

# VEGAS & STYLE

## JOURNAL

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### An endless parade of Caparas TV hits

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IT WAS Carlo J. Caparas, the *Komiks* King no less, who kicked off the current trend of movies-adapted-for-TV.

The endless parade of Caparas TV hits goes on — with more coming! The good thing about Carlo (who has been awarded for enhancing the National Language) is that he — and his wife Donna Villa — have kept themselves above the never-ending network war. Thus, Carlo happily crosses boarders while maintaining his “neutral” stance and identifying himself neither a *Kapamilya* nor a *Kapuso*. As they would say, *trabaho lang, walang personalan*.

The trend started a few years ago with the FPJ classic *Ang Panday* which Carlo entrusted to the *Kapamilya*. Jericho Rosales was, well, good enough in his performance even if he suffered from comparison to Da King. Currently on the *Kapamilya* mid-afternoon slot is *Pieta*, with Ryan Agoncillo not quite measuring up to the unforgettable performance as a bad boy of the late Ace Vergel.

On the *Kapuso* station, Carlo’s *Totoy Bato* (with Robin Padilla giving the FPJ original a refreshing new touch) continues to rule the ratings just as his previous works did, including *Kamandag* (with Richard Gutierrez), *Joaquin Bordado* (Robin Padilla; former Sen. Ramon Revilla was the original), *Bakekang* (Sunshine Dizon, after Nora Aunor) and *Ang Babaeng Hinugot sa Aking Tadyang* (with Dingdong Dantes and Marian Rivera, ending in two weeks time).

Coming soon: *Valora*, *Gabriel*, *Elias Paniki*, *Tuklaw* (the man with a snake twin played by Richard Gomez in the movie), *To Have and To Hold*, *Kahit Ako’y Lupa* and *Somewhere* (the memorable romance-drama movie starring Lorna Tolentino and Rudy Fernandez).

Funfare learned that ABS-CBN execs had a meeting with Carlo and Donna over the weekend. It’s not known which of the above-mentioned obra-maestra ABS-CBN is interested in.

The mark of the man is indicated in the way the movies-turned-TV-series are advertised/publicized — always with the words Carlo J. Caparas’ before the title, just like they do it with the works of Stephen King, Alfred Hitchcock, Steven Spielberg and a few others.

After the parade of movie/TV hits, what next for the *Komiks* King?

Could it be true that some political parties are wooing him into running for...congressman or senator? *Abangan ang susunod na kabanata.* ■



Carlo J. Caparas

### [Showbitz!]

#### Keempee de Leon reinvents himself as a photographer

KEEMPEE de Leon is best known for tickling our funny bones, but a lot do not know that the comedian has developed a new hobby: photography. He shares that the late Master Rapper Francis M., Richard Gomez and Michael V. inspired him to this new passion.



Keempee de Leon

He is so engrossed with photography that he is planning to mount his own exhibit where all proceeds will be donated to a charity. He has at least 1,000 unique photos which he could choose from should the plan push through.

Other personalities from the GMA-7 channel roster are also involved in the same hobby such as Mark Herras, Raymond Gutierrez and Chynna Ortaleza, and Keempee intend to have their works included in the exhibit as well.

“I guess it’s a good idea, *‘di ba?’*” he tells gmanews.tv. GMA *“Para mapakita din ‘yung ibang talents ng artists ng GMA – hindi lang acting, hindi lang singing [or] dancing.”* ■

#### Kim Chiu maps out her future

FAST-rising young star Kim Chiu recently celebrated her 19th birthday, and the *Tayong Dalawa* star shared her birthday wish. *“Maging successful pa po ang aking showbiz career ko at maipatayo ko na sana ang sarili kong bahay sa LGV [Loyola Grand Villas] in Quezon City. Lyon pong 600-square meter lot sa LGV ang birthday gift ko sa sarili ko,”* she says.

Since winning ABS-CBN’s *Pinoy Big Brother Teen Edition*, there is no doubt Kim’s wishes will come true. She isn’t showing any signs

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DOLLYWOOD

### Cesar Montano, Mass Com grad

by DOLLY ANN CARVAJAL  
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CESAR MONTANO was in a euphoric state when he called me up. *“Amiga, I just graduated from the Lyceum of the Philippines University,”* he beamed. *“I now have a Bachelor of Arts degree, major in Mass Communication. My bro Jing, Sunshine and my son Angelo were present during the rites. Nakaka-touch ‘yung palakpakan ng fellow graduates and the rest in the audience. It was one moment in my life when I felt really complete.”*

Buboy had finished three years of college before show biz beckoned. Since he just had a few more units left, he squeezed in some time to complete his requirements.

“Indescribable ang feeling when I got my diploma,” gushed Buboy. *“Mandy hands were so cold. Excitement was enormous! I bang klaseng high when I receive*



Cesar Montano

an acting award. Although *parehong* fulfilling ang may award at diploma, *kakaiba ang joy na may natapos na akong kursong* which will come in handy in my *Singing Bee*

hosting.” I teased him. *“Now that you’re officially a broadcaster, will you venture into newscasting? Perhaps pinch-hit for Ted Failon now that he’s in mourning?”*

Buboy shot back, *“Tama nang nahe-headline ako. Di ko maging maging news anchor.”*

Is Buboy’s college degree in preparation for the 2010 elections? Is he running for governor of Bohol? *“My answer is definitely maybe (laughs).”*

Either way, whatever Buboy gets into, he’s never half-hearted about it.

The graduate is now armed with more lessons not just in facing the camera but also in facing the music.

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