried to legislate penalties for spreading false

information.

The latest attempt to punish the spreading of fake news came from Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, who filed Senate Bill No. 1296 which seeks to make the creation and dissemination of disinformation a content-related offense under the anti-cybercrime law.

But for digital rights group Democracy.net.PH, the only constitutional means to fight fake news is the spreading of more facts.

"The only constitutionally-acceptable means of fighting fake news and disinformation is the more aggressive dissemination of factual news and information," Democracy.net.PH's Tess Termulo told Philstar.com in an online exchange.

Nadine advises everyone not to give their all.

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Nadine further said, "That's the time I realized, oh my god, okay, here I'm actually savoring life. You know, I have time to just sit down, just look at the view, just think or just relax. Dun ko na-feel. Dito kasi ang hirap parang sakal talaga ako 'pag andito ako."

The 28-year-old clarified that she's still based in Manila but

that "as soon as I don't have work, I fly there. I'll be flying in a couple days."

It's no secret that the singer-actress has also found love in Siargao.

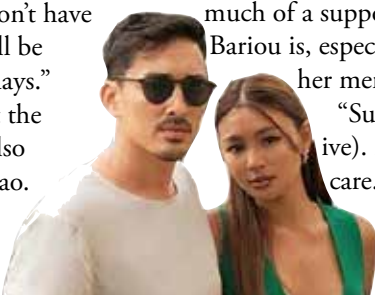
Early this year, she went public with her relationship with the French-Filipino businessman, who has been based in Siargao

for almost a decade now.

Nadine opened up about how much of a supportive boyfriend Bariou is, especially in terms of her mental health.

"Super (supportive). I cry like I don't care. I cry in front of Chris all the time when I'm super stressed out and he's

always giving me words of encouragement," she shared.



"But aside from that, he helps me with all my other advocacies as well," she said, speaking about other advocacies she has taken up, including environment and animal welfare. "He's very supportive... Anything that he can help with, he will do it."

What Nadine learned about love is not to look for it.

"Don't look for it. Let it find you. That's it," she said.

"But really, ako, 'yun lang talaga, don't look for it. 'Wag mo habulin.

Kasi the more you chase it, the more it's not gonna come to you," she reiterated.

Nadine also advised girls not to give their everything.

"But don't give your all din. Like if your cup is empty or half-empty, you shouldn't give anything away. Sabi nga ni RuPaul (of Drag Race fame), if you can't love yourself how the hell can you love somebody else?" she said.

"Dapat puno ka muna before you share."

Why Ricci Rivero made relationship with Andrea Brillantes public

Ricci Rivero’s basketball career and his romantic relationship with Andrea Brillantes have always been of keen interest for his fans and the media. And why not, when the goings-on in his career and love life both never fail to arouse fandom’s curiosity.

During our one-on-one for Batalk Channel’s The Interviewer Presents on YouTube, Ricci certainly made Andrea jump for joy by admitting that he sees the young actress as “the one” for him.

He then shared that it took months of planning before he could finally pull off his surprise girlfriend-proposal to Andrea, who is also being fondly called by her nickname Blythe.

“Para siyang baril, naka-kasa siya pero nakatago. Anytime pwede kong gawin pero hindi ko alam kung kaya ko siyang gawin. Hindi kasi ako ganon and first time ko mag-girlfriend in public,” he said.

Ricci put through the surprise proposal with brothers and friends as “ac-complices.” They were holding the two T-shirts — with “YES” printed on one shirt and “NO” on the other — while Ricci was professing his love to Blythe which took place after a UAAP game last April 9. “At first, I thought it would be a failure because I wasn’t seeing the shirt



with a ‘NO’ (print) while I was talking. Buti na lang umabot kasi nakakahiya naman kung ‘YES’ lang na shirt ang meron,” he amusingly recalled.

He revealed that it was his first time to make his love life public. “First time ko lang din mag-girlfriend in public,” he declared. “Siguro sa akin, ‘yung gusto ko lang din ma-pa-feel dun sa tao na proud ka.”

Ricci reveals that he met Andrea through a common friend. He thinks she’s ‘The One.’ The two will have to endure a long-distance relationship with the cager leaving for Taiwan.

Ricci admitted to having mixed emotions at the time. “The nervousness and excitement were overwhelming but what prevailed was my will to do it (proposal) no matter what.”

Ricci said he met Blythe through a common friend, and they were talking for months before they ended up in each other’s arms.

“Sometimes, you just feel that you like the person, but it’s a different feeling when you know that you are sure. Iba lang siguro talaga yung na-feel namin,” said Ricci, who also mentioned about wanting “a happy and stable family” in his long-term goals.

I asked him if Andrea is the one, Ricci responded loud and clear, “I think, Tito Boy, yes.”

In the coming days, the two will have to endure a long-distance relationship (LDR) with Ricci set to leave the country for Taiwan. He will be taking his basketball talent abroad after he agreed to play for Taoyuan Pilots of P. League+, the men’s professional basketball league of Taiwan.

According to him, he decided to play for the Taoyuan Pilots because they never gave up on him and patiently waited for him to finish his final year with the UP Fighting Maroons

which emerged champion in the UAAP Season 84 men’s basketball. Ricci added that he has already been approached by the team even prior to his transfer to UP.

“For me, it’s really God’s perfect timing. It’s in His plans, perhaps, because even before the UAAP, the Taiwan team already approached me. At that time, I did not know whether I would stay or leave because nothing’s sure after college basketball.”

Eventually, Ricci decided to stay with UP. His decision to commit to play for the Taiwan team came after his stint with the Fighting Maroons ended.

“After winning the championship, doon lang ulit nila nasabi na itong Taiwan nangungumusta ulit. Napag-hintay ko sila for a while at nag-hintay sila. Perhaps, it’s really God’s plan also for me to feel those things na, ‘Okay, I feel like playing in Taiwan.’ This team really wants me I guess at ako ibibigay ko rin ‘yung commitment na deserve nila.”

I did not know whether I would stay or leave because nothing’s sure after college basketball.

For a non-basketball person like me, I asked Ricci to make me understand why players his age are accepting offers from different countries and he said, “I won’t really say that there’s something bad here in the Philippines but maybe it’s just the opportunity. Kasi you can always go back to your roots.

“Here (Philippines), people know you. Alam nila how you play, who you are basically because you grew up na nandyan sila, naki-kita ka nila — the scouts and all the coaches. But having that kind of opportunity to represent your country and yourself to grow siguro as a person din, nakakatuwa lang din.”

Although he admitted to having a better pay, Ricci hopes to survive living alone in Taiwan until the end of the basketball season.

I’m pretty sure he has already figured out how to deal with his longing to see his family and his lady love.

Denin Sy adds dash of humor to confessional acoustic ballad



Early this year, Denin Sy, the Parody King, announced the release of his pop-rock Pasensya Ka Na God Bless. Inspired by a viral video, his song told a tale about a guy trying to win back his lady love.

Recently, Denin shared a piece of good news with this paper: He had a new musical offering in the form of Minsan Kape, Minsan Ikaw.

“Siguro lumalabas din talaga yung normal humor (ko) kahit papaano. The focus and challenge, this time around, was how I (the voice and persona in the song) would tell through a love song na sobrang mahal kita, sobrang gusto kita pero (that I really love you, but) not directly saying those words,” said he.

For the song’s music video, Denin and his team wanted the presentation simple and focused on the song message with the intention to evoke memories of the listeners about their loved ones and the happy and lovely times they have spent together.

“It’s my dream that my songs will become soundtracks,” said Denin, who has also attempted to write a Christmas ditty. “I have tried. Maybe in time, I can think of a concept kaya lang ang tagal ko nang inisip na gumawa ng Christmas song, with a twist or in which I can inject my own humor,” added he.

Meantime, Denin enjoys the idea of writing original and catchy songs.

Bianca Gonzalez reacts to ‘walang views ang mga vlog’ comment

Bianca Gonzalez didn’t let it slide when an online user commented on her vlogs not receiving much traction in terms of views.

On Twitter, she uploaded the screenshot of the comment along with: “May problema ka sa 2,300 na nanood nitong video? Paki-explain naman sa akin ng comment mo.”

Bianca added: “Pa-isa nga lang. Dahil hot topic naman ngayon ang YouTube, engagement at views. I often get this comment meant to insult or bash me: ‘Ay, walang views ang vlog niya.’ Let me get one thing clear: iba-iba ng rason ang tao to create content on YouTube.”

Some, like her, she said, do such only to reach out and help others.

Bianca pointed out that from the start, the purpose of “#PaanoBaTo” is to help people.

And the mom of two is grateful for brands who share the same vision, going on to partner with her. “While it would be great for everyone on YouTube to have millions of views, that is not the reality,” she maintained.

Bianca related that she doesn’t measure her worth with views, subscribers, likes, or comments she gets. “For me, with every video, 2,000 views man yan o 50,000, if there are people who are inspired to go on and keep pushing, that is a huge WIN for me,” she explained.

“The letters I get from people who say my guest’s story inspired them to pursue this, or pushed them to try again, that is priceless,” she said. Bianca then advised naysayers: “So the next time you think of commenting, ‘Ay, walang views’ on people’s pages: 1. Did it make you feel good to do that? Happy? If yes, you have issues you need to sort sa sarili mo. 2. Are you just doing it to poke fun? If yes, please do something more productive sa time mo.”

She also has a message for content creators with a few hundred or a few thousand views.

“Go back to the reason WHY you started your channel. What’s your goal? What’s the purpose of your videos? As long as that is clear to you, then other’s comments that have nothing to do with that is just noise,” she said.

Then she sarcastically ended: “Thanks for coming to my TED Talk.”



Pageant fans get sentimental over Binibini photo with Stella Marquez Araneta

The queen is back!

Pageant fans got sentimental after Stella Marquez Araneta, chair of the Bb. Pilipinas Charities, Inc. posed for a photo with Bb Pilipinas International 2021 Hannah Arnold and Bb Pilipinas International 2022 Nicole Borromeo that was uploaded on the Facebook page of Bb. Pilipinas on Oct. 9.

This is the first time that Mrs. Araneta posed for a photo with the Binibinis in recent years.

“It’s a beautiful day to be a Binibini,” wrote the caption in the picture.

Hannah will represent the Philippines at the 60th Miss International beauty pageant in Tokyo, Japan on Dec. 13. Nicole will compete in the same pageant in 2023.



FROM LEFT - Bb Pilipinas International 2021 Hannah Arnold, Stella Marquez Araneta, and Bb Pilipinas International 2022 Nicole Borromeo (Bb Pilipinas Facebook)

Fans can’t help but become emotional about the latest photo. They look up to and praise Mrs. Araneta for her big contributions to the pageant scene in the country. Some comments:

“Madam Stella. The one and only! I’m very happy to see her. Nakakacomplete ng sunday!”

“Teary-eyed! Welcome on board Madame SMA! We missed you so much! All the best!”

“Sending Love for Madam Stella.”

“Stay healthy and pretty, madam Stella. We love you. God, bless. The mother of all Queens in the Phil.”

“3 MISS INTERNATIONAL. AMIN KAAAAAK! Manifesting! B2B for Hannah and Nicole! Stay healthy Madame Stella!”

Sarah Geronimo drops disco-tinged ‘Dati Dati’

Fans of Sarah Geronimo are in high spirits with their idol dropping back-to-back releases.

After the performance video for “The Gift,” which also featured her husband Matteo Guidicelli (with songwriter Jim Brickman on piano), Sarah is now out with a new song.

Titled “Dati Dati,” it is her first new original song since 2018’s “This 15 Me.”

The new single is described as an “ear-tweaking dance number that is both grooving and club ready.”

SG’s head-bobbing new bop also has a rock edge and features instrumental breaks of punctuated guitar solos and pulsating

basslines to add to the heavy throbbing beats. All that and a healthy dose of 70’s disco vibes (with a teasing guitar part that seem to imply the “Stayin’ Alive” riff). Studio sessionist Janno Queyquep played the guitar overdubs, while Karel Honasan laid down the bass parts.

Her label Viva Records is keeping mum, but the latest release could actually be the first of



many.

“Dati Dati” is written by Jin Chan and is arranged by Jin Chan and Su Ganade. The track is produced by Ganade and Dylan Graham.

The track is now available for streaming on all digital music platforms.

“Dati Dati” is currently on top of the ‘Pinoy Pop Playlist 2022’ on Spotify.

Former Star Magic Pearl Gonzales returns to showbiz

Pearl Gonzales, niece of vlogger Joel Mondina (also known as Pambansang Kolokoy) and ex-Star Magic artist, has revived her showbiz career under a new agency, MPJ Angels Artists' Pool Management.

Pearl, whose former screen name is Mary Eileen Gonzales, is giving showbiz another try after she took a break from the industry because she needed to go to the United States to be with her family and launched her own line of skincare products.

During the launching of MPJ Networks' Kumu shows, Pearl talked about her showbiz plans and the controversy she got involved in with her uncle. Pearl was one of the guests in MPJ's Kumu shows which premiered on YouTube weeks ago.

"Recently, na-issue ako. Actually, it went viral. People thought I was the new girlfriend of Pambansang Kolokoy, which is not true because he is my uncle," she clarified. "That was the first time that I got bashed. That moment, I felt that I shouldn't be affected because first (of all), it's not true. And the bashers, even if you did something good or bad, they would always have something to say. And siguro yung pinakamasakit nga na nasabi sa akin is

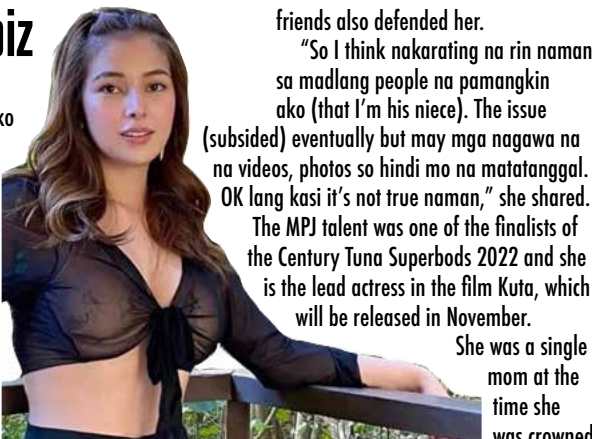
kabit, retokada, mga ganyan, ganyan...'Wag ko ng patulan talaga."

Last August, the popular social media personality Pambansang Kolokoy revealed that he and wife Marites Mondina have ended their marriage after 20 years of being together.

"Kasi active kaming nag-po-post nung nasa US ako, na kasama ko yung uncle ko last year. When he came home, he stayed with us. So people assumed that I was the 'jowa,' which is not true, na ako daw yung 'new girl,' which is sobrang hindi mangyayari yun," she said.

"We can't avoid (the bashers), but I hope they would do some fact-checking first. Here in the Philippines, 'pag sinabing mistress, cheating, masyado silang intense eh. So kahit fact check or finding out the truth, they would never do that. So might as well ignore them," she went on.

In response to the issue, Pearl made a Facebook post airing her side and clearing her name. Her family and



friends also defended her.

"So I think nakarating na rin naman sa madlang people na pamangkin ako (that I'm his niece). The issue (subsidized) eventually but may mga nagawa na na videos, photos so hindi mo na matatanggal. OK lang kasi it's not true naman," she shared. The MPJ talent was one of the finalists of the Century Tuna Superbods 2022 and she is the lead actress in the film Kuta, which will be released in November.

She was a single mom at the time she was crowned Miss Global Philippines in 2018. She felt "honored" to represent the Philippines in the international beauty pageant stage.

Pearl's pageant journey will not end there as she plans to join the Miss Universe Philippines competition next year and has been training under the beauty camp Kagandahang Flores. Miss Universe will reportedly start accepting pageant hopefuls who are mothers and married women beginning 2023.

She also auditioned for Vivamax before but didn't

pursue it. "Parang naniniwala kasi ako na marunong talaga akong umarte since lahat ng workshops sa Star Magic nagawa ko. Sayang naman. No offense po sa mga nagpapa-sexy pero gusto ko yung mga role na challenging," she said.

"I also did a sexy role (in John Lapus' Boyfriend No. 13) pero not yung maghuhubad talaga ako," added Pearl.

She also played the "other woman" of JC Santos in the series, Boyfriend No. 13, which also starred Sue Ramirez and JC de Vera.

In 2017, Pearl gave birth to a baby boy with actor and former Pinoy Big Brother (PBB) housemate Johan Santos. She is currently single. Her showbiz crushes are Zanjoe Marudo and Jericho Rosales.

Meanwhile, the three Kumu shows of MPJ Network on YouTube are Kids Toy Kingdom (hosted by singer Hannah Ortiz and Tom Leaño); Millennials Lifestyle (hosted by singer Sofi Fermazi, Chesca Orolfo, Archie Alcantara and Lyra Sloan); and Simply Exquisite (hosted by event host Nicky Gilbert).

The hosts and new faces of the shows are exclusive contract artists of MPJ Angels Artists' Pool, managed by direk Perry Escaño and Noreen "Mommy Angel" Espejan, former handler of Ex Battalion and Kuh Ledesma.



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Is marriage the next step for Cherry Pie Picache and Edu Manzano?

Sa magandang itinatakbo ng relasyon nina Cherry Pie Picache at Edu Manzano, marami ang nagtatanong kung may plano silang magpakasal.

Si Edu, 67, ay ikinasal kina Vilma Santos (1980-1985) at Maricel Soriano (1989-1990), at divorced at annuled na ang mga nasabing union, respectively.

Si Cherry Pie, 52, ay isang single mom sa nag-iisa nitong anak na si Nio.

"Hindi ko alam, dapat siguro siya ang tanungin mo... Ay, dapat din pala ako ang tanungin mo," napangiting sabi ni Cherry

Pie sa usapang wedding bells.

Dugtong ng aktres tungkol sa kanila ni Edu: "We're just enjoying what we have. Dapat in the moment tayo. Kung ano yung ngayon, i-enjoy lang natin, masaya lang tayo."

"We should be grateful for all the blessings na okay pa rin tayo. I mean, hindi pa tapos ang pandemya pero nandiritto pa rin tayo."

"Magpa-Pasko na, umabot tayo sa Pasko. After ng mga nangyari ngayong taon na ito, let's just all be grateful."

Nasa stage pa rin ang couple na excited silang nanumbalik na maganda nilang pagtitinginan.

Nangyari iyon nang magkatrabaho sila sa defunct prime-time series na Marry Me,



Marry You (September 2021-January 2022). "We're very good, we're very blessed that we're both happy. Hope he's happy also."

"Timing din, timing talaga. In God's will, in His perfect time, things happened. Things happened for a reason. Siguro hinanda," saad ni Cherry Pie.

Aminado ang aktres na di hamak na malalim ang unawaan nila ni Edu ngayon kumpara noong una nilang sinubukang mag-date 20 years ago.

"I suppose kasi iba na, e," pakli niya.

"Alam naman ng lahat, na nasabi na namin yun, na we were going out before. Marami na ring natutunan as we went along life."

"Ngayon mas matured na nga, marami na kaming natutunan that helped the relationship to do better."

Dahil parehong may mga kanya-kanyang trabaho na ginagawa sa ngayon, isyu ba kina Edu at Cherry Pie ang kawalan ng oras para sa isa't isa?

Sagot ng aktres, "Of course it's not perfect, we're working it out."

"Sa panahon na ito, parang wala na yatang dapat na panahon para magalit pa, para ma-stress pa tayo."

"Dapat, di ba, positive lang, happy lang, let's spread love, empathy."



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Piolo Pascual, Lovi Poe shower praises on each other

Piolo Pascual and Lovi Poe heaped praises on each other as they marked the end of their first ABS-CBN series together, Flower of Evil.

“I pray that I get to work with Piolo again kasi parang nakakabitin. I feel like there’s so much more that we can do. We spent like how many months together and I feel like there’s so much more that we could give,” said Lovi of her leading man during a recent presscon.

The actress joined the presscon through a videocall because she’s currently in Europe working on an unspecified project.

“I would love to do a movie with him. We’ve talked about this before. Kahit nga mag MMK (on TV) kami. We’ve been doing drama for a while and you guys don’t know or realize how funny he is behind the cameras. So, that’s something that I want people to see more of him,” she added.

As for Piolo, what struck him the most about working with Lovi was how much of a chameleon she was. Flower of Evil marked her first project since transferring to ABS-CBN in September 2021.

“One thing I really, really enjoyed about her is her being a chameleon.

“Her innate talent, her skills, I was floored. We really just drew on each other’s emotions and it was easy for both of us because we both just wanted to make it work and make it more beautiful. We were on the same page the whole time.

Lovi, on the other hand, was quick to reciprocate the compliment by crediting Piolo as a leader on set.

“When you’re there on set, you share the same energy, and si Piolo kasi he’s kind of the... of course, our directors are the captain of the ship but Piolo is the one holding the group together,” she said.

“His energy is very contagious so when the leader gives his best, doesn’t even complain, you have no choice but to actually be the same.

Meanwhile, director Darnel Villaflor shared what surprised him the most about directing the first-time tandem.

“Siguro ang pinakamagandang nakita ko (from working on this series) is still the chemistry of Piolo and Lovi na first time nagka-work. Meanwhile, asked about what they could say about the fates of their characters in the finale, Lovi said, “Iris made the right choice believing in her family and standing up for his man.”

As for Piolo, he’d tell his character: “It was a really hard journey. He was accused, he was judged and he was mistreated. And it was really hard to actually forget about all his struggles. But one thing I got to say to him is, you know, you’re OK, everything is better, everything is fine and you can have a normal life again, of course, with your mahal (Lovi) and for the kid as well.”

Sharon Cuneta addresses Hermès-store controversy: “Hindi naman ako bobo.”

Isa-isang sinagot ni Sharon Cune-

ta, 56, ang mga isyung ipinukol sa kanya kaugnay ng hindi pagpapapasok sa kanya sa isang luxury brand boutique sa South Korea.

Umingay nang husto ang parte ng video kung saan makikita si Sharon na hindi pinayagang makapasok ng security guard sa Hermès boutique sa Shinsegae Department Store sa Seoul.

Sa video, nakalagay pa ang mga katagang “turned away at the Hermès store,” kaya triggered ang fans ni Sharon dahil na-discriminate umano ang actress/singer/TV host.

Pero may policy ang store na “waiting system” dahil sa pandemic.

Nagsanga-sanga ang isyu. Nagalit ang supporters ni Sharon lalo na sa security guard kahit ginagawa lamang nito ang kanyang trabaho.

Ang mga kritiko naman, humirit na may protocol sa store na kailangang sundin at walang exemption kahit na artista pa.

SHARON ADDRESSES THE ISSUE
Paliwanag ni Sharon, hindi siya nagalit na hindi siya pinapasok sa luxury shop.

“I know, of course, I know that you need an appointment with an Hermès boutique before you can go...”

Giit niya, nagbakasakali lang siyang mapapasok at makabili ng sinturon.

“So, hindi po ako na-offend. Naintindihan ko agad yung guard.

Itinanggi rin ni Sharon na nagyabang siya nang bumalik siya kung saan naroroon ang security guard sa Hermès at ipinakita ang kanyang mga pinamili sa Louis Vuitton.

Sabi ni Sharon “Hindi rin ako nagyabang. Kaya sabi ko, ‘Yes, I cannot go [inside]. Look, I bought everything.’ Ginanun ko lang siya, pero nakangiti ako.”

Ipinagtanggol din ni Sharon ang isiningit na Pretty Woman video clip sa kanyang pinag-usapang vlog.

Ito yung eksena kung saan ang character ni Julia Roberts ay binalikan ang attendant sa luxury boutique na minaliit siya, ipinakita ang mga pinamiling branded items at sinabihan ang attendant ng ‘Big mistake! Big mistake.’”

Pagtatanggol ni Sharon, “Isiningit ng editor ng vlog ang scene sa Pretty Wom-

an. Sa mga Sharonian po, nakyutan sila doon and it was not meant to offend anyone...”

NOT EXPECTING VIP TREATMENT

Itinanggi ni Sharon ang paratang na naghahangad siya ng VIP treatment sa Hermès boutique sa Seoul.

Aware naman daw siyang hindi siya kilala



sa South Korea.
“Kung meron hong may alam noon, walang iba kundi ako.
“Siyempre ako ang unang-unang may alam. Na hindi naman po ako bobo.
Pakiusap ng Megastar: “Let’s forget about that

na. Nakakahiya naman.
“Wag na nating silang istorbohin, di ko alam kung bakit lumaki iyon.”

Ivana Alawi, Alex Gonzaga post message of support for Zeinab Harake amid vloggers’ word war

Pinili nina Ivana Alawi at Alex Gonzaga na patawarin si Zeinab Harake at isalba ang kanilang pagkakaibigan.

Ito ay sa kabila ng mga naibulgar na hindi magandang sinabi noon ni Zeinab kina Ivana at Alex.

Recently, nagkaroon ng banggaan si Zeinab at talent manager-vlogger na si Wilbert Tolentino.

Isinapubliko ni Wilbert ang screenshots ng messages ni Zeinab ng negatibong sinabi nito ukol sa ilang kapwa celebrity vloggers, tulad nina Ivana at Alex.

Ang mga screenshot ng messages ay galing sa private messaging nina Zeinab at Wilbert noong bati pa sila.

Akusasyon ni Wilbert, “traydor” si Zeinab dahil hindi magaganda ang sinasabi umano nito ukol sa kanyang fellow vloggers kapag nakatalikod ang mga ito.

Noong October 23, 2022, nag-Facebook Live si Zeinab para ipagtanggol ang sarili.

Sinabi rin niyang bago siya nag-live ay tinawagan niya ang kapwa vloggers na nasangkot sa isyu at humingi ng paumanhin sa mga ito.

Hindi itinanggi ni Zeinab ang screenshots na isinapubliko ni Wilbert.

Sa mga mensahe, tinawag ni Zeinab si Alex na “wala sa hulog kausap” at si Ivana naman ay “mataas ang ihi.”

IVANA AND ALEX STILL SUPPORT ZEINAB
Nitong October 25, nag-tweet si Alex ng isang makahulugang mensahe.

Aniya, “Lahat naman ay nagkakamali ang mahalaga ay marunong magpakumbaba at humihingi ng tawad. [praying hands emoji]”

Walang tinukoy na pangalan si Alex pero swak ito sa pahayag ni Zeinab ukol sa TV host-actress sa Facebook Live.

Sabi ni Zeinab, tumawag at nag-sorry muna siya kay Alex.

Dagdag ni Zeinab ukol sa pagkakadawit ni Alex, “Kaya unang ginawa ko, nag-message ako. Nangingi



Ivana Alawi (left photo, left) and Alex Gonzaga (right photo, left) express support for Zeinab Harake, who is now in the middle of a controversy after being accused by talent manager Wilbert Tolentino of being a “traitor” to fellow celebrity vloggers.

agad ako ng sorry. Sobrang sorry po.”
Ganito rin daw ang ginawa ni Zeinab pagdating kay Ivana.

Nagpaliwanag din si Zeinab na nasabi niya noong “mataas ang ihi” ni Ivana dahil sa biglang pag-unfollow sa kanya noon ng YouTuber-actress na nauwi sa tampuhan nila.

Pero naayos din ang susot ng dalawa at gumawa pa sila ng maraming collab.

Sa recent Facebook Live ni Zeinab, sinabi nitong kinausap muna niya si Ivana bago siya nag-live.

Sinabihan din daw siya ni Ivana na huwag itong mag-alala at kilala niya ang tunay na pagkatao ni Zeinab.

“Ngayon, kausap ko siya bago mag-live, humingi din ako ng sorry sa kanya,” sabi ni Zeinab.

Kahapon, nag-post si Ivana ng glamour shot sa Instagram.

Komento ni Zeinab: “I love you queen [heart and fire emojis]”

Reply ni Ivana: “ily [I love you] [white heart emoji].”

Malinaw na indikasyon itong maayos ang kanilang pagkakaibigan.

Sa kabilang banda, may ilang celebrity vloggers din na nadamay sa isyu at nasabihan nang hindi maganda ni Zeinab ang piniling patawarin ito, kagaya nina Whamos Cruz at Toni Fowler.

Christmas event poster for JDL Performing Arts. It features blue Christmas ornaments and the JDL logo. The text reads: "A Merry Christmas Showcase & Mini Bazaar", "KCCC Hall", "5225 Orbitor Dr Unit 3", "Mississauga", "SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4", "BAZAAR OPENS @ 3PM", "SHOW STARTS @ 4PM", and "Ticket Price \$10.00 (6 & below Free)".

Event poster for XINFlix and JDL. It features a red background with a gold star and microphone. The text reads: "XINFlix", "JDL", "CANADA CENTER STAGE Singing Competition", "Preliminary November 5 • 1 pm - 4 pm", "Bridlewood Mall", "2900 Warden Ave, Scarborough", "Semifinal November 12, 2022 • 2pm - 4pm", "Oriental Centre", "4430 Sheppard Ave E, Scarborough", "Grand Final November 19th, 2022, • 6 - 9pm", "6pm at Xinflix Auditorium", "421 Bentley St, Markham, ON".

Korina Sanchez, Karen Davila speak out on rumored rivalry

Seasoned broadcasters Korina Sanchez and Karen Davila finally shared their thoughts on their alleged rivalry.

Guesting on Sanchez's NET25 show "Korina Interviews," Davila

attributed it to a "competitive environment."

"Feeling ko, because work-wise, parang it was such a competitive environment where we used to work. Parang they would always pit people against each other, perhaps. It would be, let's say after Korina, nandiyan si Karen. Napakahirap din nun for any woman ha. Kasi nga, you feel minsan either may hinahabol ka or hinahabol ka," Davila said.

She added that she missed the

opportunity to be close to Sanchez because they had different schedules.

"I mean this from the bottom of my heart. Ako sa pananaw ko, isa sa mga nasayang na panahon ko sa ABS-CBN is 'yung hindi kita nakilala doon. Of course, you were very busy. But I feel it was a lost opportunity for me, for both of us," Davila said.

Sanchez echoed her sentiment, saying she only managed to get close to fellow broadcaster and radio commentator Ted Failon.

"Sobrang busy. Iba-iba ang schedule natin. It's not like nakakahuntahan ko ng madalas si Bernadette [Sembrano] or even Loren [Legarda]. Talagang ang nakakausap ko lang ay si Ted [Failon] kasi siya 'yung partner ko," she recalled.

"Naunahan pa ng intriga. 'Ay, ang pumalit kay Korina si Karen so baka galit si Korina kay Karen.' Actually hindi ah. Decision ng

management iyon nung pinalitan mo ako sa 'TV Patrol.' And there was [no animosity]. Remember when Mar ran, I even invited you? Wala talaga 'yun kasi decision talaga iyan ng mga boss namin nung mga panahon na iyon," Sanchez added.

Sanchez began her career with ABS-CBN in 1986, while Davila transferred from GMA-7 to ABS-CBN in 2000.

The latter took over Sanchez's duty as an achor on "TV Patrol" in 2004.

Carla Abellana calls for end to all forms of animal fighting

Actress and animal welfare advocate Carla Abellana reiterated her call to stop pitting animals against each for sport.

Abellana reposted on her Instagram account a graphic art by the Animal Kingdom Foundation showing two horses performing violence against one another for entertainment purposes.

"I've been desperate to speak against horse fighting (and since been actively campaigning against ALL other types of animal fighting) since I found out years ago that it sadly exists in our very own country," wrote Abellana in her post's caption.



former Saranggani representative and senator Manny Pacquiao.

Abellana questioned why animals were made to fight, suffer, and die under the guise of "tradition" and "entertainment," adding, "So you can gamble your money away?"

The actress then stated she stands with the Animal Kingdom Foundation to put an end to all forms of animal fighting.

World Mental Health Day: Pia Wurtzbach admits seeking professional help for 'Impostor Syndrome'

As someone who joined Binibining Pilipinas thrice before finally coveting the Miss Universe crown, Pia Wurtzbach felt the weight of being the epitome of "try and try until you succeed."

"Fighting spirit, 'di ba? Parang 'yun kasi, nakilala ako d'un for not giving up, having this go-getter attitude, but then, deep inside, I'm also having to go through my personal struggles," Miss Universe 2015 professed at her recent relaunch as the face of Ultherapy in Shangri-La at the Fort Hotel, Taguig City.

"So I was feeling this Impostor Syndrome where, oh no, everyone thinks I'm so strong, although I didn't want to disappoint anybody. I definitely went through that."

The American Psychological Association (APA) defines Impostor Syndrome or "impostor

phenomenon" as occurring "among high achievers who are unable to internalize and accept their success."

"Impostor phenomenon" is when people "often attribute their accomplishments to luck rather than to ability, and fear that others will eventually unmask them as a fraud."

"Impostor feelings are generally accompanied by anxiety and, often, depression," APA warned.

According to Pia, initially, she was able to handle Impostor Syndrome on her own.

"I've learned many ways to cope. I've learned healthier ways to cope with it. But this is how I describe it: Every day, there's a good voice and a bad voice. But the good voice wins, so you win every day."

But then, COVID-19 pandemic came, challenging Pia's core values.

"During the pandemic, you were put in a position where you're not able to practice all these healthy habits that you've learned. You're not able to socialize. Socializing also really helps, keeping us into the things we love and passionate about, your work. All of those had to stop

for a while and without any assurance of when it's going to come back."

According to APA, many people with Impostor Syndrome "suffer in silence" and usually "don't talk about it."

As such, by talking about it, Pia eventually learned to no longer suffer in silence.

"I learned a lot about myself. I also spoke to professionals and I got the help that I needed," she confessed.

"I was determined to stay strong, to continue my mission, my purpose, and to turn things around... I wanted to face my demons and finally take care of my heart, something which I didn't do or never cared to do," she added in a statement.

In addition, APA listed other ways to cope with Impostor Syndrome:

After seeking help and speaking

about mental health in Singapore, Pia has grown more confident to deal with Impostor Syndrome.

"I'm so happy that we're finally having events like this where talking about (mental health) freely and openly isn't considered a weakness anymore. It isn't considered to be a taboo topic or nakakahiya, 'Miss Universe ka pa naman, nagpapakita ka ng (flaws)'... We're in an age now where help is available. Talking about it is fine and acceptable. Better times to deal with that," she pointed out.

"I'm sure lahat tayo, we all went through the same ups and downs the past two years and I also struggled to maintain sort of a self-care routine. You feel like, 'What's the point, 'di naman tayo lumalabas?'... So I kinda felt like things were a bit unsure. But what's important is how you bounce back from those moments and how you come back with a bang!"

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Sani Baluyot gave free chocolates to kids.



Ianeza Muñoz Greeley poses with friend Carolina Penida

KUMUKUTI-KUTITAP Christmas Goods and Food Bazaar

Paskong Pinoy sa Toronto, was held Saturday October 22 from 10am to 9pm, at

Chinese Cultural Center of Greater at 5183 Sheppard Avenue East in Scarborough! Blessed with good weather, people bought food and had a picnic at the tables outside. "Andaming tao," said Kuya Ding de Guzman, who went with

his family and others. "Dapat mas malaki lugar na kinuha nila," he added. "Well, this is their first time," I said. There will be a second bazaar on December 4, 2022, Sunday at the same location.

Sunshine Cruz belies alleged pregnancy

Sunshine Cruz has come out to deny news about her supposed-reconciling with ex-husband Cesar Montano.



wala pong katotohanang buntis ako at magpapakasal sa aking ex-husband. #fakenews."

Sunshine and Cesar separated in 2013. The annulment of their marriage has been granted four years after. The two have three daughters – Sam, Angelina, and Chesca.

Joshua Garcia and Janella Salvador's kissing scene in 'Darna' goes viral

Joshua Garcia and Janella Salvador recently had an intimate scene in "Darna."

There, Joshua's character "Black Brian" surprised Janella's Regina in her office and gave her a red rose.

"Sabi mo sa akin di ba liligawan mo ako. Hindi puwede sa akin yon. Gusto ko lang sabihin sa iyo na ako na ang gagawa nun para sa 'yo,'" Black Brian told Regina then started kissing her.

The clip was immediately reposted by fans on different social media platforms.

It has gone viral since.

In fact, the YouTube video of ABS-CBN with the said scene has garnered more than 600K views in less than 24 hours since it was uploaded.

Many netizens bombarded the comment section. Among them:



"The fighting scene and the kissing scene ang nagdala! Galing." "Di ako Maka get over sa torrid kiss of Joshua and Janella." "Hala... mas na mangha ako sa kissing scene... walang halong kyeme." "Never expected this from Janella and Joshua! ABS should push for this loveteam. A project for them after Darna." "Kakatapos ko lang panoorin ito ngayon sa pinoy tambayan hahaha. Nakakakilig ung biglang hinila ni Dark Brian si Regina hahaha..." "iba yung halik ni joshua, humihigop!!" "Im only here to the kiss ahaha Im a big fan of janella and josh"

Zeinab Harake issues another apology

Zeinab Harake has once again apologized to those dragged into her online scuffle with Wilbert Tolentino.

She wrote on Facebook: "Gusto ko lang po sana humingi ng paumanhin sa lahat ng taong napagsalitaan ko ng hindi maganda at sa mga kaibigan kong nadamay sa issue na aking kinasangkutan."

"Ate Jelai, Ate Alex, Ate Donna, Ivana, Robi, Sanya, Whamos, Toni, Toro Fam, Makagago, Inuts and Sachzna. Hindi po ako magbibigay ng kahit na anong excuse, ang mga nabasa nyo po ay mga salitang nabitawan ko ng hindi ko napag isipan, tao lang din po ako katulad nyo.. Ang ugali kong ito ay hindi tama at dapat kong baguhin. I'm really sorry," she added.

The latter also apologized to her fans.

"Humihingi rin po ako ng tawad sa lahat ng zebbies ko na sobrang nadismaya sa akin. Tao lang din po ako at hindi perpekto.



1. Bday celebrant and painter Rene Calalang celebrates with friends at the painting class November 2. 2. Halloween fun is on the mind of the FCT Painting class as they wear their best costumes.

Nawa'y magkaroon po ng kapatawaran ang pagkakamali kong ito and I will try my best upang magbago, again galing sa puso ko I'm so sorry," she said. "I will move on and move forward from this dark chapter of my life. I will become better. Maraming salamat po."

The issue started after Wilbert "exposed" Zeinab, uploading numerous screenshots of their conversations. Dragged into the mess were several celebrities including Alex Gonzaga, Ivana Alawi, Donnaly Bartolome, Jelai Andres, Robi Domingo, Sanya Lopez, Daisy "Madam Inutz" Lopez, and Herlene "Hapon" Budol.

Zeinab was quick to refute Wilbert's allegations via live video. There, she also apologized to the people who got embroiled in the issue.

Kathryn's mom wants three grandkids

Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo have one of the longest relationships in showbiz. Naturally, people are wondering when the high-profile showbiz couple will get engaged or better yet, when



Kathryn Bernardo and her mom Min standing on the lot of their future home (photo from @bernardomin on Instagram)

they will tie the knot. Kathryn's mom Luzviminda, better known as "Mommy Min" to showbiz writers and fans, revealed that marriage is not yet on the mind of the two lovebirds.

When told that other actresses like Marian Rivera, Angel Locsin and Anne Curtis got married and had kids in their mid-30s, Mommy Min replied: "Wag naman kasi matanda na ako. Baka hindi ko na kayang buhatin ang apo ko. Si Karla na lang ang pwedeng magbuhat, hindi pwede yun," she quipped.

Kathryn's mother said three kids will be ideal if Daniel and Kathryn raise a family.

Mommy Min also revealed that Kathryn's dream house that's being built on an over-

looking plot of land will hopefully be finished in time for her birthday in March 2023.

She added that the actress has entered into a business venture with fellow actor Piolo Pascual and others for a small boutique resort in El Nido, Palawan which will be inaugurated by the end of the month.

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Ian Veneracion rejects politics: ‘Gusto ko mag-ipon ng kaibigan, hindi kaaway’

Actor Ian Veneracion celebrates 40 years in the entertainment industry as he gears up for his much-anticipated return to action via Studio Three-Sixty action series “One Good Day” set to stream Nov. 17 exclusively on Amazon Prime Video.

“This series will surprise our Filipino viewers in terms of quality. With the recent availability of current technologies; the level of image and sound quality, non-linear storytelling, creative and fast-paced fight scenes, that which, would certainly make us proud to showcase the Filipino talent in the art, and science of filmmaking,” said Ian, during a media conference at Seda Hotel in Quezon City last Oct. 21.

In “One Good Day,” Ian plays the role of Dale Sta. Maria, a strong-willed mobster who left the Rodrigo Organization after finding out that he has a brain tumor and that death is upon him. But with the death of his loved ones, he is drawn out of retirement and is forced to go on a final mission before calling it a day.

“The role requires a delicate balance of internal ‘order and chaos’ for any actor. A sensitive man, trapped in the complexity of having to embrace violence, in order to gain the peace and simplicity that, ultimately is, his end goal,” Ian explained.

Making this heart-pounding series a reality is notable action director Lester Pimentel Ong – best known for “Panday,” “Lastikman,” “Immortal,” “La Luna Sangre,” “Indio” and “Bagani,” to name a few.

“It gives me great pride to be creating

action content for the region – something that I feel is critical to grow the industry. I am fortunate to be doing this with Ian, who is not only a brilliant actor, but also a martial artist and an athlete – a true professional who has given Studio Three Sixty his trust,” said Direk Lester.

Joining Ian in the star-studded cast of “One Good Day” are Rabiya Mateo as Sandra, Andrea Torres as Alex Sandoval, Aljur Abrenica as Kyzer Catillo, Justin Cuyugan as Roman Rodrigo, Nicole Cordoves as Anne Rodrigo, Pepe Herrera as Joey Rodrigo, Robert Seña as Atty. Bobby Miclat and Menchu Lauchengco-Yulo as Gloria Marquez.

Also with them in this six-episode series are equally amazing talents Claire Ruiz as Mayor Beatrice Marquez, Louise Abuel as Lucky, Joe Vargas as Agent Renz Cruz, Marela Torre as Agent Kona, Lance Pimentel as Lando, and Pontri Bernardo as Governor Paulo Simon.



As he celebrates his 40 years in showbiz, Ian said that he is simply grateful for the support of his peers and the media in all his projects like movies, television shows, and concerts.

“I’m just so grateful for the respect of my peers, my directors, the networks, my friends from the press. Nakita na nila akong lumaki. And also to the people who keep supporting my projects, art exhibits, and concerts when I started going to music. Now movies and TV series. Nag-iiba na ang platform, but people are still supportive, and I am very grateful for that. It’s strange, I don’t know why. Maybe I must have done in my past life,” said Ian as he reflected on his success in the industry.

Ian also said that he has still no plans to celebrate his milestone in showbiz this year.

“I’m a simple guy. I don’t see myself as a celebrity. I’m an actor and would act on stage, on TV, or in movies, but not on the celebrity aspect. Sabi nga nila artists tell lies to create the truth. I really enjoy my job. Pag dating naman sa big celebration, I don’t know. I have no plans yet,” he said.

Asked if he would be interested to join politics, Ian said: “Politics? No, thank you. Gusto ko mag-ipon ng kaibigan, hindi

kaaway. I just want a simple, peaceful life. You know my lifestyle. I love guitars and motorcycles. That’s it. I don’t need a mansion, I don’t need sports cars. I don’t need to have my own plane because my motor allows me to fly. Okay na ako sa simpleng buhay.”

Direk Lester has only nice words for Ian. “We chose Ian because he’s an athlete. He’s a martial artist. Other than that, he’s a very good actor. And we cannot think of anybody else to portray the role of the lead here,” the director said.

Ian added: “Hindi kami friends before this. But we became friends after shooting this because we share the same passion for motorcycles, sports, and martial arts.”

Modesty aside but Ian said he did all the stunts in his latest series. “Kaya pa!”

Ian said some of the difficult stunts in the series were the motorcycle stunts. “Nasagasaan din ako ng kotse.”

Lester said he actually hired a stuntman for some of the extreme scenes. But when Ian saw what the stuntman did, Ian told Lester: “I can do better than that. He is really good at fighting.”

The series is expected to be shown in 10 countries, said Lester.

“We are very grateful to Prime Video for this opportunity. Aside from the Philippines, there are Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, and I think Taiwan and Hong Kong,” he added.

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Miss Universe suspends Miss USA 2022 organizers over Filipino-American’s alleged ‘rigged’ win

Days after R’bonney Gabriel of Texas won the Miss USA 2022 crown, allegations of favoritism were hurled against her and the Miss USA Organization; claiming that the Texan beauty queen’s victory was predetermined and that the pageant result was rigged. R’bonney denied all these rumors of favoritism. As the first Asian-American to have won the state title, her victory was historic and one for the books - a far cry from former state winners, who all sported the trademark Texan cowgirl look. The controversy started when Miss Montana 2022 Heather Lee O’Keefe pointed out a photo shoot done in a sponsor’s resort nine weeks before the Miss USA

pageant; fueling speculations that the pageant outcome was predetermined. She also emphasized the Texas connection in this brouhaha. “I think this is a big issue that a lot of us are trying to bring light to is the fact that Ms. Stewart owns so much of the organization. She owns the main organization, Miss USA, and she also owns the main sponsor of the organization which is a big issue we all have with it. “The Miss Academy sponsored Miss Texas much more than they sponsored the rest of the contestants,” alleged Miss Montana. But Crystle Stewart countered the allegation by saying, “With Miss Academy, every single con-

testant had training through an eight-week program and we offered state directors the same opportunity as a state-level sponsorship as well.” The PR material in question, of a photo shoot done in Cancun with one of the pageant’s sponsors, would still air even if Miss Texas did not win the crown. Concurring with Stewart was pageant juror Aaron Potts who said that, “The contest was very, very strict with its judges and there was no bias in choosing this year’s winner.” Last year’s winner Elle Smith said that, “They are discrediting R’bonney’s win this year because they (co-candidates) also attempted the same to me last year.” The 28-year-old Filipina-Amer-

ican beauty queen obtained her Fashion Design degree from the University of Texas. She operates an eco-friendly clothing line, R’bonney Nola.

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Sparkada talents ready to chase their showbiz dreams

After naming its Next Brightest Stars, Sparkle came to introduce GMA 7's newest barkada known as Sparkada early this year.

These new faces are groomed to regale viewers with their knack for acting, dancing, singing and hosting. Also belonging to that circle of talents are Michael Sager, Lauren King and Kim Perez.

"Since I was growing up in Canada, it's just cool to see artists performing in Vancouver," said Michael when he, Lauren and Kim were asked how doing show business piqued their interest in a virtual one-on-one. "(I thought) one day, I wanna do that. One time, my dad told me to enter an audition online as a live stream(er). So, I auditioned and luckily got through the process. With that, I continued live streaming. From there, parang nagustuhan ko lang talaga po yung ginagawa ko (it seemed that I learned to like what I was doing)."

Michael, whose family is based in Canada, asked his parents to allow him to try out showbiz in the Philippines for a year. They were supportive of him.

Lauren, for her part started dreaming of making a career out of acting since she was a kid.

"I would always watch the kid show, Hi-5, where the hosts wore nice outfits and (everyone) cheered them," recalled she. "So, I got inspired by that and I wanted to be in their shoes. You know, being idolized by others." A talent scout approached and asked her "if I was interested in modeling and I agreed," added she. "I modeled for different brands (and) I thought of pursuing my dream of becoming an actress. Then, I would go to auditions."

As for Kim, he described his young self as "the opposite of Lauren and was too

shy." With the help of his former manager, he got started as a talent and did commercials. Those beginnings have made him realize that being an artista is his dream and passion.

One day, Kim got the surprise of his life when the opportunity to be part of Sparkle presented itself to him. It was a privilege for Kim, Michael and Lauren to be handpicked by the veteran starmaker and Sparkle consultant Johnny "Mr. M" Manahan.

As GMA talents, Michael, Lauren and Kim will not only be busy with their mainstream visibility but also with their social media presence. According to them, the team behind their careers has given them workshops to manage their social media accounts on TikTok, Instagram and Facebook and help them boost their digital presence. Posting about career updates on these platforms is part of their daily routines.

"Social media presence is so important because it's my way to communicate to my fans and to check on how they are doing," said Michael, who looked at it as a way to build a relationship and "a deeper connection in a sense" with followers.

Asked where fans can find them on TV, Kim and Lauren said that Sparkada is a fixture on All-Out Sundays (AOS). Michael and fellow Sparkada boys Vince Maristela, Raheel Bhyria and Sean Lucas star in the soon-to-premiere TV series, Luv Is: Caught in His Arms, with Allen Ansay and Sofia Pablo in the leading roles.

"We really put in our hard work and effort into our first show together," said he. "I play Owen, one of the five Ferrell cousins. He excels in what he likes to do, his hobbies and of course, in his academics as

well because he wants to impress his parents. He falls in love with a girl. In the story, we'll see his obstacles, his twists and turns with this girl."

Also flexing his acting muscles is Kim, who has done a Wish Ko Lang episode and will soon share the screen with Ashley Ortega, Xian Lim and Roxie Smith via a primetime drama, titled Hearts on Ice. He has guested in The Boobay & Tekla show. Lauren, on the other hand, has appeared in shows like I Believe, AHA! and AOS.

"I think more on acting. My priority is acting," said Kim, who can also sing. "Sa ngayon, I want to be versatile, parang titignan ko muna kung saan ako OK o saan ako malakas (I want to know what genre I'm OK with or I can excel)."

With Lauren, she said that "I enjoy everything, pero mas focus ako sa acting ko. I want to be known as a versatile actress, but I'm G na G (game) if I will have a partner or go solo."

After attending acting workshops under the tutelage of coach Ana Feleo, Michael, who is into dancing and singing, said, "I really want to do well in this

craft. It's something I have fallen in love with after our series and after all the experiences. I just find it very fun, being in a different character and all that stuff. It's a good experience, overall. My dream is to become a matinee idol. If I were to be paired up with a love team (mate), I would love that. When it comes to hosting, I love to talk. If given the chance, I would love to host."

Well, the newbies are foraying into the competitive entertainment world with the guidance of the Kapuso talent arm. Michael, Lauren and Kim will always value the chance to be a Sparkada by giving their best (in every project assigned to them), working hard, being nice to everyone, and staying determined and hungry for new learnings, as they shared with this paper.

With that, Michael, Lauren and Kim are ready to chase their showbiz dreams.

Lauren King

Kim Perez

Is Dennis Padilla under ‘gag order’?

Dennis had earlier called the attention of the famed broadcast journalist to get his side as well, this after Karen interviewed the comedian's daughter Julia Barretto. Simply, Dennis only wanted to refute most of Julia's revelations. Earlier though, the comedian took to his social media account his reactions, but for some reason

deleted them all. As Cristy Fermin disclosed on her online show “Showbiz Now Na,” Viva big boss Vic del Rosario had already stepped into the picture. This is to prevent the two Viva artists, Dennis and Julia, from trading barbs on social media. Unable to contain the father-and-daughter tiff which is

already getting out of hand, Boss Vic spoke to June Rufino, Dennis’ business manager, to beg her ward to stop badmouthing Julia. More or less, this is how the convo between the film producer and June went: Boss Vic: June, kausapin mo ‘yang alaga mo. Sabihin mo na tumigil na siya. Palalim na nang

palalim ito, hindi maganda na nasa iisang studio sila pareho tapos nagbabangyan sila.” June: Yes, Boss Vic, don’t worry I’ll talk to Dennis right away. Based on Cristy’s narrative, it wasn’t sure if June got in touch with Dennis by phone or arranged a face-to-face meet-up with her ward. One thing’s for certain

though, Dennis is on “grounded status,” short of being issued a gag order. It means that if Karen or should anyone wish to interview Dennis for his side, it’s imperative that the set of questions be screened first.

Whatever either party’s supporters say, this dad-and-daughter rift has Julia on the receiving end. More than Dennis, Julia is likely to lose more. The reported dismal box office turnout of her film “Expensive Candy” is probably the unfortunate ramification to all this tacky social media sagutan. But more than the monetary side to it, it’s Dennis — being the father — who should give Julia a break.

Willie complains of Ogie’s comment

WILLIE Revillame took umbrage at Ogie Diaz’s comment on the defective sound system of the former show during All-TV’s recent soft launch. Willie, as the newly established network’s consultant aside from hosting his resurrected Wowowin, maintained that his program should be lauded for giving away papremyo to those in need rather than slammed for its technical glitches. While taking this into account, Ogie countered, “Ano ba, yung pinupuna, ‘di ba ‘yung mali? Eh, pag maganda naman, siyempre pupurihin din namin.” Ogie hosts an online show on his YouTube channel where he, along with his partner Mama Loi, tackles current issues and/or personalities embroiled in such.

His show — although not as fabulous as Wowowin in terms of giving away cash prizes — does charity work as well. Willie would actually be the last person in mind I’d encounter with such cocky remark. Coming from a TV host who’s known for having the effrontery to berate his staff for a job gone amiss on air, even threaten to fire them is unthinkable strange. The issue is certainly not about who gets richer with Willie’s papremyo, but rather it is about devising ways on how to improve a show. Known for being critical of people, shouldn’t Willie learn how to accept criticisms just the same? Hasn’t he been in this business long enough? As Ogie bluntly puts it, “Si Willie lang ba ang anak ng Diyos?”



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