

## 'Baron Just 'on Loan,' Still a Kapamilya

**M**ANILA—Contrary to rumors, Baron Geisler is not moving to GMA 7. "I think *ipapahiram lang ako ng ABS*," he clarifies, "to do some episodes of a drama special, *SRO Cinemaserye* yata."

Doesn't he feel pressured to outdo himself after reaping awards for his superb performance in *Jay*? "Not at all, because I love my job," he says. "Awards are really a bonus."

And just like his career, Baron's love life is in full bloom. "*Tinamaan talaga ako kay Rachel* (Stephenson)," he tells us. "I hadn't felt this way since my relationship with Jodi (Sta. Maria). Even if Chelz lives in Australia, we chat online for hours daily. Thank God for webcams (laughs)! And we visit each other monthly. It's hard to have a long distance relationship. *Sipag at tiyaga lang dapat*. Our sweet reunions make the long wait worth it."

Looks like the barfly in Baron would need less alcohol now that he's intoxicated with love!

**No comment**

I cornered Karylle and asked if she's happy about the breakup of her ex Dingdong Dantes' team-up with Marian Rivera. "I'd rather not comment about that," K said. "It's almost mid-year and I'm ripe for change." So is she ready to fall again? "Love will come," she quips, "when it's time."

For now, her heart seems to be on time-out mode.

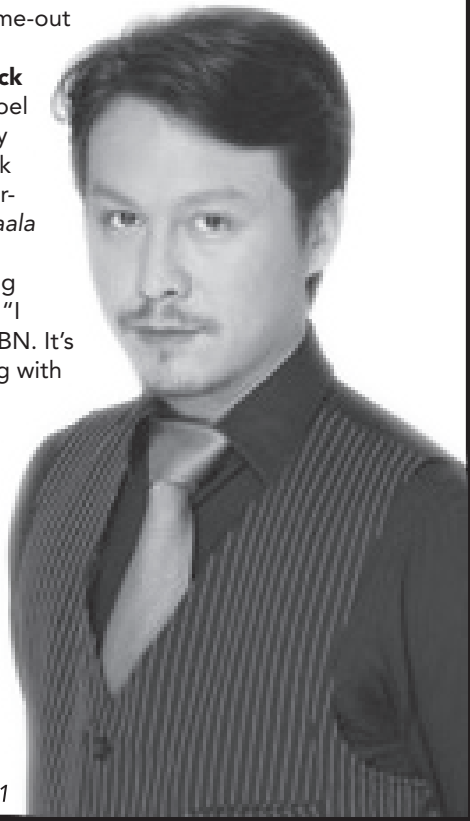
**Great feedback**

Carmina Villaroel is overwhelmed by the great feedback she got for her performance in *Maalaala Mo Kaya*.

"I missed doing drama," she says. "I grew up in ABS-CBN. It's always fun working with them."

Does it signal her return to the Kapamilya network?

"Nope. I'm staying with GMA," she clarifies. "With my hosting, my schedule is toxic. But I hope GMA will give



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## Korina 'Not Replaced'

**M**ANILA—Korina Sanchez has bid goodbye to audiences of her Teleradyo show on dzMM and the late-night news program, *Bandila*.

Ces Drilon and Henry Omega Diaz will stay as *Bandila* anchors, corporate communications head Bong Osorio said. "Korina will not be replaced."

But changes were made in dzMM's programming to fill in the 8:30-10:30 slot of Sanchez and Ted Failon's (also on leave), daily show, "*Tambalang Failon* at Sanchez." Osorio said *Dos Por Dos*, hosted by Anthony Taberna and Gerry Baja, now airs from 7:30 to 9:30. A new show, *Opinyon*, follows from

9:30 to 10:30. The changes are temporary, said Peter Musngi, VP for Manila Radio and Sports. Regular programming resumes when Failon returns.

Sanchez earlier told Inquirer she would co-host *Tambalang* for a week when Failon returns, to help him "adjust back into the pace." She's still seen Sundays on Rated K. (Inquirer.net)



## 'Richard Not Portrayed as Troublemaker'

by ALLISON LOPEZ  
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**M**ANILA—The editor in chief of an entertainment website on Tuesday insisted that actor Richard Gutierrez was not portrayed as a "troublemaker" in an article which had reported his alleged involvement in a gun-toting incident.

Philippine Entertainment Portal editor in chief Jo-Ann Maglipon, who was charged by the actor with libel, said in her counter affidavit that the March 29 story "did not impute any discreditable act or condition to any person, much less to the complainant."

Gutierrez had sued Maglipon, PEP managing editor Karen Pagsolin-gan and staff writer Ferdinand "Bong" Godinez for P25 million for the article that claimed he was involved in a fight with actor Michael Flores.

Based on the PEP article, Gutierrez and Flores exchanged heated words at the parking lot of Oceana Restaurant in Pasay City, where director Mark Reyes was celebrating his birthday.

In his complaint, the lead star of "*Zorro*" denied being involved in a so-called "heated argument," "squabble," "gun-toting incident," or "fracas" with Flores or anyone for that matter.

Maglipon, however, said the terms "cannot be taken out of context" and must not be interpreted as accusing a person of being a troublemaker.



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