



Kathniel’s romance ends

Kathryn Bernardo, Daniel Padilla confirm end of 11-year relationship

‘Deej, you gave me 11 beautiful years and the kind of love that I will forever cherish. I will always be grateful for you,’ Kathryn writes

KathNiel is no more. In a post on her Instagram on Thursday, November 30, actress Kathryn Bernardo confirmed what fans of KathNiel – her love-

team with actor Daniel Padilla – had been dreading for months: the two are no longer a couple. “Chapter closed,” the 27-year-old actress wrote in

her caption, while sharing an old photo of her and Daniel. “I hope this finally helps all of us move forward. I won’t be entertaining questions regard-

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Bomb kills 4 while at mass, 2 held

IS claims responsibility for deadly bombing in Mindanao State University

MANILA, Phl - Islamic State militants claimed responsibility for a deadly bombing at the Mindanao State University in Marawi City on Sunday that killed at least four people and injured 50 others. The bomb exploded during a Catholic Mass inside the

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Chinese militia ships swarm Julian Felipe Reef in WPS

MANILA, Philippines — At least 135 Chinese militia ships were seen “swarming” Julian Felipe (Whitsun) Reef in the West Philippine Sea during a patrol by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) on December 2.



‘ILLEGAL PRESENCE’ Chinese militia ships are “dispersed and scattered” in the area of Julian Felipe (Whitsun) Reef in the West Philippine Sea on Saturday, December 2.

Separate patrols carried out by the PCG and the Armed Forces of the Philippines in mid-November had observed the “illegal presence” of at least 111 Chinese ships on the reef

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“Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day.”

Helen Steiner Rice



“Trans women should have their own contest,” GLORIA DIAZ

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Maja Salvador
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Canlas breakup

Ayaw manghimasok ni Maja Salvador sa hiwalayan nina Miles Ocampo at Elijah Canlas.

Si Maja ang humahawak at namamahala ngayon sa showbiz career ni Miles.

Noong March 2022, kumalas si Miles sa Star Magic at lumipat sa Crown Artist Management, ang talent agency na pinamumunuan ni Maja at ng asawa nitong si Rambo Nuñez.

Sa pagdalo ni Maja sa advance screening ng first Filipino original Netflix series na Replacing Chef Chico nitong Huwebes November 23, 2023, hindi siya nakaligtas na hingan ng reaksiyon sa hiwalayan nina Miles at Elijah.

Iwas na sagot ni Maja sa entertainment press, "Ayoko munang mag-comment diyan because I just saw it now."

"So, no comment muna." Paniniguro lang ni Maja na anu't ano man ang mangyari ay mananatili siya sa tabi ni Miles.

Kinumpirma ni Elijah na nagwakas na ang mahigit dalawang taong relasyon nila ni Miles sa panayam sa kanya ng ASS-CBN.



A blessed Happy 81st, Dad! See you soon for some good cheer to set about another grand year ahead in Love's embrace, graces and blessings! ❤️
FROM MARIA NEBRES' FACEBOOK PAGE (Rafael Nebres, daughter Maria, wife Sylvia)



"We broke up a couple months ago," pahayag ni Elijah.
Nitong mga nakaraang buwan ay may mga pinagdaanan daw sila sa kani-kanilang buhay at nais muna nila itong maayos kaya sila nagdesisyong maghiwalay.
Ani Elijah, "Well, yeah, we went through a rough patch recently, mainly because we're going through our own personal stuff and it's been hard. So, we're figuring things out."
Nauwi man sa breakup ang

noo'y matamis nilang samahan at pagmamahalan, mananatili raw ang suporta ng aktor kay Miles sa mga gusto pa nitong makamit at maabot sa buhay.
Saad niya, "We're okay. We're not mad at each other or anything like that."
"I'm always gonna have love for her and I'm always gonna support her in whatever she does. And I'm always be her number one fan, basically."
"But right now, we're just taking our time figuring out ourselves and our lives right now."

'I didn't know my side boob would cause fighting':
Heart Evangelista takes down sexy photo

Actress Heart Evangelista has decided to take down her viral photo online because of fighting between her fans and bashers.
The photo, which shows Heart's side boob, has been trending on social media.
Heart said that she did not expect that her photo will cause stir online.
Fans of the actress and her bashers argued about it. "I didn't know my side boob would cause fighting! lol," Heart wrote on her Instagram story.



"I am flattered but para wala nang away archived na muna mga siissssy," she added. An Instagram user commented on Heart's post saying, "Lols, she gone wild!!"
"At some point we gotta let our hair down," Heart commented.

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Maligayang Pasko

Robb Guinto using plaster for intimate scenes in Araro

Robb Guinto dreams of working with Piolo or Alden

Kahit na unang beses pa lang makakatrabaho ni Robb Guinto si Matt Francisco ay may love scenes na agad sila sa Araro.

Gaganap bilang magkasintahan ang dalawa sa naturang Vivamax four-part series.

Paano nila pinaghandaan ang kanilang love scenes?

“Ano naman po... naging magkaibigan naman po kami agad ni Matt.

May mga limitations ba si Robb kay Matt sa mga intimate scenes nila?

“Yes po, may mga limits din naman po ako na sinabi sa kanya. Like ayoko po ng hinahawakan yung boobs ko, and then no tongue pag nagki-kiss,” pakli ni Robb.

Dahil sa limitations na ito ni Robb, aminado ang aktres na “dinaya” na lang nila ni Matt ang kanilang torrid kissing scene sa Araro.

Bakit Araro ang title ng pelikula ay may pabirong sagot ang aktres.

“Kasi po aararuhin po lahat ni Vince yung mga babae dito,” ang humahalakhak na sagot ni Robb, na pinatutungkulan si Vince Rillon na gumaganap bilang kanyang kapatid sa pelikula.

ROBB ON NUDITY

Lagi siyang may suot na plaster kahit na dapat ay hubo’t hubad ang kanyang karakter.

“Opo, may plaster po, and sa lahat naman po ng mga love scenes na ginagawa ko sa lahat ng movie, laging may plaster.”

Hindi na raw siya nasasaktan kapag tinatanggal na ang plaster niya.

Tumatawang sagot ni Robb, “Hindi naman po, nasanay na, e.”

“Nilalagyan po ng oil,” dagdag pa niya.

Halimbawang magkaroon siya ng direktor na ire-re-quest sa kanya na for art’s sake ay huwag gumamit ng plaster, ano ang gagawin niya?

“Siguro baka mahabang usapan po muna yung gagawin namin, bago po siguro ako pumayag, at saka depende din po kung gaano kaganda yung istorya.”

Kapag pagagawain siya ng frontal nudity na eksena?

“Ayun din po, parehas din po, pag-uusapan din po at saka depende pa din po sa istorya. Go naman po ako basta mapag-uusapan namin.

“Ngayon wala pa naman po.”

ROBB’S FUTURE PLANS

Bago nag-artista, sumali at nanalo na dati sa isang beauty pageant si Robb.

Kuwento ng 24-year-old actress, “Before po, nung college days ko po, at saka high school.

“Ako po yung nanalo, Ms. Fatima University po, mga 16 or 17 years old po ako nun.”

Ang Vivamax star ay isang undergraduate student ng kursong Tourism, at isang taon pa ang kailangan niyang buuin para makapagtapos.

Pero bilang breadwinner ng kanyang pamilya ay sila muna ang priority ng aktres.

“At kapag nakapag-ipon na po ako, tsaka ako mag-aaral uli,” pakli niya.

Kung bibigyan siya ng pagkakataon ng VIVA at Vivamax, umamin si Robb na gusto niyang makatrabaho si Piolo Pascual.Nasa wishlist din niya si Alden Richards.

“Yung pangalawa po si Alden, kasi ang cute ni Alden.

“Kasi napapanood ko na po siya talaga since

ano pa lang, sa Eat Bulaga!, yung silang dalawa ni Maine, AlDub fan po,” pagtukoy naman ni Robb sa dating tambalan nina Alden Richards at Maine Mendoza.

Yassi Pressman gives PHP100K to driver whose car was hit by her personal driver

PHP71K ang danyos at abala, pero binuo na niyang PHP100K.

Luhaang lumapit ang Grab driver na si Raymart Guinto sa programang Raffy Tulfo in Action noong December 1, 2023.

Kuwento ni Raymart noong November 21, bandang tanghali, nabundol ang kanyang minamanehong kotse ng isang SUV sa Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.

Ang driver ng sasakyang nakabundol sa kanya ay nakilalang si Domer Rabi.

Sa kanilang pag-uusap, nalaman ni Raymart na si Domer ay driver ng actress na si Yassi Pressman.

Read: ABS-CBN stars sama-sama sa Christmas station ID; Kathryn at Daniel magkahiwalay ng frames Ipinagbigay-alam naman ni Domer ang insidente sa actress.

Kasi po aararuhin po lahat ni Vince yung mga babae dito

Darren Espanto reveals real status of relationship with Cassy Legaspi

OPM singer Darren Espanto revealed that he and rumored girlfriend Cassy Legaspi are special friends.

“Napag-usapan na namin ni Cassy even before na kahit ano po ang mangyari, we’re gonna be part of each other’s lives in the long run,” Darren explained during his guest appearance in the “Sarap Di Ba?

Darren explained after Carmina Villaroel, host of the cooking talk show, asked the singer to explain what he meant by special friends.

He said: “It’s very genuine.” Cassy replied: “Naiyak naman ako.” Darren continued: “Everything’s genuine, not that we’re rushing anything happening. We’re always there for each other’s support. We would be lying if we just said we’re just acquaintances.”

Carmina commented on

what Darren said. The veteran actress asked the male singer: “Special friends without malice or with malice?” Darren said: “Pinagpapawisan po ako eh.”

Carmina continued: “Hindi ko talaga alam kung bakit ayaw maniwala ng ibang tao that you are just friends or special friends. Parang sinasabi nila that’s the usual showbiz answer na tinatago n’yo lang at secret lang.”

Darren said: “It comes with our profession sa industry natin. You have to give answers at saka lagi naman nasasagot kapag tinatanong po kami. We’re not hiding anything.”



Christmas is a togethery sort of holiday. That’s my favorite kind.” — A. A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh

Elijah Canlas confirms split with Miles Ocampo

“Senior High” actor Elijah Canlas has confirmed that he and actress Miles Ocampo have broken up.

“We went through a rough patch recently mainly because we are going through our own stuff,” he said, adding that they split up “a couple of months ago.”

“We are okay, we are not mad at each other... I’m always gonna have love for her and support her with what she does but right now we are taking our time figuring things out,” he said.

Managed by Cornerstone Entertainment, Canlas had just dropped his debut single, “Kilala Kita,” which was first heard on the teen drama series “Senior High.”

Written by Canlas, produced by Cavill, and released by Island Records Philippines and Cornerstone Entertainment, “Kilala Kita” is about a boy reintroducing himself to a girl



who only thinks of herself. Canlas has been gaining significant attention for his exceptional acting skills in the series “Senior High,” where he stars alongside the actress Andrea Brillantes.

In “Senior High,” Canlas delivers a remarkable performance that leaves viewers in awe of his talent. He flawlessly embodies his character, bringing a depth and authenticity that resonates with the audience. His ability to portray emotions and navigate complex storylines with finesse has earned him praise from critics and fans alike.

Canlas told ABS-CBN News that he has also been supporting Brillantes, who has been going through different challenges and issues right now.

“I really don’t want to meddle in it. We all go through our personal things and Andrea is a great person and a great artist. I have nothing but support for her and yeah we are here for her,” he said.



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♥ Breakup Season ba? 🤔🤔

Kim Chiu and Xian LIM to Break?

Next on the road to splitsville na matagal na walang media coverage na together is kimxi, love team ni Kim chiu at xian Lim. Here's how it works. Somebody will break the news. Bashing the newsbreaker will follow. Kimxi will be seen together in a party. Afterwards, Xian Lim will unfollow me sa Instagram. But I will not unfollow him. I'm not like that. Kasi, hindi ko naman siya pina-follow. 😊After a month, they will announce na split na sila. After a week, may stolen sex video po kami ni Kim Chiu na magiging viral. The ending ng video is kami po are about to have simultaneous 😊

I don't remember anything after that. Nagising po ako. Did you have dreams na nagigising ka when it's about to get exciting? Iyang po nangyari. Sinabi ko po iyan kay Kim Chiu. She blocked me po. At nag file po siya ng restraining order against me. Ehe, ano ba itong nasabi ko? Sus Guinoo ni Roxanne na nakatihaya. 😊

Miles Ocampo-Elijah Canlas Split

Have you heard about Miles Ocampo-Elijah Canlas breakup?

Well, nauna po silang nag breakup? Kaso, after a few days ng announcement nila, nag breakup naman ang Kathniel. Nawala tuloy ang publicity. Dapat kasi pinaplano ang schedule ng breakups para hindi sabay sabay. That way, lahat will get extra coverage ng Marites.

Do They Know It's Christmas?

"Do They Know It's Christmas?" is a charity song written in 1984 by Bob Geldof and Midge Ure to raise money for the 1983-1985 famine in Ethiopia. It's bad enough that we still have hunger in some parts of the world despite an abundance of food to feed the world. Now, we're creating more problems. The Ukraine-Russian war is still ongoing. Then, we still have our "invasion" from China to deal with. The latest tragedy to hit home is a bombing during mass in Marawi. The Israel-Hamas war is raging in the Middle East. The last two were started during the Christmas season. Doesn't Christmas mean anything to some of these people who start them? At least in world war 2, even combatants in the field stopped fighting during Christmas. Let's all pray for peace in the world. Everyone deserves it. I don't know what else to say.

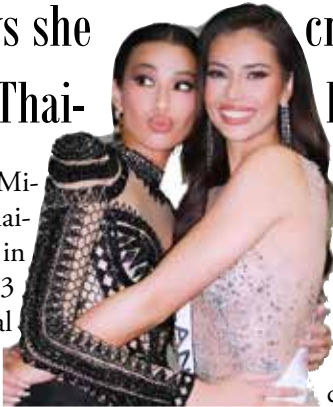
Michelle Dee says she created a 'wonderful relationship' with Miss Thailand Anntonia Porsild

The friendship between Michelle Dee and Miss Thailand Anntonia Porsild in the Miss Universe 2023 pageant was unintentional but became a "wonderful relationship," the Filipino beauty queen said.

Dee said there is no denying that the Philippines and Thailand are pageant powerhouse countries with respective vocal fanbases.

"When they started noticing we weren't communicating or talking in a social setting, they started pinning us against each other, so the fans started fighting," she recalled.

"That's why we took our first photo together during rehearsals. We wanted to showcase that we're okay, the Philippines and Thailand we're in



good terms, nothing to worry about," she added.

Dee finished at the Top 10 during the pageant's coronation night in El Salvador on Nov. 19 (Manila time), while Porsild emerged as first runner-up. Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palacios was crowned the winner.

Dee said she and Porsild did not expect to be linked together, but they were "able to create such a wonderful relationship."

"We were each other's support system. She has an amazing personality. I really cannot wait to see her again," she said.

When she returned home on Nov. 25, Dee teased she will be having a project with the Thai beauty queen. Although no details were given during her interview on New Day, she said: "There are things that we are working on."

Derek Ramsay makes a showbiz comeback

Will wife Ellen Adarna follow suit? IT'S not at all "goodbye, showbiz!" for Derek Ramsay as the Filipino-British actor has an entry to this year's Metro Manila Film Festival.

It will be remembered that the onslaught of the global pandemic in 2020 had sidelined Derek.

It was by choice that he had ditched a couple of TV and film assignments with the gnawing fear that he might contract the dreaded virus (yet he was not spared anyway).

Derek's decision to turn his back on showbiz has rubbed off on his wife Ellen Adarna whose last appearance was via a short-lived sitcom on TV.

It is pretty understandable why the couple would rather sacrifice their showbiz career and do a lot of traveling: they got the means.

Isn't this what Derek's erstwhile buddy John Estrada once said of him: "He's actually rich"?



No, Derek having lots and lots of it has nothing to do with his self-imposed retirement. More than ever, Derek feels like working on his own terms, and at his own pace.

Can he not be his own boss? Doesn't he have the right to set his own rules?

Any curious movie buff, however, cannot help but ask what was it that made Derek stage a showbiz comeback? Is his forthcoming festival entry something he hasn't done before?

Is it because of his leading lady Beauty Gonzales, his wife Ellen's close friend — them being both Visayans?

Or does Derek feel it's about time he got back on his toes, and there's no better time than Christmas? Does it mean we'll be seeing much of Derek in the coming holidays and beyond?

What about Ellen, isn't she just as eager-beaver to make her screen presence felt all over again, at least before she plans to get pregnant in the Year of the Dragon?

With all the network collaborations going on these days, Derek and Ellen may want to take advantage of these.



Maja Salvador is expecting first baby with Rambo Nuñez

Maja Salvador is going to be a mom!

The actress is expecting her first baby with husband Rambo Nuñez and she shared the exciting baby news on Instagram on the first day of December.

"Christmas came early!" she captioned the post.

In a festive setting, Maja dances to a Christmas tune amidst a fully decorated room. Meanwhile, Rambo is seen playing with their dog.

The video ends with a heartwarming scene of the couple in one frame, triumphantly displaying a sonogram. A subsequent clip showcases their joyous celebration, with Maja's growing baby bump proudly on display as they sway to the music's rhythm.

Congratulatory messages from friends and fans filled the comments section.

"Aaaw this is so adorable. Congratulations Maj and Rambo!" said Bianca Gonzalez.

"Awww beautiful congratulations babeeeeeeeee," wrote

Denise Laurel.

"My sez is gonna be a rock-star momma," wrote MJ Lastimosa.

When asked when they want to have a baby, Maja told talent manager Ogie Diaz during the ABS-CBN Ball last September that they are "ready" anytime.

"Kung kailan ibigay," she said. "Kasi I'm turning 35 this year... 20 years na akong yumuyugog nang

yumuyugog, sayaw dito, sayaw do'n, acting."

She added: "Ang tagal namin nagtrabaho ng para sa amin, sa future. So this time, pwede na ibigay anytime. We're ready."

Maja and Rambo first got into a relationship in 2010, but called it quits a few months later. They confirmed their rekindled romance in March 2019 and announced their engagement in April 2022.

The pair secretly tied the knot last Feb. 14 at a hotel in Manila. They again exchanged their "I do's" in front of more guests at the Apurva Kempinski Bali in Indonesia on Monday, July 3.



Vicki Belo, 66, reacts to viral 33-year-old photo: 'I've spent 30 years trying to get rid of these pictures'

Celebrity doctor Vicki Belo had a wholesome reaction to an Instagram pop culture account that posted her photo from 33 years ago.

User @90skabaklaan, which boasts 98,700 followers and shares nostalgic Pinoy celebrity photos, shared a photo of Belo's appearance in Metro Magazine's September 1990 issue last Nov. 26.

Her clinic was then called Intelligent Skincare and was located at Legaspi Village in Makati.

Belo caught wind of the post and, in the comments section, invited the account owner to pay a visit to her Bonifacio Global City clinic.

"Grabe ang Galing mo. Where did you find this picture buling Tuloy ako. What's your beauty wish this Christmas? Come to belo bgc (where I mostly go) so I can make your wish come true," she wrote in the post.

Belo also created a reaction video about the unexpected throwback on Instagram last Nov. 29, saying she didn't want to do it but her social media manager insisted.

"I've spent 30 years trying to get rid of these pictures, but @90skabaklaan

found it," she said. "I don't know how you guys did it, so pardon me na lang po. Please try to understand."

Belo, through a green screen, then shared the photo as she presented her old looks to her followers with pride.

"I guess this proves that Belo really works," she said, "because this is me today, double my age, from 33 to 66."

In the caption, she also wondered how the account got hold of the photo as she used a laughing face emoji.

"Grabe The '90s Kabaklaan saan n'yo 'to nahukay?" she wrote.

In a more solemn tone, Belo noted how she "grew up really conscious" about herself, prompting her to become a dermatologist and establish her own clinic.

"Belo Beauty is my brainchild to help those who felt like I did feel their best in their own skin," she said.

Belo is the chief executive officer and medical director of Belo Medical Group, which has 15 clinics in the country.

Her clientele mostly comprises celebrities. She also gives beauty advice to the public in her vlogs.



Kumukuti-kutitap 2023: Paskong Pinoy sa Toronto

The spirit of Christmas was felt in Toronto as the Kumukuti-kutitap 2023 Christmas Food and Goods Festival took center stage, filling the air with the irresistible aroma of Pinoy cuisine and the warm glow of traditional Christmas goodies.

Organized by One Pinoy and SPARC, this annual event has become a cherished tradition for the Filipino-Canadian community in the Greater Toronto Area, bringing a slice of Paskong Pinoy to their new home. The festival was a true feast for the senses, with an array of vendors offering a tantalizing selection of Pinoy food and traditional Christmas goods. From mouthwatering bibingka and putubumbong to intricately designed parols, attendees were transported to the Philippines as they explored the various stalls. The festival provided a unique opportunity to taste the flavors and experience the customs of a Filipino Christmas, a truly heartwarming experience for both Filipinos and other nationalities present. One of the highlights of the event was the Christmas Caroling Contest, which took place on the first night. Groups of at least 8 individuals showcased their Paskong Pinoy vibes through festive performances. The competition was fierce, but in the end, the JDL Performing Arts students emerged as the winners of the 1st prize, taking home \$1000 to spread

even more holiday cheer. The festivities continued into the second day with local artists from GTA gracing the stage, adding their unique flair to the celebration. However, the day reached its pinnacle when celebrity guest Tom Rodriguez, a beloved heartthrob in the Filipino entertainment



Taste of Manila's Rolly Mangante awards Dani Sani of SPARC as the Official Organizer of Taste of Manila Canada 2024.

industry, wowed the audience with his incredible performance, leaving everyone in awe. Tom's approachable nature endeared him to everyone in attendance, as he mingled with the crowd and posed for photos. Moreover, as a true entertainer, Tom serenaded the audience with his melodious voice, leaving a lasting impression and a sense of intimacy in the hearts of all those who were lucky enough to witness his performance. His ability to connect with the audience on such a personal level made the evening even more special, creating an unforgettable bond between the artist and his fans. Tom Rodriguez's presence truly added a magical touch to

an already enchanting festival, further enhancing the sense of unity and celebration that defines Paskong Pinoy. Kumukuti-kutitap 2023 was not just about entertainment and food; it was also about giving back to the community. A series of raffle draws offered festival-goers a chance to win some fantastic prizes, including a coveted roundtrip ticket to the Philippines, a bus tour in New York, and a luxurious hotel stay in Boracay, all sponsored by TransAsian Travel. Rosemarie Ami, the organizer of this event, expressed the deep significance of the Kumukuti-kutitap festival, stating that it was a gathering for all Filipinos in Canada who yearned for the warmth and traditions of Paskong Pinoy. She and her team worked tirelessly to bring the essence of a traditional Filipino Christmas to Toronto, giving the community a chance to relive cherished customs and create new memories in their adopted home.

This event brought together a diverse community, creating an atmosphere of unity, joy, and nostalgia for a true Paskong Pinoy. As the holiday season approaches, events like these serve as a reminder of the power of culture and community to bridge the gaps between worlds and create lasting bonds. Happy Holidays and see you again next year!

Sean de Guzman's long awaited new beginning

It is without much hemming and hawing that Sean de Guzman has made an important career decision: lie low in doing sexy films. Introduced in "Anak ng Macho Dancer," Sean had successfully made this as a stepping stone to eventually cut loose from flicks of the same genre. Local showbiz's newest find did not escape the attention of PMPC's Star Awards for Movies which in its 38th edition had bestowed upon him the New Male Discovery award. To further prove he's not all a delectable piece of meat — but more — who would dare question Sean's two Best Actor plums abroad (for the film "Fall Guy")? Going all the way, however, must come to an end. Having begun his stint via a slew of sexy Vivamax outings, Sean finally bids goodbye to his image as he transitions to a dead-serious actor with Viva One this time. He shares, "Hopefully, my last Vivamax movie is 'Lawa' (which pairs him with Cara Gonzales). Then I'm off to another chapter of my career." Sean admits that his crossover is a decision mutually agreed by him and his management office, "I just want to shed off the stigma!" Albeit dogged to pursue his goal to the core, it doesn't mean he won't accept any more dare-to-bare film assignments thrown his way. Cliché-ish as it sounds, "If the story calls for it, why not? But if it's just for the heck of it, sorry, I'm way past that stage." Sean is exactly no different from most actors who have gone through the sexy route. Oh, the list can be endless! But just how many of them shared the same fate as did Coco Martin — or even Rosanna Roces? Let this piece of advice though guide Sean in his quest for a rightful place reserved for legit actors: Never forget your roots.





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Marcos catches COVID-19 for 3rd time

MANILA — President Marcos has caught COVID-19 for the third time, but remains healthy enough to carry out his duties, Malacañang said yesterday.

As advised by his doctors, Marcos is under a mandatory five-day period of isolation for COVID-19 patients, the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) said.

"The President remains fit to carry out his duties and will be continuing his scheduled meetings via teleconference. Updates on his health will be provided as available," the PCO said.

The Senate, meanwhile, is again allowing a hybrid public hearing after Sen. Cynthia Villar tested positive for COVID-19 while other senators fell ill.

Marcos, through the PCO, has urged the public to remain vigilant and continue observing health protocols during the Christmas season.

"During this holiday season, President Marcos encourages the public to take precautions to safeguard their health, such as vaccinating and voluntary mask-wearing when entering crowded places," the PCO said.

Marcos, 66, was last seen in public on Saturday for the Family Day celebration of the Office of the President in Malacañang.

The President cancelled his activities yesterday, including visits to Mindanao to attend to the victims of the bombing at the Mindanao State University on Sunday and the magnitude 7.4 earthquake in Surigao del Sur late Saturday.

Marcos tested positive for COVID-19 in July 2022 and in March 2020. He received his second COVID-19 booster dose in August 2022.

The Philippines logged 1,340 new COVID-19 cases from Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, the highest number of fresh infections in 19 weeks, according to the Department of Health (DOH).

But Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa said at a Commission on Appointments (CA) hearing yesterday that he is not recommending yet the mandatory wearing of face masks, in response to a question from Sen. Nancy Binay.

"We recommend the optional wearing of masks for people of high risks, elderly and people in an enclosed

place like here in this meeting room where there are too many people, especially if you are prone to illness," Herbosa said.

In October 2022, Marcos issued Executive Order 7 lifting the mandatory wearing of face masks indoors, except in medical facilities and public transportation.

Mask-wearing, however, is still encouraged for the elderly, individuals with comorbidities, immunocompromised, pregnant women, unvaccinated individuals and symptomatic individuals, the EO stated.

Villar positive
In a message to reporters, Villar said

she tested positive for COVID-19 four days ago but her antigen test yesterday turned out negative.

"I was positive last Thursday. (The test was held at) 1 p.m. I'm negative today as per antigen. I'm waiting for the RT-PCR result," Villar said. She had her first COVID-19 infection in August 2022.

Also at the CA hearing, Sen. Bong Go cited the need for "response measures" in the face of rising global cases of influenza.

"Another issue is the rising cases of influenza, this walking pneumonia. There are reports of a surge in cases of respiratory illnesses in China. The Netherlands has also reported cases related to the bacteria that causes walking pneumonia," Go said.

He said Filipinos should learn from their experience during the pandemic years.

"Cases of flu are increasing. We should learn from what happened during our COVID-19 pandemic lessons; you (Herbosa) became a big part of the COVID response. Of course, other DOH officials, thank you for your sacrifice during the pandemic, we don't want to waste what we all worked for," Go said.

While acknowledging the rising cases of flu, Herbosa said there is no outbreak yet. "It's true that there are many flu cases not only in China but now in other countries in Europe and reported increased respiratory illness in children. But it's not attributed to the new virus, previous microbes, mycoplasma pneumonia, the respiratory syncytial virus, influenza," Herbosa said.

"In the Philippines, there is no outbreak yet according to our Epidemiology Bureau, although there are many cases because this is a season of respiratory illness," he pointed out.

"And my advice is the same. What we learned during COVID, social distancing, wearing face masks to avoid getting infected, if a child is sick, don't let them go to school," the DOH secretary added.

"There are many parties, many Christmas celebrations. If you have a cough or a cold, don't attend the party because you might infect other people at the party, let us watch our health, just reminders, especially during the Christmas celebration," he said.



Cristy Fermin also feels 'vindicated' after KathNiel confirm split

Apart from Ogie Diaz, TV host and showbiz columnist Cristy Fermin likewise feels "vindicated" after Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla's breakup was confirmed — as she noted that her earlier allegations were indeed true.

During the Dec. 1 episode of her web show "Showbiz Now Na," Fermin, alongside her co-hosts Romel Chika and Wendell Alvarez, stressed that she feels "vindicated" with their split although she noted that she's sad about their breakup.



"Nakakalungkot... pero vindicated tayo. Totoo na ang pampublikong bindikasyon na tinawag nilang fake news peddler at talaga naming pinakain ng masasamang mga salita na halos di matanggap ang kahit sino. Pero ito, lumantad na nga ang katotohanan (It's sad, but we're vindicated. Even though we're accused of being fake news peddlers and we received vengeful remarks from the public, the truth came out)," she said.

The columnist noted that she's not rejoicing over the breakup of Bernardo and Padilla, but rather, her feeling of vindication stemmed from her claim that it was Padilla's mother, Karla Estrada, who made her and her co-hosts seem like the bad guys.

Last November, Estrada belied claims that she confirmed KathNiel's split even before the couple did. She said and that she will never meddle in the personal lives of her children.

"Binalita namin ang pagsasalita ni Karla Estrada sa isang source na nakarating sa amin. Pinalabas kaming sinungaling ni Karla Estrada," claimed Fermin. "Very vague nga, sabi namin, na hiwalay na nga ang kanyang anak kay Kathryn o siya ang nagkalat ng balitang ito... Nakaramdam ako ng vindication."

(We reported that Karla Estrada confirmed their split to a source, then she made us to be liars. Our reporting was very vague back then, that her son was indeed separated from Kathryn for good or she squealed the news. I felt the vindication.)

"Dumaan kami sa panahon na maurirat at isang tandang pananong ng publiko, [kahit] na ang naging pasimuno ay si Karla Estrada. Kahit pagbintangan niyo kami, lalabas at lalabas ang katotohanan kahit anong pagtatakip. Sinabihan kami ni Karla Estrada, hindi man direkta, nang sinungaling. Sino ngayon ang sinungaling?" she further added.

Alden Richards shares glimpse of being first-time director of upcoming film: 'When a dream turns into reality'

Alden Richards is undoubtedly committed to his role as a first-time director with much passion.

The local star recently added another feather to his cap when he announced that he is going to star, produce, and direct his upcoming film.

In an Instagram post, Alden shared a picture of three folders that had "Producer Alden Richards," "Alden Richards as Alex Roman Director," and "Mr. Alden Richards as Director," printed on them.

He captioned the post, "When a dream turns into reality."

In a new post, Alden teased a glimpse of what he's like in the director's chair as he posted a video of himself being hands-on with his crew and instructing

the camerawoman on how to shoot the scene properly.

His dedication to the job earned him praises from his followers, who all shared their excitement at getting to watch the final output on the big screen.

"Congratulations Alden! Nakakatuwang makita kang fulfilling your dream of working behind the cam! Excited kaming makita ang fruit of your passion! God bless you, Alden!" one user wrote.

Another one commented, "Excited na makita pung paano magdirect ang aming idol."

"May script na kami, may cast na kami, and excited ako for this. This is happening this November, before Christmas."

Alden has been enjoying much success in the past

few months in his showbiz career. He recently starred in the romantic drama film *Five Breakups and a Romance* with Julia Montes, which has now earned P72 million in gross sales and was also released in selected cinemas in California this November.

Aside from this, he will also star in the upcoming movie *Family Of Two* (A Mother and Son's Story) with Sharon Cuneta, which is a part of the 2023 Metro Manila Film Festival.



Sam Milby on getting married and starting a family with Catriona Gray

Sam Milby expressed his excitement as he shared some details about his 2024 wedding with Catriona Gray as well as their plans on starting a family.

"I'm very excited. We have a great team behind us, helping us prepare so it is a little stressful," the 39-year-old actor said in an interview with ABS-CBN News at a recently concluded fashion event with renowned designer Francis Libiran.

The *Replacing Chef Chico* star remained tight-lipped about the exact date of their big day, but revealed that they're opting for an intimate ceremony



suit by Libiran.

When asked about their plans to start

in 2024. He added that they are both hands-on with planning, but said that Catriona is "much more of the planner than [he is]."

Sam also revealed that he's going to wear a

a family after marriage, Sam said that he is "ready," noting that he is about to turn 40 next year.

But is Catriona ready to be a mom? Sam answered: "It's not that she's ready—we're both so excited to start a family, but it's enjoying the marriage first."

In September, the 29-year-old beauty queen-model briefly talked about their wedding plans, sharing that she's been preparing mood boards and vision boards to gather their pegs—from the venue's design to their desired colors.

Catriona also mentioned that Sam mostly lets her decide on their wedding, but she enjoys it more when they collaborate.

"We're really collaborating on anything, which I think is great. I also want to feel his voice in the wedding," she said.

Sam went Instagram official with Catriona on his birthday in 2020. They got engaged in February 2023.

The couple has been busy with their individual and joint commitments, including their concerts *The Heartthrob* and *the Queen in Hawaii* and *Only You-niverse* in Canada.

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Trillanes accuses Duterte of destabilization, coup plot vs Marcos

MANILA, Philippines — Former senator Antonio Trillanes IV has accused former president Rodrigo Duterte of supporting efforts to destabilize and stage a coup against the Marcos administration.

Duterte has denied fomenting destabilization.

Trillanes told “The Chiefs” on Cignal TV’s One News on Nov. 11 that Duterte is a “coward” and a power-hungry man who has been laying the foundations for

an uprising.

“At this point in time, I think it is clear that there are plans to return to power by any means. If you’re talking about Duterte and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, GMA has done it with (former) president Erap (Joseph Estrada),” he said in a mix of English and Filipino.

“Duterte has not experienced a life without being in power. He cannot breathe until he has returned to power.

Plus the fact that he is under threat by the International Criminal Court. It’s a matter of survival for him and physical freedom. He has the motive to do all these things,” he added.

Trillanes, a former soldier who led mutinies against the Arroyo administration in 2003 and 2007, said he agreed with military chief Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr., who said that destabilization and coup plots are two different things – as the for-

mer is mostly political while the latter involves the military with political support.

Citing his experience, Trillanes believes that destabilization and coup plans are currently at the agitation phase with the political component being prepared while online trolls feed agitating issues.

The Marcos and Duterte forces will inevitably have “a head-on collision and one party will either be obliterated or weakened significantly,” he said.

No more beauty pageants for Herlene Budol?

IF this bit of news will make her non-fans and critics alike any happier, there’s no more joining Miss Universe Philippines for Herlene Budol next year.

The once-called Hipon Girl has realized – albeit late – it’s only she who’s forcing her way through beauty pageants.

Save for her erstwhile mentor-manager Wilbert Tolentino, Herlene – for all her sheer candor – has openly admitted, “I’ve come to realize that it’s not where I’m destined to be!”

She hastened to add that joining three pageants (one local, Mutya ng Angono) and two national) was already good enough.

Herlene finished first runner-up in the Binibining Pilipinas last year, and was crowned Miss Tourism Philippines in the Miss Grand Philippines. I’m over and done with. There won’t be any next national pageant,” she said with finality.

It will be remembered that months back, Herlene was toying with the idea of trying her luck at the MUP saying, “I’m only 23 years old so I’m within the age requirement.” The actress-comedienne was all the more hell-bent in her pursuit as she bragged about taking tutorial lessons in English to prepare herself for the nerve-racking Q & A portion.

“I’m sure by then my oral communication skills will have improved a lot,” I recall Herlene having said.



So, if it’s totally goodbye to beauty pageants for the Angono girl, what alternative career path does she intend to tread?

Seemingly confident, she jested, “I’ll just pursue modeling. At least, I don’t have to worry about the Q&A stuff anymore!”

While she has put pageantry all behind her, Herlene is not about to turn her back on the one person who had made it all possible: Wilbert.

To say the least, Wilbert’s official resignation as her manager on July 31 broke Herlene’s heart. On his Facebook account, Wilbert cited family and health issues as grounds for disengaging himself as Herlene’s manager.

On the verge of tears, Herlene acknowledged the efforts of Wilbert (who she calls Mima) to get to where she is today.

“I now have a house, a car, several endorsements, a showbiz career, bank savings, yes, a better life now than I had before all because of him. In short, there would have been no Herlene Budol if there was no Wilbert Tolentino!”

Herlene likewise disproved speculations that her having become a swellhead was Wilbert’s reason for ditching her.

In fact, “Despite what happened, Mima assured me he’s just one call away if I need help. For that, I love him so much!”

Marian on film with Dingdong, make peace with Heart

My heart is happy. My heart is at peace,” declared actress Marian Rivera.

“[The reconciliation with Heart happened] in God’s perfect time. Whatever we talked about behind the cameras, please allow it to remain between just the two of us because it’s too personal. I’m just happy that we’re talking. Up to now, our communication lines have remained open. God is good,” Marian told reporters.

“At this point in my life, having peace of mind is important. It’s better that you’re not avoiding anyone. I keep saying, ‘God is really awesome because He will give you only what’s best for you.’ I’m now super happy and peaceful—let’s just leave it at that,” Marian stressed.

Marian and Heart created buzz on social media after their followers noticed that they were already following each other on Instagram, and when the two actresses started exchanging “heart” comments.

They had a misunderstanding in 2011 while filming the Regal Entertainment-produced “Temptation Island” on a set in Ilocos Norte reportedly because of Marian’s beau, Dingdong Dantes. However, the two actresses never confirmed this.

“We also have a lot of friends in common.



We have been talking for a long time now. I just don’t talk about this in interviews because I don’t want it to be seen as a publicity stunt. She has a very strong character, but she has kindness in her heart.”

Working together

When asked if she would be open to working with Heart again in the future, Marian said: “Why not? Oo naman.” Meanwhile, Marian said there were only two more shooting days left for her film with Dingdong, “Rewind,” to wrap up. Mae Cruz-Alviar’s drama is a finalist in the 2023 Metro Manila Film Festival.

Dingdong’s return to film

She continued: “This movie will really make you cry, but I assure you, ‘yong iyak na masarap sa dibdib. I tried to do my best to portray my character. I hope the audience will appreciate it.”

On the fact that 10 movies will be competing in this year’s MMFF, Marian pointed out: “More than the competition, I’m happy that people are slowly returning to the cinemas. I’m also happy that there are more options for them this year. I hope they will watch all the entries, but watch ‘Rewind’ first.”

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Arci Muñoz reveals she lost P500K after a man stole her credit card in business-class flight

Arci Muñoz revealed she lost P500,000 from her credit card which was stolen mid-flight when she was traveling to South Korea from Japan.

The 34-year-old actress-model, who flew in business class, recalled her “horror story” again in her interview with media.

“Nag-nap ako, pag-gising ko, wala na ‘yung bag ko doon. Tapos ‘yung lalaki, nakatayo sa cubicle doon sa plane, sa cubicle ko. He was getting my magazine. Pagkakita ko, ‘yung bag ko nasa aisle na. Binitawan niya kasi nakita niya ako,” she recalled.

Arci shared that she thought nothing was stolen after immediately checking her belongings, so she told the flight attendant that all her personal items were still there. She also noted how she didn’t want to cause any disturbance to the staff and other passengers.

“Pero ayoko maging judgmental. I wanted to avoid conflict. When I searched my bag, andoon naman ‘yung wallet ko. ‘Di ko na-isa-isa ‘yung cards,” she said. “Ayoko mang istorbo. Ayoko ng commotion. I told the flight attendant everything is here.”

It was two days later when she realized that her



credit card was stolen after receiving a notification from the bank that it was used in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, and Jakarta, Indonesia. Among the things that were purchased were diamonds and a brand-new iPhone.

“Noong time na nalaman ko, I went straight to the bank,” she continued. “Saka sana may alert. Usually pag nag-withdraw ka may text. This time wala ako na-receive, so feel ko modus talaga.”

“Okay lang kung pinang-travel ko, pinang-produce ko ng pelikula. Pinaghirapan ko ‘yan. Ang sakit talaga,” she lamented.

The Open star first shared the experience on Nov. 9 via her TikTok account. The said flight was her connecting flight bound for the Philippines.

“I am doing this, it is for awareness na huwag tayo masyadong kampante. Imagine I thought I was in a safe place, in a premier airline,” she said, advising the public to be always on alert in public spaces, especially when traveling alone.

“Ayoko isipan masama tao kasi, pero ngayon, I really need to be alert. It was so unfortunate, kasi ‘di ko talaga alam gagawin ko. I am heartbroken, ‘di pa nababalik,” she said.

Arci shared that she is currently appealing to the bank regarding the unauthorized purchases; she has also coordinated with Korean Air and is now waiting for their response.

TAPE loses ‘Eat Bulaga’ trademark in favor of TVJ

The Television and Production Expo- nents (TAPE), Inc. said it will appeal the ruling of the Intellectual Proper- t y Office of the Philippines (IPOPhl) dismissing its trademark registration for “Eat Bulaga” in favor of its erst- while hosts, Tito and Vic Sotto, and Joey de Leon, collectively known as TVJ.

Atty Maggie Garduce, counsel for TAPE said the production outfit has yet t o receive a copy of the IPOPhl’ Bureau of Legal Affairs’ decision, but based on reports, it will likely file a motion for reconsideration.

“If this is true, under the rules, TAPE can appeal this decision to the director of the BLA of IPO,” Garduce said.

Garduce said TAPE will exert all efforts to appeal to the IPOPhl’s ruling.

“If still unsatisfied with the decision of the direc- tor, they (TAPE) can still appeal it to the director gen- eral of the IPO. TAPE will avail of all legal actions/ remedies to reverse this decision.” she declared.

Forgiving heart eludes Pokwang

Forgiveness is a term yet to find its way into Pokwang’s vocabulary.

For a short while, the comedienne had mellowed as far as badmouthing her erstwhile partner Lee O’Brian on social media is concerned – thanks to her BFF Eugene Domingo.

Having wrapped up work in a movie together, Uge (as Eugene is known for in showbiz circles) became Pokwang’s adviser.

Obviously with a broader understand- ing about life, Uge made Pokwang realize it’s about time the latter re- frained from posting her hate comments against Lee.

It took Uge’s practical wisdom to knock some sense in Pokwang’s head. Or so the netizens thought.

Stubbornness – again – got the better of Pokwang. Her what we may call “baitan-baitan school of acting” on social media was brief as it was pretentious.

What triggered Pokwang’s anti-Lee mien anew was Ryan Bang’s guesting on “Fast Talk with Boy Abunda.”

On the afternoon show, the South Korean yet Pinoy- heart TV host expressed his gladness if he’d be allowed stay in the country for as long as he so wished.

Ryan shared how he has gotten used to our culture, and how he has endeared himself to us Filipinos – who love him back just the same.

Pokwang must have monitored that particular episode, if only for having conveniently found a way to connect Ryan’s case to that of Lee’s.

Pokwang then posted in the vernacular: “Ryan deserves to stay here because he’s a good person, who’s neither a user nor an opportunist compared to the others out there!”

A no-brainer guessing game, there could be no- body else Pokwang was alluding to. Comments from netizens who could only take so much of Pokwang’s anti-Lee’s posts poured in.

Telling Pokwang to give Lee a break is simply an exercise in futility!

‘Bumalik po sana kayo sa sine’: Vilma Santos asks Filipinos to support MMFF 2023

“Star for All Seasons” Vilma Santos asked Filipinos to go back to the cinemas and support this year’s Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF).

“Wala man akong ibang hinihiling ngayon, bum- alik po sana kayo sa sine! Pakiuna po ang ‘When I Met You In Tokyo,’ a very, very sim- ple love story. No hysterics, wala ka- ming kontrabida,” Vilma said.

“It’s a very sim- ple love story. You



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Life’s brighter under the sun



will fall in love. Tatlong bagay lang mararamdaman nila (manonood) rito- magiging happy, kikiligin sila, and they will become emotional,” she added.

Vilma’s fans day happened in Tramway last November 25 and was organized by Vilma Santos Solid International, Silent Vilma- nian and Vilma Santos Forever Friends International.

Vilma said that she’s grateful to have a fans day again after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The veteran actress credited her “Vilmanians” for the success of

her showbiz career.

“Kung saan man ako ngayon ay utang na loob ko sa mga diehard Vilmanians ko na ‘yung iba nakasama ko nang maging senior citizen, ‘yung iba namatay na but the good thing is they’re still here. They are part of the inspiration to do and dream more para sa showbiz career ko at sa marami ko pang gustong gawin,” she said.

“Dahil nakikita ko rin ang enthusiasm at pagmama- hal nila sa akin, ginaganahan tuloy ako. Good thing is, nandoon din ang mga millennials ko. Dahil sa vlog ko nagkakaroon nako ng mga millennials na tagahanga. Enjoy na enjoy akong makita sila na meron pang mga bata,” she added.



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It's officially Christmas time, so says Mariah Carey



Mitzi Faigal (2ND FROM LEFT) of Mitzville Farms welcomed the Christmas season with a mini-festival. In photo are Kapuso Lions Club enjoying the festivities.

At the stroke of midnight on November 1, Mariah Carey, marked the onset of the most wonderful time of the year on her Instagram.

In September, Carey ac-

knowledge her Filipino fans' enthusiasm for her holiday hit, "All I Want for Christmas is You," in a post on X.

So, she 'allowed' her Filipino fans to start playing the song as early as September, learning that it had already garnered

hundreds of thousands of streams on Spotify as the "ber" months began.

This gesture highlighted the special connection between the Philippines and her iconic Christmas song.

In Toronto, we "officially" welcomed the Christmas season with two celebrations.

Kumkuti-kutitap Paskong Pinoy (KPP) 2023 held their 2-day event last November 3-4.

Out in the west side of the city, Mitzi Faigal of Mitzville Farm & Residences held their First Annual Autumn Festival 2023 in Chatsworth last November 4.

Being here at KPP, I found out how important a good emcee is.

If the event is lively and noisy, the job of an emcee is easy. Nobody pays attention the emcee. If an event lacks noise, then, everything is on the emcee/s to provide the lively atmosphere.

Imagine being an emcee trying to keep the atmosphere alive. That would involve being able to talk endlessly about everything under the sun to make sure the event does not end up into silence. I watched Rom Nami emcee Kum-



SOHPH Most Outstanding Child Ambassador Nathalie Goss with President Maria Sherry Tan and MPP Vijay Thanigasalam.

she had to lead or sort of mentor Toven because Toven is still a bit reserve. The next day, she started hosting from 10AM with Toven. Toven had to leave around noon and she was joined by Ryan Orlanda until 5pm when she had to leave to emcee a wedding function. Kudos to emcees who have the unenviable job of keeping an event lively.

Camilineos of Toronto held their Christmas party last November 18.

The Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) held their Mrs. Philippines pageant followed by their Christmas party on the same day. Some guests of the capacity crowd of 440 plus were dancing between tables as there were no more room on

the dance floor.

Seeds of Hope International Pinakbet International Inc. (SOHPH) had their Induction of Officers and Ambassador awards night. SOHPH is led by their President Maria Sherry Lacson Tan. She is also a PIDC Mrs. Philippines Canada Ambassador 2022.

The Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) again held a smaller get-together for volunteers and associations who have been instrumental in its success at Burrows Hall.

Sanib Saya (SS) was held at Mt. Zion Filipino Seventh Day Adventist Church at North York. SS is a Christmas celebration for everyone. This year, they included seniors, children, caregivers and international students.

Officially, the Christmas season starts on November 1, according to Mariah Carey. By the looks of it, we Filipinos are celebrating it to the fullest. And if we are going to give love on Christmas day, may everyday be Christmas in our heart.

With this, I bid everybody God bless and good night.

Ivana Alawi reveals she's seeing someone, declares 'heart is happy'

Ivana Alawi opened up about the status of her love life, disclosing she is currently seeing someone and that her heart is happy.

The "Batang Quiapo" star, 26, made this revelation during a question-and-answer vlog with fellow actress Bea Alonzo, as seen on the former's YouTube channel last Saturday, Dec. 2. In the video, the actresses are eating a king crab while Ivana's sister, Mona, asks them questions behind the camera.



"Kamusta love life?" Mona asked, to which Ivana immediately responded, "Ay, bongga 'yung kanya (Alonzo)!"

Alonzo then pointed out that the public already knows about the status of her love life, and turned to Ivana as a signal for her to answer the question.

"I'm seeing some-

one so ayon, I'm happy. My heart is happy," Ivana revealed.

Ivana opted not to give further details about her beau, but she quipped that she would be telling Alonzo more about him after the vlog.

Prior to this, Ivana also opened up about her love life in a September vlog with younger actress Andrea Brillantes, saying at the time

that she was not in a relationship but that she was in a getting-to-know-each-other stage with someone.

In 2022, Ivana admitted being a "sugar mommy" in her past relationships, adding that she thought such a setup was normal for people who are dating.

Andrea Brillantes series 'Senior High' now available in Canada

Andrea Brillantes, the lead star in Senior High, takes the spotlight on ABS-CBN, the Philippines' leading content provider, extending its reach to a broader global audience.

Starting this month, the series and other select programs, including primetime and afternoon shows are now accessible on-demand in Canada through YouTube.

Canadian viewers can now enjoy the latest episodes of their beloved Kapamilya shows on ABS-CBN Entertainment's YouTube channel, free of charge and with the convenience of on-demand access. These episodes became available in Canada one week after their initial livestream in the Philippines.

Indulge in the captivating adventures of Tanggol (Coco Martin) in FPJ's Batang Quiapo, the delightful investigation of Caroline and Bingo (Belle



Mariano and Donny Pangilinan) in Can't Buy Me Love, and the thrilling revelations of Sky (Brillantes) in Senior High.

The noontime program It's Showtime continues to spread joy and entertainment, featuring non-stop good vibes and enjoyable moments with the "Showtime" family. Afternoon shows like Pira-Pirasong Paraiso and Nag-Aapoy Na Damdamin promise to evoke a rollercoaster of emotions as shocking truths unfold in the series.

Music enthusiasts can tune in to musical game shows Everybody, Sing! with Vice Ganda and I Can See Your Voice with Luis Manzano. For those seeking inspiring and light-hearted conversations, join momshies Jolina Magdangal, Melai Cantiveros, and Regine Velasquez on the lifestyle talk show Magandang Buhay.

ABS-CBN Entertainment YouTube channel is recognized as the most subscribed YouTube channel in Southeast Asia with over 45 million subscribers.

Melai's time to shine

TV host and comedienne Melai Cantiveros-Francisco embarked on a new mission as she bannered the Filipino-Korean action-comedy movie, Ma'am Chief: Shakedown in Seoul.

Taking on the titular role, Melai is playing the role of SP04 Crisselda "Selda" Kaptan, the "fangirl pulis ng bayan" who disguised as a tourist guide in South Korea to do a secret mission to apprehend a dangerous fugitive.

"I'm so nervous. I really felt very nervous because I didn't even know why I was chosen and given this character. I feel so nervous and so flattered," said Melai.

Melai shared that she underwent a series of workshops and training both as a fangirl and as a policewoman.

"We had a series of workshops on how we can play the character of being a K-pop fan because K-pop fans know exactly if you're just pretending to be a fan," stated Melai. Melai expresses her gratitude that the people behind 'Ma'am Chief: Shakedown in Seoul' entrusted her with the character of 'Selda'.

"And then, we also had fight scenes—me, Jennica, and Karylle. We had training for our action scenes. However, they provided us Korean stunt director," she added.

Melai then became emotional as she expressed her gratitude for entrusting her with the lead role.

"I am so amazed. I can tell that God really moves in mysterious ways. We just need to believe and trust in God's plan for our lives. I will not forget this moment. This is one of the things that God moved in mysterious ways in my life," she continued.

The film also features Alora Sasam, Bernadette Allyson Estrada, Dustine Mayores, Enzo Almario, Jennica Garcia, Karylle Tatlonghari, Manel Sevidal, Pepe Herrera, Sela Guia, and Al Tantay.



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2. Tom Rodriguez drops by FV Foods at Kumukutikutitap Christmas festival.
3. Hazel Lyn Buenaventura of Hazels Baked Goods, and assistant gets visited by Tom Rodriguez.
4. Kumukutikutitap organizers Rose Ami, Sani Baluyot and FreddyLita Mendigoria poses with actor Tom Rodriguez.



Paul Soriano Returning to showbiz with renewed vigor

"Now having Polly (his second child with actress-wife Toni Gonzaga) also made him realize that he needs to protect his family – away from politics"

Award-winning director Paul Soriano has been keeping a low profile since he resigned as Malacañang's Presidential Advis-



er on Creative Communications in July. He has been focusing on his family and his new film, The Fisher, which received rave reviews at the Tokyo International Film Festival.

Direk Paul's resignation came after he faced criticism for his family ties to President Bongbong Marcos and First Lady Lisa Araneta-Marcos. Some people felt that he was not the right person for the job, while others defended him, saying that he was qualified and had done a good job.

Direk Paul's friends say that he is happy to be back in the private sector and is looking forward to sharing his new projects with everyone. They also say that he is still close to the Marcos family and that there is no animosity between them.

"Definitely, Direk Paul is not leaving showbiz. He has big plans to help the ailing entertainment industry. He's excited to reveal all these but he requests patience from everyone. Also, Direk Paul is thankful for having served in the government even for a brief period. As fate would have it, he's better off in the private sector," the source continued.

The director is now back in the showbiz scene and is working on new projects. He is also taking courses on new trends in content creation and how to create better synergy between mainstream media and social media.

His friends say that he is happy to be back in the private sector and is looking forward to sharing his new projects with everyone.

Our source concluded that Direk Paul's universe

now revolves around his role as a writer and director and that he finds joy in quietly pursuing these endeavors.

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Heaven Peralejo graduates from college on 24th birthday

Heaven Peralejo just gifted herself a business degree on her 24th birthday.

The award-winning actress shared photos and clips from her graduation day held on Saturday, Nov. 25.

“Starting my 24th year with a degree as I officially march as a graduate. Onto bigger and better things,” she wrote on her Instagram post.

The Nanahimik ang Gabi star earned her bachelor’s degree in business management at Southville International School affiliated with Foreign Universities.

Fans and celebrities extended their congratulatory messages to the actress.

“Solid! Congrats [Heaven Peralejo]!” musician Kean Cipriano wrote.

“Wowwww congratulations,” actress-singer Vina Morales commented.

Actress Iza Calzado also commented, “Amazing! Congratulations, anak!!!”

Heaven rose to fame being one of the teen housemates of ABS-CBN’s reality show Pinoy Big Brother in 2016. She is known for her roles in movies and TV shows Loving Emily, A Family Affair, Linlang, and more. In August, she was hailed as the best actress for her role in Nanahimik and Gabi at the Film Academy of the Philippines’ 39th Luna Awards. The following month, she earned the same award for the same role at Asian Academy Awards 2023

Just recently, she was named the new muse for Brgy. Ginebra San Miguel for the 48th season of the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA).

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Gillian Vicencio on KathNiel split: ‘Wag niyo po ako idamay, hindi po totoo’

Kapamilya star Gillian Vicencio has been linked to the breakup of former power couple Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla, also known as KathNiel.

Netizens tagged Gillian to KathNiel’s split following online stories she allegedly had an affair with Daniel.

But Gillian denied the allegations. She called on netizens to respect Kathryn and Daniel.

“Wag niyo po ako idamay dito, hindi po totoo. Bigyan naman po natin sila ng respeto,” wrote Gillian on X (formerly known as Twitter).

Earlier, Gillian wrote: “Hello everyone. People been so harsh to me lately, about the Kathniel Issue, I will not confirm anything whether the issue is true or not but all I can say is my conscience is clear.

“I want Kathryn or the management to be the one to confirm the rumors about me and DJ. As of now let’s not spread hatred, but spread kindness.”

Gillian is the second celebrity to be linked to the collapse of KathNiel’s 11-year relationship. The first one was Andrea Brillantes, who remained mum about the issue.

Gillian, 22, was recently seen in the movie project “A Very Good Girl” starring Kathryn and Dolly De Leon. She is a commercial model and YouTube vlogger.

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Filipino-inspired outfits.

Since 2010, the officers and members of PCCF have worked tirelessly to organize events such as the Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show sa Toronto and the Pageants with a Cause. PCCF has been fulfilling its mission to uplift the lives of the needy through development projects in the Philippines such as the PCCF TALA Village, distribution of relief goods and other initiatives aimed to empower our needy kababayans.

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1. Publisher-photographer Joey Baking poses with former PCCF Miss Teen Philippines Canada Alexa Grant Alexa Grant at the PCCF Christmas gala.
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2. Joey Baking poses with Alexandra Melnychenko at the 6th Sanib Saya celebration.





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Heart Evangelista on Marian Rivera: ‘Real queens support each other’

Socialite-artist Heart Evangelista spoke kind words about her fellow actress Marian Rivera, closing the chapter of the years-long rumored feud between the two. Their fans noticed that they’ve begun following each other on Instagram, even exchanging comments on one of Heart’s posts. In an interview with several members of the media including Philstar.com at an 11.11 sale launch of a fashion retailer, Heart was asked about her recent exchange with Marian.

Heart shared that Marian is a colleague of her sister who have been in touch for a while, and that she and Marian have several mutual friends. “Hindi lang ako nagpapa-interview because I don’t want [it to be seen as] publicity. Something like that should be from the heart,” Heart continued. “Marian, we’ve always liked each other, and it’s a true testament that queens should always support each other... Real queens support each other.” She explained that her situation with Marian has



never been in troubling doubt, pointing to outside forces as to why a so-called rift emerged. “It’s really the people around us that make things bad.... Okay kaming dalawa as individuals,” Heart said. “I really appreciate her. She has a very strong character. I really appreciate her kindness and her heart.” Heart also said that the recent events are something people can apply in their own



lives as someone who does not want any rivalries, “Yung mga away natin sa ibang tao [na] naka-kasalungat sa buhay natin, sometimes the person isn’t our real enemy.” Heart is not sure if she will have a chance to work with Marian again anytime soon. They last appeared together in the 2011 comedy film “Temptation Island” with Rufa Mae Quinto, Lovi Poe and Solenn Heussaff. “What’s important is in the real world, we’re okay,” she ended.



Michelle Dee elated over PH tourism envoy job: ‘Full circle moment’

Michelle Dee was full of gratitude after the Department of Tourism (DOT) named her as the country’s tourism ambassador, describing it as a “full circle moment.” Weeks after representing the Philippines in Miss Universe 2023, Dee was bestowed with the honorary title during a courtesy call at the DOT central office in Makati where Tourism Secretary Christina Frasco was present, as seen on Dee’s Instagram account last Saturday, Dec. 2. The beauty queen looked breathtaking in a white balintawak Filipiniana by Dee Javier and LVNA by Drake Dustin silver earrings. “Full circle moment. I’ve always been proud to call the Philippines my home and to call



myself Pi-noy! To be able to work closely with the Department of Tourism to achieve our shared goal of promoting #FILIPINAS is a dream come true,” she wrote on Instagram. Dee’s agency Sparkle GMA also congratulated the actress-beauty queen on her newest milestone. “Congratulations Michelle, we know you will continue to do great things in your role as tourism ambassador! We’re very proud of you,” its caption on Instagram states. Aside from the honorary title, Dee was also tapped to be part of DOT’s Philippine Experience Program (PEP) which puts the spotlight on the country’s heritage, arts, and culture through regional caravans.

It’s time to support the ever-charming Gehlee Dangca as she shines in South Korea’s ‘Universe Ticket’

The spotlight is on Gehlee Dangca, a proud Filipino contestant gracing the stage of SBS’s groundbreaking audition variety program, “Universe Ticket.” The show has taken the K-pop scene by storm, offering 82 aspiring idols the chance to battle it out and fulfill their dreams of becoming part of the next global sensation and debuting in a new K-pop girl group. Gehlee stands out among the talented pool of hopefuls. The 16-year-old Filipina was determined, saying, “Nothing can stop me. I will definitely debut!” Her unwavering commitment and charisma have not only caught the audience’s attention but also garnered international praise. The groundbreaking SBS audition variety program promises a unique viewing experience, offering a reality survival show format where 82 contestants vie for just eight coveted spots in a new K-pop girl group, which will be managed by the



new Korean agency F&F Entertainment. The significance of the number 82, representing Korea’s country code, adds a special layer to the competition, resonating with the essence of K-pop culture. Gehlee’s overflowing charm has been captivating audiences and TikTok users alike. From her impressive talent to unforgettable moments on the show, Gehlee has become a standout figure in the fiercely competitive world of “Universe Ticket.” The panel of judges, led by Girls’ Generation member Hyoyeon, includes notable figures such as vocalist Younha, singer-songwriter Adora, Kim Se-jeong, and dancer Rian of LA CHICA. Adding to the star-studded lineup, ITZY members Yeji and Chaeryeong will serve as mentors, providing invaluable guidance to the contestants. Fans and supporters of Gehlee Dangca are urged to download the Fancast app to cast their votes. Search for “Gehlee Dangca” and click ‘Vote’ to show your support for this rising star on her journey to debut. PH Represents! Let us rally together and make Gehlee’s dreams come true!

KATHNIEL IS NO MORE as Kathryn Bernardo, Daniel Padilla confirm breakup

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ing this anymore. Thank you for understanding.”

On Instagram, the “Hello, Love, Good-bye” star shared her official statement regarding the breakup.

“I want you to hear it straight from me: It’s true that DeeJ and I have decided to part ways,” she wrote. “What DeeJ and I had was real. It was never for show,” she added. “We were together not because of the cameras, not because of the fans, not because of the money that comes with a successful love team.”

Kathryn said she would never regret the 11 years spent with Daniel.

“These are 11 years that brought me joy, adventure, and the feeling of being home,” she said.

“He knew me more than anyone else. He was my first boyfriend. He was my comfort zone. He was my person. I will always have love for him,” she added.

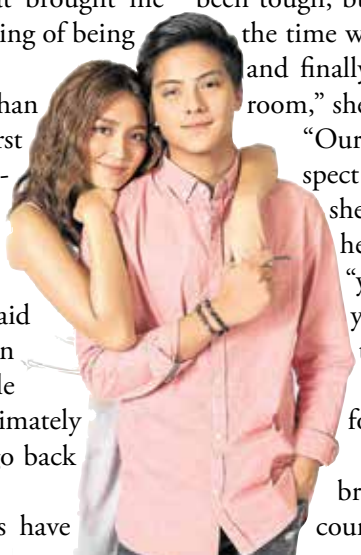
The 27-year-old actress said she and Daniel have been “drifting apart” for a while now, and they had to ultimately accept that they couldn’t go back to what they used to be.

“These past few months have been tough, but thank you for giving us the time we need to process the pain and finally face the elephant in the room,” she said.

“Our love story began with respect and ended with respect,” she added. Kathryn ended her post by telling Daniel, “you gave me 11 beautiful years and the kind of love that I will forever cherish.”

“I will always be grateful for you,” she said.

Daniel also confirmed the breakup on his Instagram account. “Sa mundo, buhay at sa



limitadong oras na tayo ay nandito, isang malaking biyaya ang pagmamahal. Ang mahal ka. At mahal mo,” he wrote.

“Ang mga alaala natin ay [lagi] kong baon sa aking puso at magiging liwanag sa mga madidilim kong araw,” he added.

He also thanked Kathryn for the beautiful memories they spent together for the past 11 years and concluded his post by professing his eternal love for the actress.

“Thank you for dancing with me during my highs and thank you for singing with me during my lows. Our lives may drift away, but our love will still ride that tide.”

“Bal, ang pagmamahal ko sa ‘yo ay walang hanggan at walang katapusan.”

Carmina Villaroel posts cryptic messages for twin kids Cassy, Mavy Legaspi

Actress Carmina Villaroel has been sharing a series of cryptic messages on her social media accounts, this as rumors of her son Mavy Legaspi calling it quits with singer Kylene Alcantara began circling.

Last November 25, Carmina posted on X (formerly Twitter) a black and white image of actor Morgan Freeman with word directed at Mavy and his twin sister Cassy, the latter currently in a rumored relationship with singer Darren Espanto.

“People can destroy your image, damage your personality, create rumors about you but they can never take away your good deeds,” the message said. “Because no matter how they describe you, you will always be admired by those who know you best.”

The next day, Carmina posted a graphic that read, “Mom knows best,” and on November 29 yet another graphic, this time of a man peering out of lake dock, which said: “Protect your peace.”

The same day of Carmina’s initial post, her husband and fellow actor Zoren Legaspi posted a video on his Instagram account of a dinner he had with his two kids and Winwyn Marquez, Dasuri Choi, and Arra San Agustin.

“Keep Smiling guys. It’s good to have GENUINE FRIENDS. Inga kayo,” Zoren wrote for the post, to which Carmina commented: “Maraming salamat sa mga tunay na nagmamahal sa mga anak namin. Mahal din namin kayo.”

Last month, Kylene had posted on at least two social media accounts, “I knew it,” which led to many fans speculating she and Mavy have split, some even linking the latter to Dasuri, who co-hosts “Eat Bulaga” with Mavy.



FIL-CAN TEACHERS in NORTHERN ONTARIO ATTEND INDIGENOUS HERITAGE SESSION

By: Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

Eleven Filipino-Canadian teachers in the North attended an Indigenous Seminar hosted by the North Caribou Lake Education Authority (NCLEA) on November 28, 2023 at Weagamow Lake, Kenora District, Ontario, Canada. The special session, a professional development event, was conducted with the theme: “Education: Building on the Future of the Nation”. It was organized purposely to “provide a professional opportunity for Non-indigenous teaching staff to learn and understand further indigenous culture”.

The whole day seminar-workshop was conducted by the North Caribou Lake Education Authority headed by the Education Director, Board of Directors, and Indigenous Leaders. The Filipino teachers and other participants were led by high school principal Richard Llanera of North Caribou Lake First Nation High School. Richard Llanera is the first secondary school principal in Northern Ontario of Filipino heritage.



mation about First Nation indigenous heritage, history, and culture. Specifically, the day-long workshop and orientation, delivered through presentations and participatory discussion, included interesting hands-on activities and exercises.

In attendance were 11 Filipino descent educators and three other non-Filipino teachers. Among the educators who attended were Philippine-trained teachers Marisol Agaloos, Mirnaline Alforte, Christopher M. Banes, Ophelia Castanares, Sherwin Dela Pena, Herlene Johnson, Richard Llanera, Maripaz Madarang, Maria Divina Melo, Elsa Rey, and Mae Sajorne, and the non-Filipino educators were Shalini Choudhary, Rekha Kirtee, and Orlando Richards. Two other non-teaching staff, namely Anil Kumar, the school website manager, and Katrina Rizaldo, the school nurse, also participated in the seminar-workshop.

The professional seminar focused on significant infor-

The 6 salient topics covered are: 1. Community Building; 2. Perspectives and Demographics; 3. From the Past to Present and Into the Future; 4. Worldviews; 5. Building Meaningful Relationships; and 6. Anchoring Education.

All the participants considered that the event was certainly a highly productive meeting and great learning experience for them. As new and experienced teachers, the attendees are looking forward to employing effectively their new-found valuable knowledge and information in carrying out their professional tasks and responsibilities in First Nation schools in Ontario.



PCCF Senator Tobias Enverga Medal of Excellence

From left, PCCF President Rosemer Enverga with daughter, Senator Tobias C. Enverga Medal of Excellence recipients Dr. Ashleigh Molloy, Sir Chris Jones Judith Gonzales, Senator Victor Oh, MPP Aris Babikian, Honorary Consul General to Malaysia Henry Lee, Philippine Consul General Angelica Escalona

Carla Abellana to women who are in bad relationships: ‘Make sure you don’t lose yourself’

Carla Abellana has some words of wisdom for women who are stuck in an unhealthy relationship with their partners.

In an interview with Karen Davila on her YouTube channel, Carla recalled her failed marriage with her ex-husband Tom Rodriguez, whom she married in October 2021 after six years of being together and got divorced in less than a year.

The actress confessed that even she was shocked by how quickly their marriage ended.

“At that time, sabi ko nga, this has got to be one of the fastest or the short-



est [marriage]. I’d say like three months, that’s very fast, so at least ngayon I can laugh about it,” Carla said.

“Of course, it’s not a joke. That’s not a good thing that it was very short. Talagang I never imagined that I’d end up getting married and have such a short marriage,” she added.

“Disrespect and lying” are some of the many reasons their marriage did not work out, but Carla has since forgiven Tom for what he did.

She has now learned from this experience and become more knowledgeable about spotting red flags in relationships.

When asked what advice she can give to women who are with abusive and un-

faithful partners, Carla said, “I guess my only advice is to make sure you don’t lose yourself and you respect yourself pa rin. You don’t forget yourself.”

“It always comes to a point when enough is enough, so hopefully they know kung hanggang kailan nila kaya,” she added.

Carla admitted that she reached a point where she lost herself during her relationship with her ex-husband, but only realized it when it was over.

“The red flags pa lang, parang forgetting about them and not minding them. Doon pa lang parang form of disrespecting yourself because you may have boundaries, pero nagko-cross ‘yung boundaries,”

she recalled.

She continued, “Of course, it was a choice to forgive the person and all that to stay in the relationship, pero I never listened to myself.”

Despite their long romance that only failed, Carla stressed that she doesn’t think of it as if her life got stolen.

“As much as I would like to think and believe na seven years of my life were stolen from me, no naman kasi I was part of that relationship. It was my choice, it was my decision to stay that long,” she said.

Rumors about their separation began circulating in January 2022, with Tom confirming that they had ended their relationship in June of the same year.

Gloria Diaz: Trans women should have their own pageant

She was amazing,” declared Miss Universe 1969 Gloria Diaz when asked how Michelle Dee, the country’s representative to this year’s edition of the pageant, performed in the contest held last month in El Salvador.

“She had a beautiful gown. Nanggit nga ako. I liked the black one that looked like a tattoo. She also had good answers. She did really well, it’s just that the judges

were looking for someone else this year. Maybe she can compete again next year. That’s the ‘in’ thing now—if you don’t win the first time, you can go for it for the second time, or third, or fourth,” she said.

Is there someone she would like to see compete on the pageant stage? “I can’t think of someone right now, but I’m telling you that when her mom (Melanie Marquez) competed [and won for Miss International in 1979], I was a judge during the pageant. A lot were saying that she wouldn’t make it because she didn’t speak English, but I really pushed for her. This is not an IQ contest or a contest for who’s the smartest,” she pointed out.

Destiny

“All these times, I kept saying our contestants should speak in the Filipino language so they will have time to think. There are a lot of interpreters there, anyway. Or if you’re Ilokana, and that’s your first language, then speak Ilokano. For me, Michelle can always join. I don’t know what’s with us Filipinos. We keep saying we got cheated. I guess we just got used



Diaz (center) with daughters Ava (left) and Belle.

to winning.”

She continued: “I get too many questions about the issue of cheating, but to me, everyone deserves to be there. The truth is that once you’re there, you deserve to win. Also, I always feel that it’s fate. You see, I’m not the most beautiful in the pageant. There were others who were prettier, taller and had bigger boobs, which at the time, totoo ‘yon, ‘di ba? But at the end of the day, it’s really destiny.”

Gloria then compared Michelle to her mom by saying, “Michelle is beautiful, she’s tall. She’s everything. Her mother, on a scale of one to 10, is a 10. Michelle is an eight, but she had a good chance of winning. Why do I say this? It’s like if you bought a lotto ticket, you definitely have a chance at winning,” she said.

“In that context, Michelle really did have a good chance at winning. She’s beautiful in and out, whether she is part of the LGBTQIA+ or not,” Gloria added. “During my time, the Miss Universe pageant focused mostly on scholarship,

fitness, health and charity. These days, I think they can do anything, even smoke and drink. They don’t even have to bring a chaperone. Also, back then, they sent contestants who were very young. In fact, during my time, 24 was the oldest candidate.”

‘Unbalanced’

She then explained why she thought transgender women should have their own beauty contest. “Don’t get me wrong, I have nothing against them. I have a lot of beautiful transgender friends. Actually, I think they will beat all those biological women [also known as cisgender] because they’re better with the movements. They know better how to project themselves,” she began.

“It’s not fair. They should really have their own. We should

let them compete in their own Miss ... I don’t know what title to use. Like sports, it’s a different ball game altogether. I just heard someone say, let’s say a biological woman experiences menstrual problems on the night of the contest, then this is already unfair compared to the trans. It’s an unbalanced and unfair competition,” she stressed.

Gloria said she doesn’t mind that her daughters, Belle and Ava, aren’t into joining beauty contests. “I would always tease them, ‘Don’t worry, if you don’t get chosen, I would come up the stage and raise hell. They would always say, ‘Mama, that’s the No. 1 reason we will never join.’ They’re not into it. One of us joining a beauty contest is more than enough,” she pointed out. “They all look like their father, although Belle got some of her features from me. Belle now has three kids and has lost a lot of weight. She loves to do films. I hope producers have a good role for her.”

Heart Evangelista reveals how she got kicked out of Fashion Week event

After years of being present in major fashion events, Heart Evangelista revealed how she recently got kicked out of Fashion Week because somebody “represented” her instead.

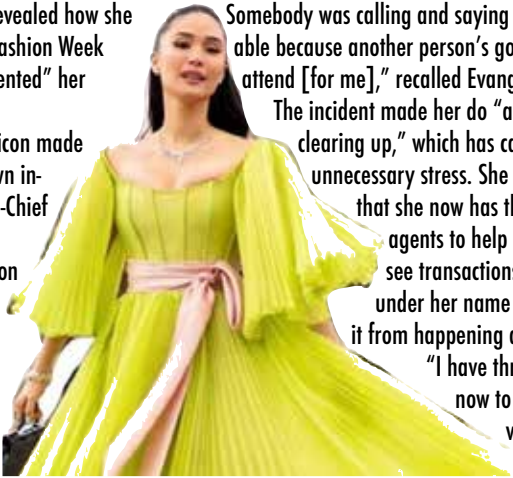
The 38-year-old fashion icon made the revelation in her sit-down interview with MEGA Editor-in-Chief Peewee Reyes-Isidro, where they talked about her fashion journey, including mishaps at the event.

During the conversation, Heart was asked about her thoughts on other Filipino celebrities attending fashion events. The socialite admitted that while she’s happy about it, she finds it “nasty” when there’s a “crab mentality” involveor how some people make it a competition.

“I’m here to support whoever goes, but you know we all have to do it the right way,” she said.

Being in the fashion industry for a long time, the actress stressed that such events are supposed to be fun and not a “rat race.”

“There’s no need to have tried to kick somebody out of a show because that happened to me in the last Fashion Week,” she revealed.



“I would talk to certain PRs to say ‘no.’ Somebody was calling and saying I’m not able because another person’s going to attend [for me],” recalled Evangelista. The incident made her do “a lot of clearing up,” which has caused her unnecessary stress. She added that she now has three agents to help her oversee transactions made under her name to prevent it from happening again.

“I have three agents now to fix and verify everything that would happen to me, and I won’t be taken out of a show because they said that I wasn’t allowed to attend or something,” she said. “So there’s like a lot of those things that happen. It starts to become political.”

She furthered that while she understands how it gets messy because “everybody gets too excited,” she stressed the need to iron things out to overcome complicated matters.

“I get that everybody gets too excited, so it gets messy at some point, but those things can happen. You really just have to plan things out properly so there’s like a harmonious, smooth

way of doing everything,” she said.

Despite the stress it caused her, Heart emphasized that she’s still glad she went through it all, especially since it helped her change her ways to be more detail-oriented.

“I’m also glad that it kind of pushed me to change things in a way to the next step, I went 10 steps ahead. I fixed a lot of corporate stuff and legal stuff. I got all my cards set perfectly, and now it’s okay,” she said. “It’s going to be smoother.”

In the past months, the I Left My Heart in Sorsogon star went through a fallout from friends and former glam team. She has also been sharing cryptic “revelations” on her social media pages about being shadow-banned and her stolen contacts for somebody’s Europe trip.

Despite all these, Heart said she’s still grateful to go through it all, stressing that she “will not be [broken] again.”

“I’m glad I really went through the fire,” she said. “I’m a tough cookie, it’ll be tough for you to break me.”

“I mean, take my video, put it out, whatever you want to dissect, and how you want to present me to the world. That’s how a business is, ‘di ba, black propaganda. You could do whatever; set my house on fire, but you will not break me again,” Heart declared.

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Claudine Barretto on being single for 11 years: ‘Choice ko yun’

After the whirlwind relationship with her former husband Raymart Santiago, award-winning actress Claudine Barretto is not opening up herself to potential relationships for now.

During the grand media conference of GMA’s newest series, Claudine admitted that it was her choice to be single for 11 years.

“Personally speaking, 11 years na talaga akong walang boyfriend, walang date or anything. Kung mapapansin din naman talagang nachichismis sa akin. So niyo wala talagang young kids ko ang priority ko,” Claudine said. (Personally speaking, I haven’t had a boyfriend, date or anything for 11 years. If you notice, no one is gossiping about me. So my kids are really my priority.)

According to Claudine, not having a romantic relationship for a long time was her choice. Although some guys attempted to, the actress shared that they were intimated since it was not her priority.

“Meron naman nagpaparamdam, pero siguro na iintimidate sila and siguro nakikita nila kasi na hindi Al-plate closer loves young ang priority ko,” she added. though falling in love is not on her right now, Claudine said she is not ing the opportunity if someone catches attention. She values a partner who her children above all.

“Open naman ako. Naniniwala naman ako na kapag para sayo talaga darating at darating yan sayo na pang lifetime. And yung hinahanap ko talaga is yung kayang mahal in yung mga anak ko, more than anything. Kung mahal ako, sana mas mahal yung mga anak ko,” she said. (I’m open to it. When it’s really for you, it will come, and it will come to you for a lifetime. And I’m looking for someone who can love my children more than anything. If I love me, I hope my children love me more.)

When asked if she’s willing to be friends with Raymart again, Claudine said: “Hindi possible.”

Ogie Diaz speaks out after KathNiel confirmed breakup: ‘Finally, na-vindicate ako’

Ogie Diaz said he’s happy to have been “vindicated” following Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla’s breakup confirmation, but admitted he’s also sad about how the former couple ended up.

In a vlog posted on his YouTube page Ogie Diaz Showbiz Update, the talent manager said that he has mixed emotions over the news.

“Sa totoo lang, mixed ang emosyon ko eh,” he began. “Natutuwa ako dahil, finally na-vindicate ako pagkatapos akong isumpa, i-bash ng katakot-takot ng ibang KathNiels. ‘Di ko naman nilalahat, ‘yung iba lang naman na hindi maiintindihan ‘yung aming trabaho.”

“Siyempre nung nabasa ko ‘yun, andaming nagsend, tumatawag, nagmessage na ‘Vindicated ka na.’ Sa totoo lang, ayaw ko namang magpaka-ipokrita—yes, happy ako dahil vindicated kami, pero at the same time, nandoon rin ‘yung lungkot. Parang, sandali, tinanong ko pa nga ‘yung sarili ko, ‘Kasalanan ko ba’t nagkaganito yung relasyon nila?’ Hindi, binalita lang naman namin ‘yun eh,” he said.

KathNiel confirmed last Thursday, Nov. 30 that they have ended their 11-year relationship, saying that they’ve “been drifting apart for a while now” and that they “ultimately had to accept that we can’t go back to where we used to be.”

It came after weeks of breakup rumors, which started when Ogie brought it up in his vlog but clarified there was no confirmation regarding it. He became the subject of bashing among social media users who, at the time, claimed he peddles “fake news.”

“Sa totoo lang, noon pa naman namin alam na break na nga ‘yung dalawa, pero sabi ko nga, ‘Sino naman kami para kami ang manguna o pangunahan namin ang KathNiel na dapat sa kanila nanggagaling?’ Kaya malinaw ‘yun na sinasabi ko ay hindi pa ito confirmed, ha, unless aminin ng dalawa na sila ay break na,” he said.



Ogie stressed that just like their supporters, he also wanted Kathryn and Daniel’s romance to last forever. He expressed his hope that the two just need to give each other some space and get back together in the future.

“Hindi ko ipinagbubunyi kung kumpirmadong sila’y wala na. Hindi po. Buksan niyo man ang puso namin, gusto namin na ‘yung dalawa ay maging ending na at maging forever,” he emphasized. “Minsan ‘yung mga ganyan, pahinga ‘yan eh. Kumbaga, nagbibigay ka muna ng space.”

KathNiel debuted as a love team in 2011 in the teleserye Growing Up and have since starred in other shows and movies. They confirmed their relationship in 2018.

ONTARIO FILCAN TEACHERS ORGANIZATION HOLDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

By Tony A. San Juan, OCT.

The Philippine Teachers Association of Canada(PTAC) conducted its yearly conference on November 11, 2023 at the North York Central Library,North York, Toronto. PTAC, organized in 2006, is a socio- professional association composed of Filipino-heritage Ontario Certified Teachers(OCT) and education professionals in Ontario as well as former educators and teaching professionals in the Philippines. Its mission and vision are aimed at “teachers helping teachers” through its established professional programs and projects.

With its theme “Emerging Challenges of Teaching in Ontario Schools”, the 17-year old organization invited 2 Filipino-Canadian resource speakers who presented significant topics in education impacting teachers and educators in the practice of their profession. Those who delivered and shared their insightful information and meaningful experience are Lily Ann Capalad Adams, and Ryan Alexander Reyes. Adams is the Principal of Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School and the first Filipino-descent woman high school principal at the To-



The PTAC 2023 Conference Participants posed with their Resource Speakers.

ronto Catholic District School Board(TCDSB). Reyes, an Accredited in Public Relation(APR), is the Public Relation Specialist of the Ontario College of Teachers, the professional licensing body for teachers in the province.

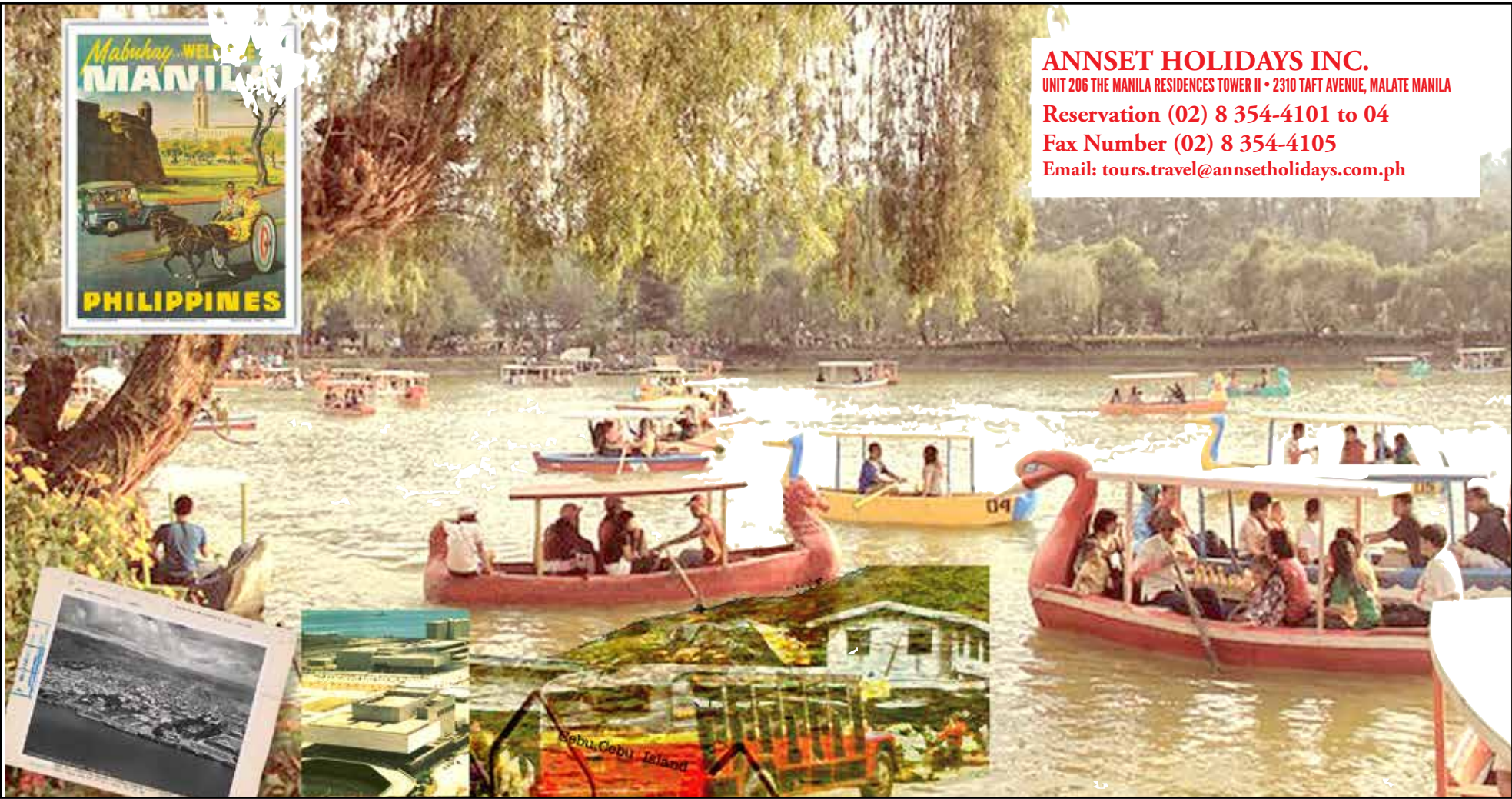
TCDSB Principal L. C. Adams, using a powerpoint presentation, delivered the topic on “Building Effective Relationships in Schools” amongst practitioners, players and stakeholders in the education of students. O.C.T. Public Relation Specialist R. A. Reyes provided “Advice to the Profession” with a focus on appropriate professional practice responsibilities and

discipline expectations. Ricard F. Llanera, the first Filipino principal of the North Caribou Lake First Nation High School in the North was PTAC’s special guest. Llanera shared his journey and experience as a teacher and school administrator in a First Nation school in Northwestern Ontario. The speakers were introduced by Marissa Ciacico and Maricon Bernasor.

Attended by PTAC members and other special guests, the conference was led by President Cielito L. Drapeza and assisted by the Event Organizing Committee comprising Maricon Bernasor, Marissa Ciacico, Mary Ann Santos, and Richess Vinluan. The 5- hour conference commenced with the singing of the Cana-

dian and Philippine national anthems, followed by a prayer led by Beverly Belo and the Welcome Address of President C. Drapeza. Mary Ann Santos ably served as Event Emcee, while Richess Vinluan and Maricon Bernasor aptly provided tech and A/V support.

The event also held a 2- minute silence in remembrance of Canadian fallen soldiers and war veterans. Organizationally, as planned, PTAC conducted the election of 11 Executive Officers and 14 Board Directors for the 2023-2025 term, and the conferees celebrated also the birth anniversary of Mary Ann Santos. The newly elected officers and directors will be inducted to office on December 9, 2023 during its annual PTAC Christmas Potluck Gathering at the Earl Bales Park Community Centre, North York, Toronto. The conference proved to be a successful and productive experience for all the participants as they engaged their professional resource persons to a lively and interesting exchange on “learning the ropes” regarding the challenges of being a teacher in the Canadian education environment.(Tony A. San Juan, OCT.)



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Chinese Militia in West Phl Sea

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located 324 kilometers (175 nautical miles) west of Bataraza, Palawan province, well within the country’s exclusive economic zone (EEZ).
This prompted National Security Adviser Gen. Eduardo Año, who also chairs the National Task Force on the West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS), to order another maritime patrol in response to the “alarming development,” PCG spokesperson for West Philippine Sea Commodore Jay Tarriela said.
The PCG’s BRP Sindangan and BRP Cabra challenged the Chinese ships on radio during a patrol on December 2 but they received no response. The

ships were “dispersed and scattered” around the reef.
Diplomatic protests
Julian Felipe Reef is considered a low tide elevation within the territorial sea of relevant high tide features in the Kalayaan Island Group, including Chigua Reef, over which the Philippines has sovereignty, Tarriela said.
Chinese militia vessels have been aiding China Coast Guard (CCG) ships in harassing Philippine boats on a resupply mission to Ayungin (Second Thomas) Shoal.
The Philippines first called attention to the “swarming” on Julian Felipe Reef

in 2021. At the time, China said the vessels were only taking shelter due to rough sea conditions.
Several diplomatic protests have since been filed over the presence of Chinese ships in these waters.
Use of water cannon
Early last month, a Chinese vessel again used a water cannon to drive away a Philippine boat on a resupply mission to Philippine troops stationed in Ayungin (Second Thomas) Shoal.
It also said CCG vessels and suspected Chinese maritime militia ships “recklessly harassed, blocked, executed dangerous maneuvers in another attempt to illegally

impede or obstruct a routine resupply and rotation mission to BRP Sierra Madre.”
Systematic harassment
Last August, the CCG also used water cannon against PCG vessels escorting boats delivering supplies to BRP Sierra Madre, which was grounded on Ayungin Shoal in 1999 to assert Manila’s claim on the sandbank that is located about 194 km (105 nautical miles) from Palawan.
“The systematic and consistent manner in which the People’s Republic of China carries out these illegal and irresponsible actions puts into question and significant doubt the sincerity of its calls for peaceful dialogue,” the task force said.

Vina Morales returns with Korean movie remake after Broadway stint

She can sing, act and dance — and with her recent Broadway stint via “Here Lies Love” — Vina Morales can give any performer a run for her money. Taking on the role of Aurora Aquino, which was originally essayed by Lea Salonga, is no mean feat!

“This is my first theater outing after performing in the ‘Rak of Aegis’ musical 11 years ago. I love the theater because of the discipline. It humbles you as everyone is on equal footing,” shared Vina.

She flew back to the country after her Broadway debut in “Here Lies Love,” which recently ended its run.

“I must confess, though, that I got the jitters after just a single day of rehearsal before performance night. But deep inside, I knew that when I’m kabado (jittery), I can give my all because then I’m very focused,” said the proud mom of 14-year-old daughter Ceana, who also inherited her pipes.

Living the New York dream

Vina relished playing the role of Aurora Aquino, the mother of Sen. Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino Jr., in the musical that was inspired by Imelda Marcos. She played the role for eight shows a week.

“Living alone in New York was a good experience though I felt the cold in the air. So, I didn’t go out that much so as not to affect my voice, and stay away



from any flu problems. I walked to Broadway each day, except on Mondays, which was my free day.

“I wanted to be early and ready myself. The right attitude will propel an actor in his theater career. What you do is repetitive and there are no ad libs. What you rehearsed is what you’re going to perform,” she continued.

“The song ‘Just as the Flowers’ is my only solo in ‘Here Lies Love.’ As Ninoy’s mother, I had to explain my emotions with each line of the song to the production team during our brainstorming. I sing this song after Ninoy’s assassination in the story, so it’s a transition piece from all the dancing to the more serious stuff,” Vina said.

Busier than ever

For the longest time, Vina has been involved in her and her siblings’ salon franchise named Ystilo. She will also be busy with her singing career.

“I’ll be recording soon with Star Records, to celebrate my 20th year with Star Magic. I’ll also be doing a movie again with Viva. It’s titled ‘Sunny,’ a film originally in Korean about high school life. It will have adaptations all over Asia, and I get to star in the Philippine remake/version. My 2023 is almost complete, almost perfect, full of love, kindness and opportunities,” said Vina.

Karla Estrada reminds public: ‘In a world full of chaos, be kind’

Karla Estrada intrigued fans as she shared a cryptic reminder about being kind, days after the breakup of her son Daniel Padilla with Kathryn Bernardo was confirmed to the public.

The celebrity mom shared a photo quote posted by Irish actress-producer Roma Downey, as seen on Estrada’s Instagram Stories on Monday, Dec. 4.



“In a world full of chaos, be kind,” the quote read.

While Estrada did not expound or include any caption in the photo quote, it can be noted that this came after she denied releasing a statement about her son’s breakup.

The false statement, which apparently made rounds on social media after Padilla and Bernardo confirmed their split, claimed that Estrada came to her son’s defense and asserted that he is not a cheater.

“Wala po akong ganitong post at hindi ako gumawa ng ganitong post. Amin na pong iniisa-isa ang mga accounts ng mga mapanirang tao na gumagawa ng mga ganito,” Estrada said.

(I did not post this. We are already checking the social media accounts that have been making these lies.)

Bernardo and Padilla confirmed last Nov. 30 that they had parted ways after 11 years of being together.

The pair opted not to disclose the reason for their split, but Bernardo admitted that they “have been drifting apart for a while now” and that they can’t go back to how they used to be.

Estrada and Kathryn’s mom, Min Bernardo, were among those who expressed their love and support for the former couple after the split confirmation.

Lee O’Brian bonds with his daughter with Pokwang: ‘Love you, sweetie’

Lee O’Brian spent the long weekend with Malia, his only child with Pokwang.

The actor shared some snaps from their daddy-daughter reunion in an Instagram post on Monday, Nov. 27. “Had a blast this weekend with you, my dear [Malia],” he wrote in the caption. “Love you, sweetie!”



Lee and Pokwang are facing a legal battle following their separation in November 2021.

Pokwang filed a petition for deportation against Lee in June this year. According to entertainment reporter MJ Marfori, her camp “claims that O’Brian was using a tourist visa while working in the country for the past eight years.”

Lee, meanwhile, filed his reply to the deportation complaint on June 26. In an interview shared by Marfori, the actor appealed to the Philippine government and the Bureau of Immigration to look at the case in line with his deportation and visa cancellation “fairly and with justice” as he noted that the complainant is “very well-known” and “very influential” in the country.

The former couple got to know each other in 2014 while working on the film Edsa Woolworth. They welcomed Malia in 2018, and separated three years later.

While Pokwang initially said they were on good terms, she later revealed in a February interview with Boy Abunda that a business problem led to their fallout and that they were no longer speaking to each other even before their confrontation.

Piolo & Shaina wanted to serve God

SOME years back, Piolo Pascual and Shaina Magdayao were an item. Little did people, however, know that they had one thing in common: both wanted to serve God — Piolo as priest; Shaina as nun. When he was still Catholic, Piolo dreamt of entering priesthood. He eventually had a change of heart when he became a practicing Christian: he had settled for wanting to become a pastor.

Piolo’s spiritual adviser, however, snapped him out of it saying he could still serve God even if he stuck to being an actor. There isn’t much of a difference in Shaina’s case. Having begun her showbiz career at the age of 7, Shaina was too

overwhelmed with the way she had it all coming her way. Shaina admits to not having to queue up for auditions. She easily got what she wanted, even way before she asked for it. She hardly understood what her purpose in life was though. All she knew was that entering a convent would provide the answer she sought to her nagging question. It took a Cory Vidanes to enlighten her, “I still remember her words: ‘You can still serve God even with your showbiz work’.”

It was only then did Shaina realize that sharing her God-given talent is, in fact, a way of fulfilling much of her dream, at least close to being a good-natured God’s disciple, “I’ve never felt this happy since then.”

Wrong Daniel: Wrong Daniel: Daniel Matsunaga receives hilarious messages from KathNiel fans following breakup

As the world is still reeling from shock over the breakup of reel-to-real couple Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla, many fans understandably want more answers, but it seems that some of them asked the wrong person.

On his Facebook account, model and actor Daniel Matsunaga reminded the supporters of the ex-couple that he and Daniel Padilla are different people.

“Guys, there are many Daniels sa buong mundo. Iba po ‘yung surname ko talaga promise. Salamat pows. God bless,” Matsunaga wrote.

He posted a series of screenshots of his inbox that had been bombarded with



questions from fans asking him the reason behind KathNiel’s separation.

Some of the messages include, “Idol, bakit kayo naghiwalay ni Kathryn?”, “Break na daw kayo ni Kathryn?”, and “Pre, ano nangyari sa inyo ni Kathryn?”

Others meanwhile aired their frustrations at Matsunaga regarding the rumor that Andrea Brillantes was

the reason behind the pair’s breakup: “Si Andrea ba?”, “Idol, bakit ba kasi nambabae ka?”, and “Bakit niyo naman po nagawang manloko?”

Following weeks of swirling breakup rumors, both Bernardo and Padilla finally broke their silence in separate Instagram posts detailing why they ended their 11-year relationship.

Nadine Lustre on KathNiel breakup: ‘Ang tagal din ng 11 years’

Award-winning actress Nadine Lustre expressed little opinion about the breakup of fellow Kapamilya stars Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla, but she appeared to lament the end of their 11-year relationship.



“I can’t really say so much about it because I’m not super close to them. I don’t think I can comment on anything.

Pero ang tagal din ng 11 years,” said Nadine when asked about the breakup of Kathryn and Daniel, known as KathNiel.

Nadine shared her thoughts about being in a love team in local showbiz, although she’s not a part of it anymore. She used to be paired with actor James Reid, together known as JaDine before.

“I am grateful hindi umabot sa ganun,” said Nadine, on stars being forced to be in a love team. But she said she understood the love team system in local showbiz. The actress believes fans are more understanding now when it comes to celebrities who are in a love team.

“That’s how it should be naman. I think that’s how it should be, but I understand din naman why sometimes the management would force it (for business reasons). But I’m happy because now the showbiz industry is changing. Now it’s not the same as before na pag love team kayo dapat. Ngayon, everyone is more understanding, and everyone is more professional. I think it should be like that.

“I’m very lucky because there are fans who also understand even when I am dating again. There were fans na very supportive. I mean, I understand some fans are heartbroken, fans who are mad, which is understandable because they were with you on that whole journey. Even if they don’t know you personally parang nakakasad din naman pero ganun talaga,” ended Nadine, who is in a relationship with French-Filipino entrepreneur Christophe Barriou.

Anne Curtis next Filipino to become Madame Tussauds wax figure

Kapamilya host-actress Anne Curtis is going to have a wax figure at Madame Tussauds!

Anne confirmed the news by sharing on her social media platforms that the Hong Kong branch of Madame Tussauds will feature a wax figure of her.

“Just in case hindi kayo makauwi sa birthday ko. Ito na. Kidding. Hahaha! Stay tuned! Another dream ANNE-locked!” Anne said of the historic moment.

Madame Tussauds Hong Kong is also where the other three wax figures of Filipinos are located: boxing legend Manny Pacquiao and Miss Universe winners Pia Wurtzbach and Catriona Gray.

Anne’s figure will be located in the branch’s Glamour Zone surrounded by the likenesses of bigshot celebrities Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Nicole Kidman, and Chris Hemsworth.

“I’m so happy it came at the right time,” said Anne, who is celebrating her silver anniversary in showbiz this 2023. “It truly is an honor. To have this dream come true, I’m grateful and very thankful to Madame Tussauds for choosing me.”

The host-actress admitted initially thinking she would be completely plastered during the sitting, in actuality, the museum just took 360-degree photos and measurements.

Madame Tussauds teased that Anne’s figure, set to be completed and unveiled in 2024, will feature her in a familiar pose and a classic outfit that will truly immortalize her.

Anne was one of the Filipino celebrities that Merlin Entertainments, the company that operates Madame Tussauds, exclusively told Philstar.com last month were eyeing to “wax.”

Also on the company’s radar are theater veteran and Disney legend Lea Salonga, who they have attempted to contact, and socialite-artist Heart Evangelista.



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Nadine Lustre reacts to KathNiel breakup:

'If you feel na it's tapos na... why linger 'di ba?'

Nadine Lustre gave her two cents on the love team culture in Philippine media amid Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla's separation.

In an interview with One Balita Pilipinas, Nadine was asked whether it's the end of an era for love teams after the reel to real couple revealed that they have decided to put an end to their 11-year relationship.

Nadine herself comes from a love team pairing turned real-life romance with James Reid, which also ended in heartbreak in January 2020.

"I think what matters is that you do what you want to do. If you feel na it's tapos na, it's the end of an era, then, why linger 'di ba?" she said.

Recalling her own failed relationship with James, she shared, "My personal experience was different because we started working on projects separately before the breakup happened."

Nadine declined to comment on Kathryn and Daniel's breakup as

she says she isn't close to them, but commented, "Pero matagal din 'yung 11 years."

The local star expressed her appreciation that networks are no longer pressuring couples to maintain a romantic façade despite their lack of genuine connection, unlike in the past.

Host MJ Marfori noted that the practice has become more professional, as seen with Barbie Forteza and David Licauco as well as Donny Pangilinan and Belle Mariano.

"I think that's how it should be, but I understand din naman why sometimes the management would kind of force it for business reasons. But I'm happy because now, the showbiz industry is changing. It's not the same as before na kagag love team kayo, dapat kayo," Nadine said.

She stressed, "Ngayon, I guess everyone is more understanding and everyone is more professional. I think it should be like that."

When it comes to the fans, the



actress expressed her gratitude for having supporters who were very encouraging towards her despite breaking up with James.

"I'm very lucky because there

are fans who were understanding of that even when I started dating ulit. There were fans na very supportive. I understood that there were fans na parang heartbroken, there were fans who were mad, which is totally understandable because they were with you that whole journey. Even though they don't know you personally, nakakasad din naman," Nadine said.

Nadine is currently in a relationship with French businessman Christophe Bariou. They started a wine business called Maison Bukana Wines, named after Christophe's beach resort in Siargao.

Rayver Cruz is certain that he will marry Julie Ann San Jose: 'Malapit na... 'di na tayo bumabata'

Though there's no specific date yet, Kapuso actor Rayver Cruz is certain that he will marry his girlfriend and showbiz colleague Julie Ann San Jose.

"Mahirap magbitaw ng salita, pero malapit na, kasi hindi na tayo bumabata," Cruz said.

"Wala siyang timetable, but definitely I want my own family," he added. "At kung gusto ninyong marinig, yes, I will marry Julie Anne San Jose."

As regards a proposal date, he acknowledged that it's difficult to answer with certainty, he'll just know God's time."

"Siyempre, 'pag di mo naman nasagot nang tama," he said, "maraming masasabi ang mga tao."

Cruz said they're enjoying their relationship now and aren't rushing into things, yet pointed out that San Jose is

"the one" for him.

He noted how they share a lot of similarities, from music to faith.

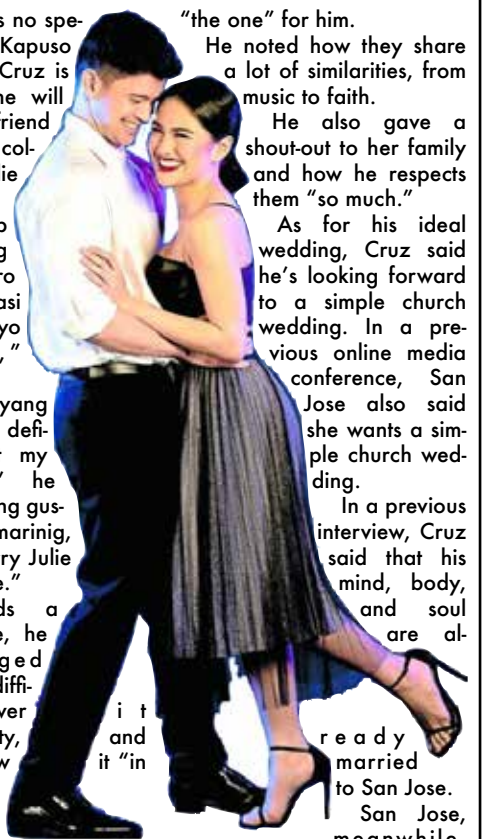
He also gave a shout-out to her family and how he respects them "so much."

As for his ideal wedding, Cruz said he's looking forward to a simple church wedding. In a previous online media conference, San Jose also said she wants a simple church wedding.

In a previous interview, Cruz said that his mind, body, and soul are already married to San Jose.

San Jose, meanwhile, said Cruz is always telling her that he plans to settle down with her, describing him as "reassuring."

Cruz and San Jose confirmed their relationship in November 2022.





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How will KathNiel breakup affect future love teams and showbiz projects?

After the Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla breakup, it is also possible to see more stars not just being stuck with one partner, and that is a good thing for the industry. The story of a certain project won't be tailored-fit for a certain duo but the essence of the project will be given to the talent who deserves it the most. It gives more actors the deserving spotlight for their talents to land main roles. Stories that the public would give time to would not always revolve around two characters and can also help writers be more free and creative to create content that has not been seen or heard before.

It's safe to say that most of the population that follows Filipino pop culture is still reeling from the pain of the Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla breakup. It is as if they have gone through their own heartache.

Kathryn and Daniel, also known as KathNiel, are the modern-day Sha-Gab (Sharon Cuneta and Gabby Concepcion) slash Guy and Pip (Nora Aunor and Tirso Cruz III) and even more in their own ways, so to speak.

Their more than a decade contribution to Philippine showbiz as a tandem exceeded expectations of success their network ABS-CBN has seen.

From their *Must Be... Love* film in 2013, *Barcelona: A Love Untold* in 2016, which ushered in their road to more mature roles, up until their last big project, which was ABS-CBN and Netflix's *2 Good 2 Be True*, fans were hooked and still are until the very end, when they announced that



they wanted to do separate projects.

Though everyone is still trying to move on, it is good to point out Kathryn's line in her breakup

statement, "Our love story began with respect and ended with respect."

I hope all breakups are like that.

It reminded me of 2009's coined term "conscious uncoupling" by Katherine Woodward Thomas and it was made popular in 2014 by Gwyneth Paltrow when she split with Coldplay's Chris Martin.

Fifteen minutes after Kathryn's statement, Daniel posted his own message also honoring what they had before they move on and heal from their separation. Even Daniel's sisters commented on Kathryn's post telling her they love her and showing the public that is how life is. That is the reality.

For the future love teams on their way to greater heights such as Donny Pangilinan and Belle Mariano's DonBelle and Francine Diaz and Seth Fedelin's FranSeth, the KathNiel story serves them so much lessons.

Let us add Barbie Forteza and David Licaucó, who are purely colleagues with an amazing chemistry on screen, as proven by the BarDa fans club. But honestly this early on,

it looks like DonBelle and FranSeth are also not really having an off-camera more than on-screen partners relationship at the moment, proving that it is possible to have strong connections on camera and it stays there.

Of course, KathNiel's off-cam real-life relationship added so much to their overall success as a love team and what they had was beautiful but the newer ones are proving at the moment that it is possible to refrain from a possible future heartache and go on with projects as an amazing team delivering the best possible chemistry for a certain project.

Even though Filipinos' love for

shipping certain stars together remains strong, after the KathNiel breakup, it is also possible to see more stars not just being stuck with one partner, and that is a good thing for the industry.

The story of a certain project won't be tailored-fit for a certain duo but the

essence of the project will be given to the talent who deserves it the most. It gives more actors the deserving spotlight for their talents to land main roles. Stories that the public would give time to would not always revolve around two characters and can also help writers be more free and creative to create content that has not been seen or heard before.

Though most people would wish in an ideal world that KathNiel goes on forever, let us look at the effect it could have in Philippine showbiz and management decisions, and “ride with the tide” for the best showbiz turnout.



'Loveless' Sugar Mercado is focused on her businesses

After recent-name from a "accused" why the had to leave Eat Bulaga, Sugar Mercado is now venturing into businesses that will keep her busy outside of showbiz.

"I am thankful to the Lord that even if I have no regular show, I am amazed at how He is blessing me with new opportunities and unexpected blessings," said Sugar, one of the popular members of the girl group SexBomb.

Sugar was pertaining to her business venture with Nail Lounge by Asia's Lashes as one of its incorporators.

Whenever she is free from showbiz commitments and promotional events for Nail Lounge, Sugar goes live selling. Her neighbors also show support by patronizing her business. "I'm so blessed that they buy my products. Mayayaman 'yung kapitbahay ko. I live in the same village where Daniel (Padilla) resides," she revealed.

Her day usually starts with making breakfast for her kids – Gabrielle Sophia, 10, and Olivia Isabelle, 8 – and prepping them up for school before she goes online for her FB Live. “Nandoon ‘yung negosyo sa may garahe ko,” she laughed.

Sugar is bent on working hard for her family because she's the breadwinner.

"I support my parents and siblings. I work not because I want to get rich. For me, it is enough that I can provide for all our needs. My children also see how much effort I put in trying to manage everything in the house and in the business so in a way, I am setting a good example to them, na lahat ng pinagpapaguran ko ay para sa kanila."

Heaven Peralejo to star with Alden Richards in new movie

Heaven Peralejo is going to star in a movie to be directed by Alden Richards. The actress revealed the news during her launch as the Ginebra Calendar Girl for 2024.

"Exciting!" the actress said as reported by GMA News.

"Alden is... he's a first-time director pero he knows what he wants. He's really like one of the best directors I've ever had," she added. The actress added that the actor is the type to collaborate when on set. Heaven recently celebrated her 24th birthday, where Alden was spotted as one of the attendees in one of the social media posts. Alden, meanwhile, posted a reel of him directing on set. He simply captioned it with the hashtag #000. Their movie is reportedly titled "Out of Order." In the comments section of Alden's post, Heaven left a comment.

"WOOO LETS GO DIREK!!" she wrote.



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Kim Chiu on relationship status with Xian Lim: ‘We’ll just keep it to ourselves na muna’

Kim Chiu is choosing to remain tight-lipped about the status of her relationship with Xian Lim.

The Linlang star was asked about the breakup rumors surrounding her and Xian at the recently concluded fashion show of Filipino designer Francis Libiran. “Grabe, as amin na lang ‘yun. We’ll just keep it to ourselves na muna,” she said.

Earlier this month, Kim denied the speculations that she has called it quits with her long-

time boyfriend.

“Grabe! Kayo talaga! Baka nalilintang lang kayo,” she said at a press conference for her hit series. “Okay naman po kami ni Xi.”

“Oo, mapanlinalang ang showbiz, pero maayos naman. Masaya naman po,” she added. Speculations that she and Xian have broken up started when social media users noticed that she went on a solo trip in October.



Kim and Xian, known as KimXi, began dating in 2012. It wasn’t until 2018, however, that they made their relationship public. Earlier this year, the actor penned a sweet birthday message for Kim and said he’s “truly, madly, deeply in love” with her.

“Truly, madly, deeply in love with you and I cherish every single moment I have with you. So many years have gone by and we’re still by each other’s side,” he wrote in an Instagram post on April 19.

“Nothing beats silencing all the noise around us. Let the naysayers talk and assume all they want. No one knows more about our relationship than you and I. I love you and I will always be here by your side,” he said.

Sofia Andres unfollows Andrea Brillantes, shares cryptic post amid KathNiel breakup

Sofia Andres shared a post believed by Internet users to be pertaining to Andrea Brillantes after Sofia’s friend Kathryn Bernardo announced her breakup with Daniel Padilla.

Minutes after the announcement, Sofia posted a

photo of her with Kathryn and Alora Sasam in her Instagram story.

It was followed by a certain place believed by social media users to be in Spain with a diamond emoji. Social media users believed that the IG story means “Brillantes” in “Spain.”

Separate photos of Andrea and Daniel in Spain trended online, making some Internet



users believe that the actors were together in Spain. Andrea’s photo, however, was posted 23 weeks ago, while Daniel’s was posted eight weeks ago.

Eagle-eyed social media users noticed that Sofia already unfollowed Andrea on Instagram but Andrea still follows her as of press time.

Comments of Sofia in Andrea’s Spain photo are now being replied to by fans.

“Love toledoooo,” Sofia commented on Andrea’s photo to 23 weeks ago.

“Love mo pa rin ba,” a fan replied to Sofia’s comment.

Daniel and Kathryn revealed November 30 that they have broken up, ending 11 years of their relationship.

‘Hindi po ako nakulong’: Roderick Paulate answers queries from social media users

Veteran actor Roderick Paulate said that he did not go to jail for the graft case filed against him in his latest interview with showbiz writer and publicist Ogie Diaz.

The actor and former Quezon City councilor sat down with Diaz for the latter’s vlog on YouTube. He answered questions from social media users who were wondering why he was still able to shoot a movie if he was allegedly behind bars.

“Once and for all, hindi po ako nakulong,” he said.

“Okay, totoo ‘yun. ‘Yung lumabas sa news. Pero hindi naman sinasabi ng news kung ano ‘yung mga legal procedure na mangyayari,” he added.

Roderick said that he finds it unfair that people talk about his case but do not talk about his acquittal.

“Bakit ganoon? Noong negatibo, ang laki-laki ng balita. Pinag-piyestahan ako,”



he said.

He referred to the headlines on several media and vlogs regarding his case and the ensuing reactions and backlash from social media users.

“Pero bakit noong in-acquit ako at dinismis ang kaso ng Court of Appeals, bakit hindi n’yo rin pinag-piyestahan at hindi kayo nag-hallelujah? Na ‘Hallelujah, hin-

di totoo. Sinabi ng Court of Appeals na wala siyang kasalanan at hindi siya pwedeng i-link doon sa lahat na nangyari na irregularities or something dahil walang pruwera.”

“So I find it unfair,” he added.

In December 2022, the Sandiganbayan sentenced former Quezon City councilor Roderick Paulate to up to 62 years in prison for graft and falsification of public documents in connection with the hiring of “ghost employees” in 2010.

Kylie Padilla claps back at netizen for correcting her grammar

Actress Kylie Padilla schooled a social media user on the differences between American and British English.

Earlier this week, Kylie shared on her Instagram Stories a video of her son Alas Joaquin mopping something he had spilled on the floor.

Accompanying the video was a text Kylie herself wrote, “He spilt something and proceeded to mop it by himself and tell me not to walk there kasi madulas. It’s the little things.”

One social media user opted to comment on one of Kylie’s Instagram posts, attempting to correct her on the usage of the word “spilt.”

“Just replying on your [IG] story, it’s ‘spilled,’ not ‘spilt’ lol that’s not even a word,” the user wrote.

Kylie promptly responded, “Oh, sorry. I grew up in Australia. We followed the British English dictionary and there, ‘spilt’ is a word.” The actress added, “Please google it.”

The comment has since been deleted, but not before



fans of the actress backed what she said and even pointed out the point of the Instagram post was her son’s good deed.

Britannica Dictionary said that British English and American English, the latter used in the Philippines, have several differences when it comes to pronunciations, vocabulary, spelling and grammar.

Some of the common ones are words with equivalents like “cookie” and “biscuit” or “sweater” and “jumper.” Some British English words end in -our, -re and -ise as opposed to American English words which end in -or, -er and -ize.

Kylie is the daughter of actor-senator Robin Padilla and his ex-wife Liezl Sicangco. She and her siblings were raised in Australia. She returned to the Philippines in the mid-2000s and started playing roles in TV shows in the late 2000s. Alas and his brother Axl are Kylie’s children with her estranged ex and fellow actor Aljur Abrenica.

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DJ Ryan Orlanda gives the microphone to Danny Orbillo to sing during the Sanib Saya 2023 charity luncheon.

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Matteo Guidicelli’s Christmas wish is to have a baby with wife Sarah G

MANILA, Philippines — Matteo Guidicelli’s Christmas wish is to have a baby with wife Sarah Geronimo.

“I guess for 2024 and in the future sana mag-baby na kami. In God’s time,” stated the actor in a presscon for his upcoming 2023 Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF) movie-starrer Penduko.

Matteo plays the titular role of Pedro Penduko, a character in the classic 1954 comic book of National Artist Francisco V. Coching.

He expressed that he is “ready” to be a father regardless of the gender of the baby.

Building a family in the future is something that he and Sarah have been discussing about. He shared, “At the end of the day my priority is my wife and family so I think that’s part of the plan. But again you can’t plan too hard because it’s God that uses this blessing. So we just hope for the best and do what we have to do.”

“Whatever comes, whatever happens, happens. Let’s just pray for that,” he added.

Matteo Guidicelli is ‘very thankful’ for all the blessings he has received this year. Aside from the movie Penduko, he is also part of the GMA drama action series Black Rider and host in the morning show Unang Hirit. He and wife Sarah have also launched some business ventures together.

If given the opportunity to have a possible movie together with Sarah, Matteo

is open to it. The last time that they worked with each other was in 2011 for Catch Me, I’m in Love where the former was paired with Gerald Anderson in the film.

“Hindi pa (kami nun). Crush ko pa siya (at that time),” recalled the Kapuso thespian.

“I hope (for a possible collaboration). I don’t know (yet). It depends on boss Vic (del Rosario) and of course kay Sarah and the whole team,” continued Matteo.

“Sarah is very, very particular with the projects that she does and what she likes doing because then again she believes in representing Filipino content (and) art. That’s why she is very particular, especially with her music. It’s all OPM (Original Pilipino Music). It’s all original from Filipino artists. She really wants to push that. So if we find something interesting, we’ll see.”

Likewise, Matteo is “very thankful” for all the blessings that he has received this year. Aside from Penduko, he is also part of the GMA drama action series Black Rider and host in the morning show Unang Hirit. He and Sarah have also launched some business ventures together.

Matteo topbills the 2023 Metro Manila Film Festival entry Penduko. He plays the titular role of Pedro Penduko, a character in the classic 1954 comic book of Na-

tional Artist Francisco V. Coching. Photo shows a scene from the official trailer.

“You know, sometimes in life when you plan so hard and you want to do this and sometimes hindi dumating. Bakit kailangan ganito? But when it comes, it comes,” he mused.

“And I guess in life, the universe, you will always have to be ready physically, mentally (and) spiritually. You have to keep ready all the time because you’ll never know when it comes. You’ll never know when the blessing comes.”

“And when it comes, if you say no to something or you say delay maybe it won’t come. So, I believe in life, training is every day. You always have to be ready. You have to be physically trained. You have to strengthen your faith. You have to be a good person. Because when an opportunity comes, you get it and you do your best.”

Matteo noted the good things that happened to him in 2023, along with the challenges that came with them. Just the same, he is “ending this year beautifully” with his first MMFF experience in Penduko.

The movie is produced by Epik Studios, Cignal TV and Sari Sari Network, Inc., and Viva Films, and helmed by Jason Paul Laxamana.

The cast members also include Albert Martinez, John Arcilla, Kylie Verzosa, Annika Co, Mark Anthony Fernandez,

Candy Pangilinan, Arron Villaflor, Andrea del Rosario, and many more.

The film revolves around Pedro, a young man with mythical and supernatural powers who becomes an albularyo agent. Later on, he uses his skills to help the ones in need and fight all evil.

Does Matteo believe in agimat and anting-anting just like Pedro?

The actor with Diether Ocampo and Michelle Dee, fellow celebs who are also military reservists, at the Stop and Salute flag ceremony on Monday at the Rizal Park Luneta in honor of Rizal Month.

“I guess there is no harm in believing because when I was a ranger, andaming mga sundalo na may anting-anting and agimat,” he replied.

The Filipino-Italian celebrity completed his training as an Army reservist in 2019 and holds the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

“There are a lot of stories na nakikita ko talaga na nakatali sa katawan nila mga oils, ganito and they said that it’s their protection because they are still alive until now. So I guess at the end of the day, there’s no harm in believing. Maybe there’s truth to that.”

He showed his necklace, sort of his “agimat,” that he has been wearing for years. It’s a cross with Mama Mary and a Philippine sea pearl. He also has with him a cornuto, an Italian necklace for good luck.

“Pero yung totoong agimat ko and-un pa sa bahay, si Sarah,” he said with a laugh.

(Penduko will be screened in cinemas nationwide starting Dec. 25, as part of the 49th Metro Manila Film Festival).

ABS-CBN, Star Magic on KathNiel breakup: ‘Allow them to heal’

ABS-CBN and Star Magic said that they remain “steadfast” in their “unwavering support” for their talents Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla in a joint statement.

The station and its talent arm also called on the public to respect the ex-couple as they go through their breakup.

“Let’s respect their statements and refrain from adding more to what was already said or create fake news. They have not done any interviews or issued any new statements as they have already expressed their sentiments on their social media accounts. We ask everyone to respect them and allow them to heal and move on,” read part of the joint statement.



the most popular and bankable reel love teams in the country. Popularly known as KathNiel, the two started starring in youth-oriented shows in 2011 and eventually headlined several movies and TV shows, playing each other’s love interests.

They had been dating since 2012 but only admitted their relationship in 2018.

Last November 30, Kathryn and Daniel announced their breakup on their respective Instagram accounts.

As the statement pointed out, the former couple has not released any new statements but social media is still abuzz regarding the cause of the breakup, even dragging names of celebrities such as actress Andrea Brilantes and showbiz newcomer Gillian Vicencio.

Andrea has not posted anything related to the issue as of press time, while Gillian has denied any involvement in the couple’s breakup through her X (formerly Twitter) post.

Francine Diaz teams up with Jamie Rivera for uplifting track

Young actress Francine Diaz has joined forces with OPM (Original Pilipino Music) icon Jamie Rivera for the release of the song “Faith, Hope and Love”. This collaboration marks Francine’s foray into the music industry, adding another dimension to her blooming career.

The song, released under the Inspire Music label headed by Rivera, carries a powerful message of peace and positivity. It also features the talents of male singers KD Estrada and Jed Madela.

Expressing her heartfelt appreciation for the opportunity to be part of this meaningful project, Diaz shared her sentiments during a recent press conference.

“It’s both exciting and nerve-wracking because I’m afraid that people might expect me to be a good singer just because I’m part of ‘Faith, Hope and Love.’ But that’s not the case, I’m still learning and improving,” she shared.

The young actress also admitted to having doubts about pursuing a career in music, but the invitation to join this project solidified her desire to explore this new path.

“I’m not sure if I’m ready to fully enter the music industry just yet. But this isn’t just an opportunity for me, it’s also a blessing,” said Francine.

“As someone who’s really a not singer, Ms. Jamie trusted me to be part of ‘Faith, Hope, and Love.’ I’m sure that when I’m ready, I’ll take the chance to enter the music industry. But for now, I’m keeping my doors open to new possibilities,” she stated.



Working with the inspirational singer, Francine was asked what made her say to sing a track under Inspire Music.

“It’s Ms. Jamie, how could I say no? Of course, I would give it a try. I also told myself that this is once in a lifetime, it might not happen again when I get older or if I say no, I might never really experience it at all. So, even though I am full of worries and fears, I still said yes,” she added.

The Fractured lead star also revealed how Jamie’s music had been a part of her childhood.

“I’ve been listening to Ms. Jamie’s songs since I was a kid. I even make it a habit to listen to her music every morning. So, when I heard that she was producing a song and I was part of it, I was overwhelmed with joy and surprise,” Francine continued.

The 19-year-old Kapamilya star also revealed that she is set to have collaboration with a Korean artist.

“It’s like an English version of a Korean song. But that’s all I can say for now. But we might start maybe this month or next month. We might do the shoot of the music video in Korea and then in the Philippines,” shared Francine.

On the other hand, Jamie, the driving force behind Inspire Music, shared how she envisions the label as a platform to inspire individuals from all walks of life through the power of music.

“Inspire Music is about inspiring people from all walks of life, to be inspired by the melody, by the lyrics, by the music,” she explained.

Inspire Music is set to release more inspirational tracks from Kapamilya singers Angela Ken, Fana, Fabio Santos, and Imogen.

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‘Maging Sino Ka Man’ TV remake comes to Netflix

Netflix is bringing back a Filipino classic love story with a fresh update from GMA Network. *Maging Sino Ka Man* is a binge-worthy series starring Barbie Forteza and David Licauco.

The TV adaptation of the box-office hit movie that starred Sharon Cuneta and Robin Padilla serves up romance, high-stakes action, and comedy for a new generation of fans while sticking to the tenets of a timeless love story: two people unlikely to ever meet until fate intervenes and gradually fall in love against all odds.

Barbie plays the role of Monique, an heiress of a business empire whose life is in danger, forcing her to hide and assume the disguise of the boyish Dino. David is Carding, a petty thief who looks after orphans.

Sparks fly as Monique and Carding struggle to hash out their differences but also come to discover they have a common past that could either build or destroy them.

To prepare for the dual roles of the passionate artist Monique and boyish Dino, Barbie was eager to share her process: “I watched one of my favorite actresses, Hilary Swank, to get a reference for the role of Dino.

Then I thought of making Monique more sophisticated and liberated to emphasize the difference between the two characters. I always like to challenge myself to

make my characters more complex yet relatable and full of depth.”

For *Maging Sino Ka Man*’s heart-pounding action scenes, David found some ease in filming them. “I always work out and I’m an athlete,” he says and

welcomes the role of Carding as a fresh break and challenge from the rich-boy roles he had accumulated prior to this series adaptation. As Carding, David repeatedly toes the line between right and wrong for the sake of family.

The special limited series also features up-and-coming stars such as Juancho Triviño as Gil-

bert Arnaiz, Faith Da Silva as Cleo Ramirez, Mikoy Morales as Gordon a.k.a Libag, and Rain Matienzo as Teta.

Maging Sino Ka Man is streaming on Netflix beginning on December 10. It is also available in Asia Pacific and Middle East territories.

There should’ve been a Lapid-Chan movie

At actor and senator Lito Lapid’s Thanksgiving party with showbiz media this week, Philippine Cinema’s iconic Leon Guerrero revealed he almost made a movie with

global martial arts superstar Jackie Chan at the peak of his acting career.

The exciting prospect unfolded decades ago when veteran movie producer Jessie Chua, who incidentally joined Lapid at the luncheon, took him to Hong Kong to train with the same stunt instructor who taught Hollywood’s favorite comedic martial artist.

Over the years, producers, directors and fans of Lapid would marvel at his distinct stunts and moves, and apparently, the Jackie Chan connection is the reason behind it all.

“I owe it all to Jesse, who sent me to Hong Kong to train for action stunts before he gave me my first starring role,” the ever-fit and agile 68-year-old actor and lawmaker acknowledged.

“And he made sure I trained under Jackie Chan’s fight instructor, which is why he and I move the same.”

Rounding up the story about the movie that almost was, Lapid continued, “We were able to work out doing a movie with Jackie Chan. He was still shooting ‘Drunken Master’ though, so we were scheduled for his next project.”

Apparently, all the details had been ironed out,

including a set talent fee for Chan.

“It was just the dates we were working on, but after ‘Drunken Master’ became a box office hit around the world and Jessie got back to them, they raised his talent fee so high we couldn’t afford to get Jackie Chan anymore.”

Until now, Lapid admits he still feels a tinge of regret the whole project fell through.

“It’s a shame it didn’t happen because it would have worked were because we’re even the same age. We met at a restaurant, and it was really a memorable time.”

But of course, at the end of the day, the veteran actor can’t complain about how his own career turned out. The name Lito Lapid is forever etched as one of Philippine entertainment’s action greats, just like Fernando Poe Jr., Ramon Revilla Sr. and Joseph Estrada.

What’s more, the last couple of years have seen a resurgence in Lapid’s acting career, earning him a whole new generation of fans through his compelling roles in Coco Martin’s record-breaking “FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano” series and now, in the top-rated “Batang Quiapo,” both on ABS-CBN.

“There’s so much to be thankful for,” the actor-senator enthused. And as Lapid nears the end of his term in the Senate, Leon Guerrero is looking forward to doing more for the camera.

“Of course, my priority has always been the Senate all this time, but we’ll see next year. I have no plans to run again, so I should have more time for showbiz.”

Kim Chiu asked when was the last time she told an ex, “I wish you the best”

Naging tampulan muli ng panunukso si Kim Chiu tungkol sa usapang ex sa episode ng It’s Showtime

ngayong Lunes, December 4, 2023.

Nangyari ito sa bagong segment ng ABS-CBN noon-time show na “Especially For You,” isang dating game kung saan kasama ng contestant ang kanyang ex.

Sa isang punto, naging usapan ang tungkol sa paghahangad ng tagumpay ng isang tao para sa kanyang dating karelasyon.

Unang tinanong ni Vice Ganda ang co-host na si Vhong Navarro.

“Pag successful ka na, gusto mo maligaya rin ang ex mo, successful para pareho kayo,” sagot ni Vhong.

Tinanong din ni Vice si Karylle, na halatang umiwas.

Sabay sabi ni Vice, “Yun naman ang dapat. We should always wish the best for everybody.”

Sa puntong iyon ay ibinaling ni Vice ang atensiyon kay Kim.

Dinig ang reaction ng audience at pati ang co-hosts. Bali-balita ngayon na hiwalay na umano si Kim sa boyfriend na si Xian Lim.

Pagpapatuloy ni Vice sa tanong kay Kim kung totoong kapag ex mo na ay wala nang nararamdamang concern.

Su m a g o t si Kim: “Totoo n a m a n a n g kasabihan, ‘I wish you the best,’ kahit di m o

birthday, di ba? O, di ba, ‘Happy birthday, I wish you all the best in life.’

“Kahit walang okasyon, gusto mo yung best para sa tao.”

Hindi roon nagtapos ang panunukso ni Vice.

“Kailan mo huling nasabi yan na, ‘I wish you the best?’”

Malakas na tawa ang reaksiyon ni Kim.

“Kanina lang nung nag-birthday greeting ako,” bi-rong sagot niya kasabay ng tawa.

Sa isang interview noong November 27, tinanong si Kim tungkol sa estado ng relasyon nila ni Xian.

“Grabe, sa amin na lang muna yon. We’ll just keep it to ourselves na muna,” sagot ni Kim.

Na-interview rin siya ukol kay Xian noong October 31 sa presscon ng limited series niyang Linlang.

Maiksi man ang sagot ay nakapagkomento pa rin siya ukol kay Xian.

Sinabi ni Kim na “okay naman” sila ni Xian, at umoo siya nang tinanong kung “very strong” ang kanilang relasyon.

Napansin kasi ng mapagmatyag na netizens na walang masyadong posts sina Kim at Xian na magkasama lately.

Noong nakaraang buwan ay may mga biyahe sa loob at labas ng bansa si Kim na wala si Xian.

Kim Chiu deny breakup with Xian Lim.

“Okay naman kami ni Xi [palayaw ni Xian],” maikling sagot ni Kim.

Sundot na tanong ng isang reporter, “Very strong?”

“Oo,” pagsang-ayon ni Kim.

Dagdag pa niya, “Mapanlinlang ang showbiz, pero maayos naman po [kami].

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Enchong Dee to star in international film

Actor Enchong Dee is set to make his international film debut in 2024. The actor revealed the news during a recent showbiz event.

"I always say that every year, you'll be able to experience and do something fresh. So, I think it's safe to say that I will shoot my first international movie come February," he said.

The film, which will be directed by director Brillante Mendoza, is still under wraps. However, Dee hinted that it would be a different kind of role for him.

"It's definitely not going to be anything like I've done before," Enchong said. "I'm looking forward to challenging myself and taking on a new role."

Who are his co-stars in this ambitious silver screen offering?

"I still can't divulge as of now," Enchong admitted with a hint of excitement. "But the last time we were in Los Angeles, Direk Brillante told me that I can share that we'll be doing a big project next year. Besides, we just waited for the end of the actors' strike in Hollywood. Now that it's over, we can start recruiting SAG (Screen Actors' Guild) actors to be part of the cast."

So, there will be Hollywood actors in the movie?

"Yes! That's why I'm very excited!" Enchong exclaimed. "I feel that it will be the highlight of my 2024."

Meanwhile, Enchong is currently busy promoting his new film. He is part of the 2023 Metro Manila Film Festival entry GomBurZa. He shares the bill with Cedrick Juan and Dante Rivero in the movie.

Jona joins Viva Artists Agency

Kapamilya singer Jona is now officially part of the Viva Artists Agency (VAA). The 34-year-old singer recently inked a contract with the talent management agency.

Jona shared that she is happy and excited about this new chapter in her career. She also said that she hopes to venture into acting again now that she is with Viva.

Jona first received an offer from Viva in 2015, but it didn't push through because she decided to go with ABS-CBN instead. Another offer came in 2020, but Jona had an ongoing project with Star Music at the time. This year, Viva made an offer again and Jona finally accept-

ed it. She made sure to ask permission from her ABS-CBN bosses first, and they were understanding about her decision.

"I made sure first that I asked permission from my ABS-CBN bosses and I'm glad that they understood," Jona stated.

Miles Ocampo vows to prioritize self-love after split with Elijah Canlas

Miles Ocampo's split with boyfriend Elijah Canlas this year was unexpected by their fans, but despite their separation, the actress is quite sure she's handling her situation well post-breakup.

"I will love myself more," said Ocampo during the "Family of Two" press conference. Given that this is her first interview after the breakup, the E.A.T. host was also asked how she was handling the situation.

"I'm good, I'm happy na andito po ako ngayon, kasama ko kayong lahat," she told members of the media.

The 26-year-old actress expressed her appreciation to her parents for being a good support system, noting she doesn't need to say anything for them to understand her feelings.

"Alam mo, 'yon po ang magaling sa parents, na kahit 'di ka magsabi sa kanila, kahit 'di ka magsalita at mag-share, nararamdaman nila kung anong nararamdaman mo," said Ocampo.

"I am grateful sa Mommy ko—sa parents ko, actually—na kahit wala kayong conversation, pero nararamdaman mo na bigla na lang magte-text ang Mama, 'Kamusta ka? Kamusta ka today?'" the "Batang Quiapo" actress added.

"We went through a rough patch recently, mainly because we are going through our own stuff," he said.

"We are okay; we are not mad at each other. I'm always going to have love for her and support her in what

she does, but right now we are taking our time figuring things out," the actor concluded.

In April 2023, Canlas admitted that during the first year of his relationship with the actress, no one knew about it, noting that it's possible to have a private relationship in show biz.

"We just choose what to share, and you have to save yourself sometimes from certain things," he said.

Ocampo and Canlas made their romance public in May 2022, a year after they started dating. Both were cast members of the 2020 drama series "Paano ang Pangako."

Canlas was last seen with Romnick Sarmenta in the film "About Us but Not about Us," an entry for the summer edition of the Metro Manila Film Festival.

Kathryn Bernardo's sister sparks intrigue after 'karma' post

Kaye Bernardo, older sister of Kathryn Bernardo, made a cryptic post about "karma," days after the latter confirmed her breakup with longtime beau Daniel Padilla.

On her Facebook account last Thursday, Nov. 30, Kaye shared a short Reel containing the lyrics to the song "Karma" by Taylor Swift. Kaye, however, did not address anyone in particular.

Her chosen lyrics include the lines: "Karma's gonna track you down. Step by step, from town to town. Sweet like justice, karma is a queen. Karma takes all my friends to the summit."

Kaye's post was made on the same day Bernardo and Padilla confirmed their split through separate statements on Instagram.

Netizens flocked to the comments section of Kaye's post where the majority of them expressed their support for the "A Very Good Girl" star.

One Vorbach C Han, meanwhile, called people out for being "OA" or overacting.

Bernardo and Padilla ended their 11-year romance following weeks of speculations regarding their relationship status. The allegations, which stemmed from

showbiz writer Ogie Diaz's "Showbiz Update" vlog, apparently linked Daniel to fellow Kapamilya star Andrea Brillantes, although the latter has yet to confirm nor deny the rumors.

In her statement, Kathryn said that despite being "aware" of the rumors surrounding her breakup with Daniel, she clarified that they simply "drifted apart."

Imelda Papin unveils her biopic

Congratulations are due Philippine Jukebox Queen Imelda Papin for the successful premiere of her biographic film, "Loyalista: The Untold Story of Imelda Papin."

Her biopic is titled "Loyalista" because it doesn't just follow her rise to fame from a humble fisherfolk family in Bicol, but also chronicles her support for the Marcos family, even after former strongman Ferdinand Marcos, Sr. was exiled to Hawaii in 1986.

Claudine Barretto was cast to portray Papin, alongside Gary Estrada as her husband Bong Carrion, ER Ejercito as Marcos, Sr., Alice Dixon as former first lady Imelda Marcos, and the singer's daughter Maffi Papin as herself.

"All of the depictions here are true and not just speculation, along her friendship with President Ferdinand Marcos and his First Lady all the way in Hawaii where we followed them in the '80s."

The movie revealed how Papin's life was endangered after the Marcoses left Malacanang, given her widely known support for the political family. She lived in Hawaii for some time for her safety, where she continued to nurture her closeness with the former first couple and how they served as her inspiration to serve the Filipino people.

It has yet to be announced when "Loyalista: The Untold Story of Imelda Papin" will hold its commercial screening.



Philippine Jukebox Queen and politician Imelda Papin (center) flanked by Claudine Barretto, who portrays her in the biopic (right), and Alice Dixon who was cast as former first lady Imelda Marcos.

‘No love team’: Michelle Dee to join Ruru Madrid in ‘Black Rider’

For Miss Universe Philippines 2023 Michelle Dee, she would like to shine on her own moving forward in her acting career, especially now that she is deluged with opportunities after her commendable performance at this year’s Miss Universe finals held in El Salvador.

The returning beauty queen faced the press at the homecoming media conference hosted by her talent agency, GMA Sparkle.

“Honestly, I want to be able to shine on my own, not have to be linked or depend on a love team,” she replied when she was asked who she wants to work with.

She quickly added, “But of course, I have



so many dream co-actors in the Philippines. I can’t just choose one. Of course, I’d love to work with Alden (Richards) again. I’d love to work with Ruru, which I am for ‘Black Rider.’ Papa P (Piolo Pascual), Xian Lim is also one of those co-actors.”

She and Alden worked together last August as among the judges at the Miss Filipina International 2023 held in California, United States.

While she is not averse to working with her dream co-actors, she would want to be able to star in a show that puts the spotlight on her role or character. She cited Scarlett Johansson’s titular Marvel origin movie, “Black Widow.”

“But again, I’d love to be able to shine on my

own. Maybe something like ‘Black Widow’ where you can really shine authentically as yourself na wala masyadong love team,” she

added.

She is not picky with the genre but quipped that she might not beat her mother, Miss International 1979 Melanie Marquez, whom she described as an “unprecedentedly the funniest woman on Earth.”

“Pero ‘yung action-drama, as long as it’s the right story, the right cast, I’m very open,” she added.

Prior to her long Miss Universe 2023 preparation, Michelle was cast as Freya, one of the deadly yet funny villains of the epic action-fantasy drama “Mga Lihim ni Urduja” earlier this year.

Samantha Lopez on Jennylyn Mercado: “Hindi niya ipinararamdam na, ‘Ay sikat ako, big star ako!’”

Tuluy-tuloy na ang balik-taping ng Love. Die. Repeat na bagong drama series ng GMA kung saan isa sa mga cast members si Samantha Lopez.

Unang beses ito na gaganap si Samantha



sa isang proyekto bilang isang ina sa papel na Florence, mother ni Jennylyn Mercado sa teleserye.

Sambit pa niya, “Na adult na yung anak ko.”

Ano ang pakiramdam maging nanay ng isang Jennylyn Mercado sa isang TV project?

“Ay, honored,” ang bulalas ni Samantha. “Napakabait na bata, one of my favorite actresses. Magaling, mabait, generous!”

At isa sa mga reyna ng GMA at kabilang rin sa mga top actresses ng Pilipinas.

“Hindi siya ganun kapag kasama mo, hindi niya ipinararamdam na, ‘Ay sikat ako, big star ako!’ Hindi. Napaka-down-to-earth.

“Tsaka mommy talaga ang tawag niya sa akin, kaya anak din talaga ang treatment ko sa kanya.

“And we share the same passion, nagpi-Pilates kami pareho.”

Marami na sila ni Jennylyn na eksenan nakunan sa Love. Die. Repeat.

Bulalas ni Samantha, “Mahihirap! Drama-drama. Challenging, mahirap umiyak.”

Hangang-hanga nga raw siya sa kahasayan ni Jennylyn bilang aktres, “Dyusko siya, Dyusko isang ganun lang umiiyak na! Galing!”

Biro tuloy ni Samantha, mas gusto talaga niya kapag kontrabida siya dahil hindi siya kailangang umiyak sa maraming eksena.

Hindi raw siya kontrabida sa Love. Die. Repeat, “Salbahe pero drama, may iyakan, asawa ko pa Nonie Buencamino, hello, ang galing rin.” Nahinto ang taping ng Love. Die. Repeat noong September 2021 dahil nabuntis si Jennylyn sa anak nila ni Dennis Trillo na si Baby Dylan.

Ano ang unang reaksiyon ni Samantha nang sabihin sa kanya early this year na tuloy na ulit sila sa taping ng nabanggit na drama series?

“Ay e di masaya! Blessing naman yung bakit hindi natuloy dahil nabuntis si Jen, e di ba matagal na nilang gustong magkaroon ng baby?”

TV SHOW ON NET25

Samantala, season 3 na ng Good Will sa NET25 na isa pa ring TV show kung saan kasali rin si Samantha.

“Ako dito si Ms. Pilar, assistant manager of Good Will Resort.”

Hindi naman raw siya nahirapan magpaalam sa GMA na gagawa rin siya ng proyekto sa NET25.

“Hindi kasi ginawa ko ito hindi pa kami nag-i-start ng Love. Die. Repeat. Pinayagan naman ako, wala namang conflict.”

Kaya masaya si Samantha sa blessing na dalawang TV show sa magkaibang network ang tine-taping niya sa kasalukuyan.

Napapanood ang Good Will tuwing Linggo, alas kuwatro ng hapon.

Nakausap namin si Samantha sa Wack Wack Golf and Country Club nitong Oktubre 17 sa SamLo Cup na isang celebrity golf tournament na idinaos sa ikatlong taon bilang selebrasyon ng kaarawan niya ng Oktubre 18.

SAMANTHA’S BIRTHDAY WISH

Tinanong namin si Samantha kung ano ang birthday wish niya.

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