

# Aiko and Jomari happier as friends

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MANILA—Jomari Yllana is excited to work again with his ex, Aiko Melendez. "We will play the parents of Angelina, the bratty character of Ogie Alcasid in Angelina and Yaya," he says. "I've long been praying for a good comedy role, that's why I'm happy this project came."

Won't sparks fly in the set? "Aiko and I have reached a certain point where we are both comfortable, so why should we complicate things by letting emotions get in the way? We are both happier now as good friends." When love fails, friendship prevails.

Nasty messages?

Cristine Reyes is irked about RR Herrera's comments that she should stop sending him nasty messages. They had a falling out when they were working in *Banana Split*.

"I never thought this would be such a big issue," she says. "I left the show already so *sana tama na. Nananahimik na ako. Pero minsan sobra na.*" By now, Cristine ought to know that show biz and intrigues go together well. You can't have one without the other.

No comment

Dingdong Dantes is mum about Zsa Zsa Padilla's statement that she would rather not confront him about his breakup with her daughter Karylle.

"No comment" he quips. Some questions are better left unanswered. Silence is sometimes the best defense.

Baron meets Pacman

Baron Geisler is raring to work with Manny Pacquiao in a forthcoming movie. "I'm gonna ask him to sign my boxing gloves," says Baron. "I will ask Pacman how he feels before and after every fight. *Bibiruin ko at hihingi ako ng balato.*" Will the barfly in Baron also ask San Miguel Beer's endorser for a truckload of booze?

After Paolo

Even if Abby Cruz and Paolo Bediones have not admitted their split-up, a common friend told me that Abby's new crush is Piolo Pascual.

PJ's pic is her cell phone's wallpaper. From Papa Paolo to Papa Piolo?

New 'bride'

After winning her first movie acting award, Anne Curtis makes a big TV comeback in ABS-CBN's *The Wedding* with Derek Ramsay and Zanjoe Marudo (weeknights on Primetime Bida).

She plays a rich girl who dreams of the perfect wedding with her dream guy (Derek) who has to leave for the States. After finding out that her parents' marriage is falling apart, she devises a scheme to make her folks stay together—get engaged with someone they will never approve of (Zanjoe).

What's Anne's real-life dream wedding? "I like it to be intimate, outdoors during sunset," she says. Isn't she wary that Derek's GF Angelica Panganiban and Zanjoe's GF Mariel Rodriguez might get jealous of her? "They both have nothing to worry about," she quips. "We all hang out together. I would not do anything to ruin our friendship." Friends who party together, stay together. ■

# The Beauty of forgiveness according to Dr. Vicki Belo

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By MONET LU



BY the time this column comes out, we're have finished celebrating the first Beautiful Life! Event!Ruffa's Birthday Bash at the CBS Studios Center.

I wish to thank all of the volunteer crew and staff who have been helping us organize this fun event. *Wala akong masabi sa dedication nilang lahat.* Of course, where would this project be without the generous sponsors! Thank you for all your support and confidence in us!

For this week's topic, I'm inclined to talk about my good friend Dr. Vicki Belo, who has unfortunately figured in a much-publicized "issue" resulting from a betrayal on the part of ex-beau Hayden Kho and a sexy actress/

Belo Medical Group endorser.

The salacious elements of this issue have bombarded us from all angles and portals--through unauthorized pirated CDs and DVDs, unlawful video uploading on the web, TV talk shows that have dedicated a lot of airtime to the issue, and etc.

Since then, *maraming tao na ang nadamay.* Everyone has offered their opinion, whether solicited or not. There are people who are legitimately hurting because of this adversity and others who are just using the issue to advance their own agenda.

On some level, I feel that we are all guilty of sensationalizing the situation. Our curiosity has gotten the better of us it seems.

Amid the brouhaha, one woman stands tall. Dr. Vicki Belo whom many view as also a victim in all of these, is naturally concerned but not rattled.

Her confidence comes from knowing that she did nothing wrong. This famous beauty doctor has really had share of intriga and trials.

I can still remember back in early 2009 when Vicki personally shared her heartbreaking story about Hayden. She was really

hurting then. All throughout that conversation, she never once mentioned the identity of the "other girl" (*kasi hindi pa officially lumabas sa press ang pangalan ng sexy actress*). I had my suspicions but I did not press her for answers.

Vicki said she was still trying to understand what happened to Hayden so that she could somehow deal with the pain of his betrayal.

While on a trip to Georgia last March, Vicki found time to touch base with me about the latest on her. She told me that she was already starting to get over it; that she has forgiven Hayden.

It takes a strong woman to deal with a betrayal of this magnitude and forgive the person or persons who have done her the greatest damage.

Not only has Vicki had her heart broken in the most humiliating way imaginable but her professional credentials have also been unjustly questioned because of this issue. And for Vicki to still have the heart to forgive is really superhuman.

She even credited Hayden for making the effort to set things right. He's been seeing a therapist toward the process of forgiving himself as well.

Vicki refuses to let the crab mentality pull her down. I commend her for this. Whatever the outcome, I know she will get through this stronger and if possible, more compassionate.

I was touched to see her on

TFC recently giving an interview about the lessons she's learned from all of these.

Her candor is very moving. She recognized the unconditional love from her two children, Quark and Crystalle. She said this is the kind of love that will really see you through whatever challenges you face in life. Boyfriends may come and go but the love of your children and family, you can always count on.

Vicki has acknowledged the mistakes that she has made. But I feel that her sometimes lack of judgment on who to trust pales in comparison to the ultra kindness of her heart.

Last week, a "forecaster" by the name of Madam Eliza Blue from Glendale, impressed some of my readers because of her "insightful" remark about the Ruffa and John Lloyd issue.

So we asked her for her take on Dr. Belo's situation and here is what she had to say:

*Batu-bato sa langit, tamaan 'wag magalit! Vicki, kahit ano gawin mo, attractive ka talaga sa tao. Kita ko yan sa mapupunggay mong mga mata (nakita ko pix mo nung din pa ito nireretoke). Poised at sophisticated ka. Business, power and money e nasa dugo mo talaga. Pioneer ka; tinitingala ko ng tao kasi me aura ka ng control at confidence, kung negosyo pag-uusapan ha? Eto na, pero sa personal, wrong choice ka. Sa totoo lang, Vicki, me dalawang katauhan ka. Tanggalin natin yung marangya at itsura mo sa*

*labas, e deep inside, loner ka at pilit mong hinahanapan ng dahilan ang lahat ng pangyayari sa buhay mo, lalo ngayon. At naghahanap ka rin ng taong tulad mo para unawain ka. At yun ang dahilan bakit attracted si Hayden Kho sa'yo. Sad to say din, parang palagi mong mapupuna ang sarili mong sinusuportahan usually ng pinansyal ang mga nadidikit sa 'yo. Isang lalaking mas may edad sa'yo at may halong lahi mula sa Asya ang makakaunawa sa'yo. Antabayan ang lalaking ito na malamang sa hindi e mahilig mag-tie na reddish at purplish. Ang ending nito? Malakas vibes ko, di makukulang si Vicki. Makakaahon siya sa kinasasangkutan niya ngayon. Cycle na sa kanya na kapag nakitaan ng kahinaan, e automatic kasunod ang katatagan. Yan ang nababasa ko sa bolang kristal. —Madam Eliza Blue.*

Note Bene: I believe in God and I don't take this hula seriously. But for the benefit of our readers, I have to include this in the article. To all my readers, thank you so much for the overwhelming feedback every week. \*\*\*

LA-based celebrity stylist Monet Lu was born in Marikina, Philippines. In the 80s, Monet left a thriving salon chain business in his hometown to migrate to the US. He had the vision to recreate his success in the US by building a beauty business that served the needs of Filipino Americans. Currently, Monet is the proud owner of four salons with branches in Van Nuys CA, Panorama City CA, Los Angeles CA and Las Vega NV. He has since branched out to event productions through his events and marketing company, Events Specialists International, producer of the longest-running [20 years!] and most prestigious Filipino-American awards/fashion show in SoCal. In 2006, Monet kicked off another passion to develop his own line of all-natural, beauty care products, Skin By Monet.

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