

Showbitz!

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Maxene Magalona and family on the road to recovery



Maxene Magalona

ONE of today's most promising actresses, Maxene Magalona, proves her professionalism and dedication in the business by going back to work without qualms only two weeks after her dad, Master Rapper Francis Magalona, was laid to rest. Maxene is back to work to tape for the new weekly series for GMA-7 *SRO Cinemaserye* to debut on March 26. Maxene in an appearance in GMA 7's *Showbiz Central* thanked those who showed their support to her and her family during the difficult time. She says that they all terribly miss Francis M but has slowly coming to terms with their loss.

"Lahat naman kami sa house, okey na kaming lahat," sabi ni Maxene. "It's not an easy thing for everybody, pero we have to accept it. And importante na lagi kaming nagkakasama ngayon and we all have time na for each other. Unlike noon na we are all busy at halos wala na kaming oras na magkita-kita, ngayon ibang-iba na ang naging arrangement namin sa house. Tulad nga noong magkaroon kami ng mass for Papa. After ng misa, we would all go out and eat sa ganitong restaurant and we would all reminisce about the things that Papa did," she shares. ■

RUSHES

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Dulce would rather see Pops back with Martin

MARINEL Cruz spoke with the best friend of Pops Fernandez's mother, Dulce Lukban and discovered some very intriguing stuff:

"Like any mother, she is very protective of her daughter. If she had her way, she wanted Pops to reconcile with Martin," Aster Amoyo, entertainment journalist and Lukban's closest friend for almost 30 years, told Cruz.

Pops (as we all know, like it or not) just broke up with her boyfriend of four years, actor and new concert producer Jomari Yllana.

Inquirer sought an interview with Lukban—since Fernandez had flown to the US for a concert, but the singer's assistant told Cruz in a text message, "Ayaw po ni Pops. Sorry talaga."

Amoyo was very confident about her own observations: "Among Pops' loved ones, Dulce was the most affected by the breakup." She said she met Lukban in 1981, when Fernandez first became an artist of OctoArts Records.

Amoyo added: "Dulce used to tell me that she [was] praying for Pops and Martin to get back together because they have kids (Robin and Ram), and [also because] she [herself] came from a broken family and did not wish [it on] her kids or grandchildren."

Lukban has remained good friends with Martin's mom, Conchita Razon, Amoyo said, and also "got along fine" with Yllana. "Of course, we don't know [right now] what's on Dulce's mind. But Pops is already of age, anyway."

Fernandez and Yllana broke up two weeks after their pre-Valentine show, *Missing You*, at the Big Dome, which the latter produced.

According to Amoyo, Fernandez was excited about the gig because she had not performed onstage with Nievera for over five years, and because she "wanted to help" Yllana.

Amoyo refused to elaborate. "It's difficult to talk about what I know. The breakup was a surprise to me, too. They were very much in love."

Hunky sex workers ... online

A website features several boys "for rent"—including Hunky Actor, former member of an all-male group.

HA has made some sexy movies, most of which went straight to video. Gay Publicist Rushes off about HA, claiming that a colleague had a rendezvous with the stud for P4,000.

On the website, HA's photos and phone number are proudly displayed, plus graphic comments about the "services" he offers.

Extended leave

Bb. Pilipinas-Universe Pamela Bianca Manalo, a Philippine Airlines domestic flight attendant, personally asked PAL president Jamie J. Bautista for an extended leave of absence so she could prepare for the Miss U pageant in the Bahamas in October. Of course she got it!

Shower stud

In yet another blog is the photo of Indie Actor in briefs, strip-teasing in a bridal shower. Screen jobs are hard to come by, notes the post, so IA has been turning to such private shows.

Freebie filmmaker

Show Biz Insider invited Senior Director to a friend's beauty clinic. Shortly after, SBI received a text from SD: "I get free treatments from Dr. Vicki Belo." A not-so-subtle hint that SD expects a freebie, said SBI.

Professional bum

Throughout their affair, Older Celebrity supported her younger Shiftless Boyfriend. A friend claims that SB would be sleeping in OC's couch when she left for work in the morning. He would still be in dreamland upon her return at night.

When SB found a job, he promptly dumped OC.

Top of the tabloids

The top show biz stories in PDI tabloid *Bandera* this week. (And why we are moved, if we are moved.)

Jom-Pops saga

• *Hindi lang daw pera ang dahilan*, Jomari Yllana *gagan-tihan sina* Pops Fernandez at Martin Nievera. (Ay, tama na 'yan!)

• *Pops di alam kung bakit iniwan siya ni Jomari*. (Alam kaya ni Jomari?)

• *Umaamoy ang galit kay Martin ... Wag kang makisawsaw sa amin ni Pops!*—Jomari ('Di kaya dahil kay Martin?)

• *Jomari nililihis ang isyu, ginagamit si Martin?* (Funny, that's what he said of Martin.)

Bare essentials

• *May bagong kalaban na si Dingdong Dantes sa paghuhubad*. (Actually, marami.)

• *Judy Ann Santos ayaw nang makipaghalikan sa harap ng camera*. (Sa likod na lang.)

• *Ayoko muna sa lalake*—Katrina. (Emphasis on *muna* or *lalake*?)

• *Katrina Halili at Sunshine Dizon may lihim nga bang relasyon?* (Emphasis on *lihim* or *relasyon*?)

• *Michelle Madrigal takot sa lalake*. (Define *takot*.)

• *Aljur Abrenica nanigas habang niroromansa si Ara Mina*. (Define ... that.)

• *Phoemela Baranda nagpaturok ng boobs*. (That's how it's done?)

Boys, not toys

• *Sarah Geronimo at Rayver Cruz magdyowa na; Mommy Divine, imbyerna?*! (Okey na 'yan, mommy.)

• *Jennilyn Mercado ilusyunada; kaloka ang style sa boys*. (Spin a win!) ■

Dingdong & Jessa...

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"Janno also has a chronic habit of coming late," added the DPA, "that's why he's known as Mr. Tardy. Ask the *Eat, Bulaga!* people."

Mo Twister did the job so well that the *Kakasa* producers decided to have him again for another episode. Aside from Mo, another guy who fits the job to a T is, you guessed it, Drew Arellano who has the lovable traits of an "idol tits'er." Drew hosts *Balik-Bayan* on Q-11, GMA's sister station.

In showbiz, you should hold on to your job with the tenacity of Epoxy. Remember, there are many others waiting in the wings and they can be as good as, if not better than, you. ■

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