

JAJA BOLIVAR

Starting from zero but giving a hundred percent

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I'VE watched her as Kikiam Defensor, a spoof of Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago on *Wazzup*, *Wazzup* on ABS-CBN's Studio 23 when I was still in the Philippines and in between giggles I've often wondered how she does it. It's true that it's easier to make people cry than laugh, that is why clowns dress outrageously or some go for slapstick. So for her to be able to tickle your funny bone is real talent.



But Jaja Bolivar is not a clown, nor your female version of any of the three stooges. She is, as I've discovered, a beautiful and smart woman, whose zest for life, love and laughter could exceed what most of us would even dare try.

Jaja's career as a comedienne, entertainer and host in the Philippines was taking off when she decided to give it up and move to the United States. "I just signed up with Tito Boy's (Abunda) Backroom Entertainment before I left. I always want to challenge myself and see myself swimming in an ocean, instead of just the sea," she said in her e-mail interview with the Asian Journal.

Before she left the Philippines, Jaja co-hosted the number one youth-oriented debate show on Studio 23, *Y Speak* with Ryan Agoncillo and Bianca Gonzales, and appeared in television shows like ABS-CBN Channel 2's *Entertainment Konek Channel*, *Teysi*, *Sharon*, *Whattamen* and *Maalala Mo Kaya*; and GMA 7's *Mulawin* and *Idol Ko si Kap*. She also appeared in a number of television ads, stageplays, radio shows, and was the favorite host and performer for corporate events. There was no doubt that Jaja's star was shining, and was just waiting for the right time to shine even more brightly.

But Jaja felt that there was something more she can do outside her comfort zone.

"Initially, I moved because of my boyfriend at that time, *pero bata pa lang ako*, I always saw myself pursuing an entertainment

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THE AM FM BAND

Bringing you Top 40 Music from the '60's to the '90's

ON April 25, The AM FM Band (the First Filipino live band to play at the Mayflower) will perform at a dinner dance charity in Mayflower Chinese Restaurant in Chinatown from 7pm-12mn.



The dinner dance will be for the benefit of the UPAPO ETANA Foundation, Notre Dame of Manila Alumni Association and Honda of Pasadena's Tulong Foundation.

Let the AM FM Band bring you timeless memories through their music. The benefit dinner is open to the public. Tickets are at \$35 inclusive of a sumptuous 10-course dinner.

The AM FM Band is Ellery A on vocals, keyboards and arrangements; Freddie "Boogie" on lead guitar; Benjie B on Vocals and small percussion; Mariela H on lead vocals; Winston O on vocals and small percussion; Roy D on bass guitar; Pabby L on vocals and drums and Haley Blackman as sound engineer.

For booking, please contact Ellery B. Atienza at (323) 497-3492 or Teddy Henares at (909) 815-8334.

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O Skin Care Facial Treatments 25% Off Promo

Bring a Friend and both get 50%

WHEN watching television or flipping through a magazine, you're presented with scores of ethereal-looking women with smooth, delicate, and flawless skin. Skin so luminous as if illuminated from within. You can't help but feel a tinge of envy. Yes, people will say it's just some photo-enhancing program, so don't buy into it. Maybe so, until you do run into them and see it up close and personal. These women take their skincare seriously. The upside to this is you don't have to feel envious because you too can have skin just as radiant and beautiful.

Off-the-shelf beauty products are wonderful, but they can only do so much. The most these products do is treat the top layer of the skin. That's not enough. What your skin requires is deeper than that, literally. The layers beneath are where all the essentials to a beautiful skin lie. How your skin looks on the outside is directly proportional on how good it is within. If all is well inside, it would certainly reflect on the outside. And that's how it is when it comes to perfect skin and the only way to attain that is by turning to the professionals.

O Skin Care, the place that specializes on skincare, is where you can achieve that. They are the experts because they understand what it requires. They have the knowledge and the tools necessary to meet your needs in order to get that radiantly stunning skin.

Starting April 1 to May 31, O Skin Care will have a '25% Off' promo on their facial treatments. What's more, if you bring a friend along, you both can each avail 50% off.

You can choose from a range of facial treatments that include:

Nourishing Regular Facial – an hour of introductory facial that includes extractions and lightening mask.

Diamond Peel with Collagen – an intensive 75-minute painless treatment that targets and helps reduce or eliminate fine lines, wrinkles, scars, enlarged pores, age spots, and hyperpigmentation.

Hydracial Treatment – a 90-minute treatment that penetrates deeply, exfoliating and removing dead layers of the skin, polishing and resurfacing the dermal layer by using the newest microdermabrasion 'diamond tip'. This is followed by masks and serums and is finished off with LED light therapy. This is ideal for problematic acne prone skin or sun damage.

Oxygen Facial Treatment – a 90-minute treatment of 100% pure oxygen in conjunction with a combination of 87 different vitamins, minerals, enzymes, and amino acids used after exfoliation for nourishing and revitalizing every facial skin cell, which also assists in controlling acne-causing bacteria and providing

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O Skin Care also provides massages for relaxation and stress relief if your body is in need of a respite from everyday activities. They also have back massage, deep tissue/sports massage, and scalp massage. You can also check out their 'O Signature Massage', which begins with dry body exfoliation to stimulate and open pores, after which essential oils are applied followed by scalp, neck, and body massage to increase circulation. The full session lasts 55 minutes while the deluxe is 85 minutes. Or you can try their 'O Stone Therapy' that utilizes heat and cooled stones applied in various strokes to relieve stiff and/or sore muscles – a perfect way to relieve the deepest muscle aches.

We all know that the skin is the largest organ and is your first line of defense against negative environmental conditions. Being exposed to such all the time will take its toll and your skin will exhibit the damage. Grab this opportunity and take advantage of O Skin Care's promo. Pamper you skin and body. It is essential that you take the extra steps to maintain and keep your skin at its best. Let the experts of O Skin Care do what they do best – unveiling the true beauty hidden within. Remember, your skin is your greatest asset.

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