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Sarah embarks on local concert tour

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"HE looked depressed most of the time," said young star Sarah Geronimo of her *You Changed My Life* costar John Lloyd Cruz, who was reported to have broken up recently with long-time girlfriend, magazine editor Liz Uy.

Sarah told a group of writers at lunch that she had a preview of the breakup while she and John Lloyd were filming the hit movie. "At first, I didn't think his being quiet meant anything, *bumagay po kasi sa character n'ya* [It suited his character]. (John Lloyd plays Miggy, her jealous and troubled boyfriend). When I heard people talk about their split-up, I realized he wasn't just acting in character."

Not ready for suitors

Sarah said she and John Lloyd never got to discuss the issue. "So I ask everyone to respect [the ex-couple's] decision to keep mum," she said.

In a separate interview, John Lloyd refused to confirm the breakup. He told reporters that the issue was very sensitive, and that, in time, "I'll probably be able to give you clear answers."

Sarah added: "I wish I had something inspiring to say to him to make him feel better, but I had none. I've never been in a relationship."

The singer-actress said that at 20, she still wasn't ready for a serious commitment. "I feel flattered when guys show interest in

me. Maybe when I turn 24 or 25, *pwede na po umakyat ng ligaw sa bahay* [they can court me]."

Singer Mark Bautista has been vocal about liking Sarah. Of late, she is being linked to Mark Herras, whom she got to perform with out-of-town. "I didn't even get to really talk with Mark. We were introduced when it was already time to perform," she explained. "It's not true that we send text messages to each other, or that we chat on the Net."

Sarah said she was preparing for the re-staging of her highly successful *Sarah Geronimo: The Next One* concert. The tour starts June 12 at the De La Salle Centrum in Lipa City, Batangas.



Sarah Geronimo

She is also promoting the DVD version of the *Next One* concert, which features Sarah singing with Backstreet Boys member Howie Dorough via video, her duet with John Lloyd, and per-

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Charice's song cracks Billboard Hot 100

AFTER Manny Pacquiao's win over Ricky Hatton in the much-anticipated Las Vegas boxing match last May 2, there is another one who is bringing pride to the Filipinos. Charice, the young Filipina singer who charmed the likes of Oprah Winfrey and Ellen DeGeneres last year and became a worldwide singing sensation practically overnight, released her first single, *Note to God*, in the US last May 18 and entered the Billboard Hot 100 chart at No. 44.

Note to God is composed and written by the award-winning Diane Warren and is produced by David Foster. Charice debuted the single by performing it on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* last May 18, coinciding with its release for digital download. *Note to God* immediately entered the iTunes and Amazon.com's best-selling singles charts.

Charice is signed up with Warner Bros. Records in the US and is currently working on her album, due for release before the end of the year. *Note to God* will premiere in radio stations in Metro Manila within this week.



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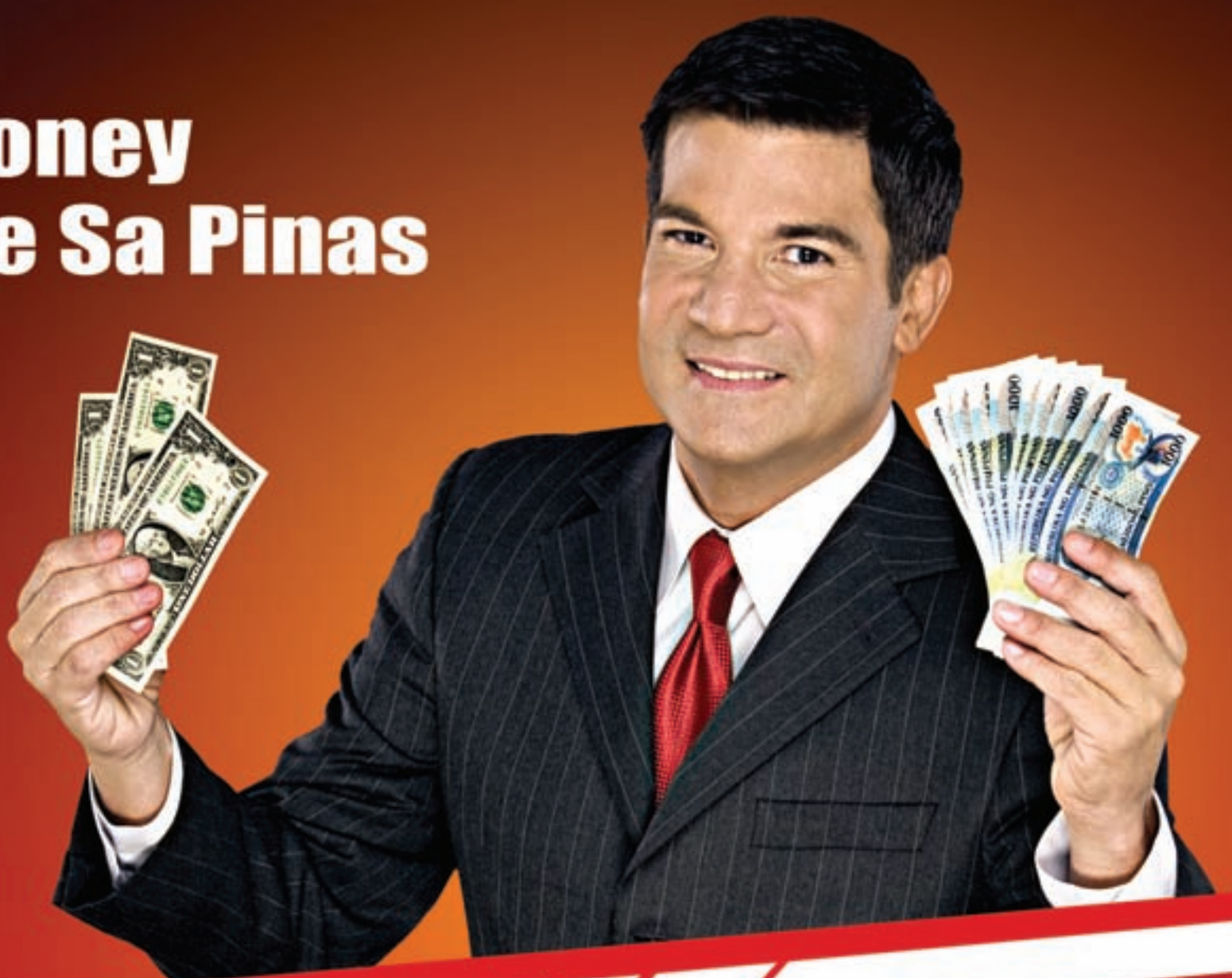
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