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Dingdong Dantes with screen partner Marian Rivera, the rumored cause of his breakup with girlfriend Karylle. Inquirer Photo by Ryan Lim

K and I are okay—Dingdong

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MANILA—"I ask for patience. Karylle and I promised each other that we would answer all questions together. I would like things to happen in her own terms," said controversial actor Dingdong Dantes, who has kept mum about the real score between him and the singer-actress.



Karylle

Karylle's statement as a denial of a split up.

There is talk that Marian Rivera, Dingdong's *Dyesebel* co-star, had caused the couple to break up. Dingdong said his and Karylle's response would be heard "this week."

"We know that people want to hear from us about it. Things have not been easy for the people around us, for those who are close to us," Dingdong told a group of writers on Tuesday, October 28, during a visit to the set of *One True Love*, his latest film.

The actor did say this much about his relationship with Karylle: "We're okay. Yes, we talk about the issue ... We communicate through text messages."

Dingdong clarified that Karylle "did not say anything specific" when she was interviewed for the news program *24 Oras* on GMA 7 last week. "I read the transcript of the interview. It's possible that people misinterpreted her," Dingdong pointed out.

In the interview, Karylle said she was with Dingdong before the actor left for a week-long trip to the United States. Karylle also said talking about the issue publicly would only blow it out of proportion. Dingdong said it was possible that many interpreted

The actor also denied that Marian had something to do with what was going on between him and Karylle. He said neither was the issue merely a gimmick to promote *One True Love*.

"D'yan ako asar. People close to me know that I never resort to gimmicks," he added. "I don't even discuss this with Marian. I don't want her to think I'm bothered by it. *Mailang lang s'ya* ..."

Dingdong disclosed that Karylle met up with Marian on Sunday, on the set of the variety show *S.O.P.* "They talked. There was no confrontation—that's not Karylle's personality. *Wala ring iyakan*. Whatever they talked about, it was for a good cause," he said.

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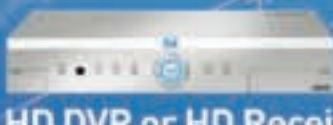


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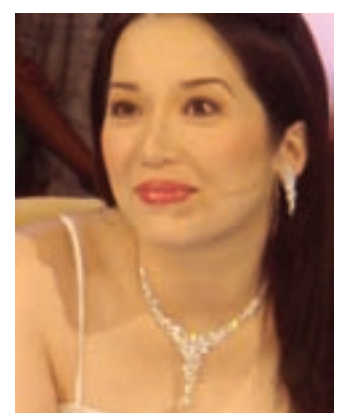
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Kris is back in 'The Buzz'

AFTER much speculation as to who will fill in for suspended TV talk show host Crispy Fermin in *The Buzz*, Kris Aquino finally put all the talk to rest when she appeared in last Sunday's edition of the talk show.



In the Halloween theme of the show where other hosts Boy Abunda and Ruffa Gutierrez donned Halloween costumes, Kris wore a Snow White costume for her comeback, which coincided with the birthday celebration of Boy, one of her closest friends in the biz.

"Thank you Ruffa for letting me be here with you. *Pinasa ko na talaga sa iyo ito pero maraming salamat na hindi ka nag-atubili na sabihin sa akin na I'm also welcome here*," Aquino told Gutierrez as she was warmly welcomed back into the show.

'Himala' in Best Asian Film Top 10 poll

The acclaimed film *Himala* by the late Ishmael Bernal has made it to the Top 10 of a poll for the Best Asian Film conducted by Cable News Network (CNN).

The 1982 film by the National Artist starred Nora Aunor as a good-hearted lass whose so-called "miracles" cause the residents of an impoverished provincial town to go into a frenzy is listed as one of the Top 10 finalists with other lauded Asian films such as Japan's *Spirited Away* and Hong Kong's *Infernal Affairs* (for which the Oscar-winning *The Departed* directed by Martin Scorsese was based on).



Others in the Top 10 are world-renowned modern classics like Wong Kar Wai's *Chungking Express* from China, Akira Kurosawa's *The Seven Samurai* from Japan and Ang Lee's *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* from China.

The finalists were selected by critics, industry insiders and actors according to the CNN web site. Online voting ends on Oct. 31 and the winner of the Viewer's Choice Award will be announced on Nov. 11 at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards to be held in Australia.

Annabelle Rama's lavish 56th birthday celebration

One of local showbiz's most famous celebrity moms celebrated her 56th birthday recently, and it was a celebration fitting for a queen—what with three grand yachts, sumptuous food and the who's who of the local entertainment scene.



Among her well-wishers—apart from the usual suspects, of course (husband Eddie, daughter Ruffa and twin sons Raymond and Richard)—were members of the extended Gutierrez clan including Tonton Gutierrez (who was with wife Glydel Mercado) and Ramon Christopher. Other guests in the party were *Eat Bulaga's* Malou Choa-Fagar, PEP and *YES!* editor-in-chief Jo-Ann Maglipon, Celia Rodriguez, Tim Yap, Phoemela Baranda, Nadia Montenegro, Ana Rocas, Almira Muhlach, Richard and Lucy Gomez, Sunshine Cruz, Beth Tamayo, Pops Fernandez, Rufa Mae Quinto, Miriam Quiambao, Cesar Montano, Gretchen Barretto and Willie Revillame, who owned one of the yachts, the *MY Wow Cruiser*.