

Pops may spend Christmas with Martin

Pops Fernandez still cannot decide whether to spend Christmas here or in the US. "Robin and Ram may go to the States to be with their dad for the holidays," Pops says. "But it will depend on my commitments here if I can follow. Of course, I wanna be with my two boys."

Does that mean she's open to the idea of celebrating Christmas with Martin if their sons will be with him? "I haven't thought about that yet. We still have to make arrangements."

Will Mart be singing his signature song *Christmas Won't Be The Same Without You?* for Yule or old times sake?

Birthday girl

Aiza Seguerra celebrated her birthday with her "Avenue Q" family Rachel Alejandro, Joel Trinidad, Felix Rivera, their groupie Tita Girlie Rodis and the love of her life Chen at Conspiracy Café.

Aiza gamely did an impromptu mini-concert for her guests. Chen's birthday cake to Aiza had a "Miss Bagets" lettering on it. Lil Ms Philippines is all grown up but she remains childlike.

Guess list

- This actress can no longer contain her desire for her leading man. During a taping lull, she kept caressing the face of her screen partner in full view of the fans on the set. The actor was blasé but his disdain was starting to show. No matter how hard the actress tries, her leading man remains faithful to his

girlfriend. Will she attempt to tempt him again and again?

- This celebrity couple's marital woes never seem to end. Even if they have so much money to burn, their spending habits clash. "Para silang nagdadaigan sa pabonggahan ng lifestyle," reveals their close friend. Full pockets, empty hearts?

- This new celebrity is always drunk when he faces the cam. First-time jitters or residual effect of alcoholism? Is he ready for his close up or "Bottoms Up?"

'Friendly' advice

Nadia Montenegro is being pinpointed by Gabby Concepcion's manager Rose Flaminiano as the one who talked Gabo into terminating her services due to alleged shady dealings.

"I can't deprive Gabs of knowing the new system in show biz since he's been gone for 13 years," Nadj explains. "Humihingi lang



Martin Nievera and Pops Fernandez



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ng ideas and *tulong ang friend ko*. Does helping him make me a bad person? My relationship with Gabs is on a personal level. Never *ko siya sinulsulan*. He has a mind of his own. *Hanggang advice lang ako*. Final say depends on him *pa din*. But I don't regret having to go through all this trouble for a friend." No matter how close we are to our friends, we can never think their thoughts nor feel their feelings. Gabs and Nadj know that too well. ■

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Kris Aquino

Richard ready with 'Feud' vs Kris

Second week of October, Richard Gomez will take a bow as host of the Philippine version of the long-running, top-rating US game show *Family Feud* (where a few years ago the late Rio Diaz and Hajji Alejandro, together with their children, appeared as contestants), taking over the timeslot (6 to 6:30pm, Monday thru Friday, before *24 Oras*) of the Arnell Ignacio-hosted *Gobingo* and pitted against Kris Aquino's *Kapamilya Deal Or No Deal* on ABS-CBN.

"It's a big challenge," said Richard who is now rehearsing for the game show produced by Fremantle Media (also behind *American Idol*). "Hosting a game show is new to me. There are templates from Fremantle that we have to follow, *kaya pinag-aaralan kong mabuti*."

It must be Richard's way of pre-empting any attempt to create intrigues between him and Kris who happens to be Richard and wife Lucy Torres' good friend.

"Right now," said Richard during this interview, "Kris and Lucy are having lunch."

Friends are daring Richard to invite feuding showbiz denizens as contestants for the show's first week (show is good for one season, meaning 13 weeks) and Richard said, "Why not?" It will be a high-rater, I'm sure!"

In January next year, Richard will start shooting (maybe abroad) a yet untitled movie for Star Cinema with Sharon Cuneta (with Laurenti Dyogi as director), which is their sixth star-rer together following *Ngayon at Kailanman*, *Buy One Take One*, *Kahit Wala Ka Na*, *Minsan Kitang Minahal* and *Walang Kapalit*. ■

Richard Gomez

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