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Diet shields GF from limelight

IT WAS SUCH A DELIGHT to interview Diether Ocampo for my daily show *Chikaletric* with IC on Viva Cinema Channel. Since Diet and I are super close, it was such a candid and relaxed tete-a-tete.

Diet has never been happier. "After a roller-coaster relationship with Kristine Hermosa, it's so refreshing that my love life is more peaceful now and secure," Diet beamed. "My new girlfriend (half-Pinay, half-Spanish Rima Lorza Ostwani) is so supportive, an answer to my prayer."

As much as possible, Diet wants to shield her from the limelight. "I bring her to show biz events but I don't want her to give too many interviews," Diet said. "I don't want our relationship to turn into a circus."

Is he ready to take the plunge again since the annulment of his marriage with Kristine has been granted? "I'm taking it slow this time. I just recovered from a tumultuous relationship so *ayoko munang sumabak uli*."

There are times for moving ahead. This time Diet is enjoying where he is. Why rush when you don't want time to pass? Is forever about to start for Diet and his girl?

Eye to eye

Nadia Montenegro is still recuperating from her eye operation. Her medical condition has softened her heart. She's now willing to make peace with Gretchen Barretto after their heated exchange of words in the past.

"I was on the phone with Pops, and Greta happened to be with her," Nadj reveals. "She got the phone from Pipay and said 'Hi'. *Nabigla ako!* It lasted for 30 seconds. I appreciate it *kasi siya ang nag-exert ng effort*. I'd rather keep private the details of our brief talk. It was an unforgettable moment."

After an eye surgery, Nadj is willing to see eye to eye with Greta.

No big deal

Alessandra de Rossi paid me a surprise visit during my taping with IC for our show. It's always so much fun being around her. Her *joie de vivre* is contagious.

Alex thinks the issue on Ara Mina borrowing money from her sister Cristine Reyes should not be a big deal. "Nothing wrong with asking help from your sis," Alex said. "Assunta and I always run to each other for help. What are sisters for?" They're sisters of perpetual help.

Brat and Yaya

Ogie Alcasid will concentrate more on his TV shows and movies this year. "I won't be doing concerts *muna*," says Ogie. "I'm excited for the movie version of *Spoiled Brat and Yaya* based on my character and Michael V's in *Bubble Gang*. We will also host a game show na *in character pa rin kami*. It's the *Pinoy* version of a popular show in Japan where contestants try to fit into huge holes of different shapes."

Ogie's career has never been in better shape. ■

[Showbitz!]

Boy Abunda tries his hand as a film producer

POPULAR TV host, product endorser and talent manager Boy Abunda can add another title to his impressive resumé: film producer. *The Buzz* and *SNN* host partnered with his friend Boy So of Boracay to produce a as-yet-untitled independent movie to be directed by GB Sampedro and is one of Cinemalaya's finalists.

The film will star Dennis Trillo, Jhong Hilario, Emilio Garcia, Gardo Versoza and Chanda Romero. Boy's friends from the biz including Mariel Rodriguez, Sitti and Ai-Ai delas Alas have also committed to make cameos, while there are talks that Ruffa Gutierrez and Kris Aquino will appear in the movie as well.

Boy tells Philippine Entertainment Portal that venturing into film production has long been his dream. His first project was supposed to be a film with a script written by acclaimed theatre director Bobby Garcia but it didn't work out. Now, Boy is all too happy that he has gained another chance.

"*Gusto kong matuto dito sa negosyong ito. Malapit sa puso ko yung independent films kasi kayang-kaya, di ba? Ina-market namin ito sa mga eskwelahan. Mayroon na kaming pangalawang material, pero hindi pa final. Pero itutuloy namin hanggang makakayanan namin,*" he says. ■



Boy Abunda

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