Summer's most fashionable soiree

Seafood City, Brookshire Dental, O Skin Care join Ruffa's birthday bash

TOP FilAm brands are coming out in support of this summer's most fashionable event-*The Beautiful Life!* Celebration toasting Ruffa Gutierrez on Sunday, June 28th, 2009 at the CBS Studios Backlot in Studio City, CA.

Event producer Monet Lu says that the teeming support from major sponsors such as Seafood City Supermarket, Brookshire Dental and O Skin Care, among other leading FilAm companies, have been a Godsend in ensuring the success of the ultimate summer fashion soiree in Southern California.

"With these generous companies behind this event, we are excited that we can stage this event in a classy, elegant way that all attendees will enjoy. We can't thank them enough for all the support," says Monet.

Seafood City is the leading Filipino supermarket chain of its kind in the US with a total of 14 locations in Southern and Northern California, as well as in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Brookshire Dental Center is pioneered by Dr. Frieda Brookshire whose strong background in Aesthetics fully prepared her for the advanced specialty of Prosthodontics, as well as Cosmetic, Reconstructive and Implant Dentistry Veneers/Crowns, Natural Looking Dental Implants/Dentures, Bridges, Teeth Straightening without braces and 1-Hour Power Teeth Whitening.

O Skin Care, a leading skin health spa by licensed aesthetician Olivia Quido, specializes in skincare services to include Hydrafacial, Full facial with Diamond Peel, Oxygen Facial, and Full Regular Facials. Other services offered are body massage, stone massage, back massage, and back treatment. O Skin Care expertly performs Eyebrow Threading, Full Facial Threading, Chin Threading, Upper Lip Threading, Eyelash Extension and Eyelash Refill.

The Beautiful Life! Celebration also a fundraising event for Ruffa Gutierrez's foundation, Roof-A-Child--an organization that sends poor Filipino children to school.

Other highlights of the event include fashion presentations by relevant designers Alan Del Rosario, Mul Tayoba and LolliMe swimwear creations by Nicolette Lacson.

Powerhouse talents such as operatic diva Stephanie Reese, Primo and Sonny Madera are also scheduled to perform. Surprise celebrity guests are also slated to make an appearance.

While VIP seats at $150-apiece are fast disappearing, the public can still avail of $100-tickets to the The Beautiful Life! Event.

Both $150 and $100 tickets are inclusive of a complete buffet dinner and drinks, plus a premier view of the fashion show and event program.

In response to public demand, the organizers are releasing $50 show only tickets.

For ticket reservations, please call any of the following numbers: 323-664-5085| 1-888-MAGAN-DA|213-365-9100| 818-891-8949| 818-994-5553.

You may also purchase tickets at the following locations: Monet Salon Beverly (4457 Beverly Blvd Los Angeles CA), Seafood City LA (134-140 S Vermont Ave LA), Reflections Salon (8340 Van Nuys Blvd Panorama City CA), Seafood City Panorama (8231 Woodman Ave Panorama City), and O Skin Care (17808 S Pioneer St Ste 112 Artesia CA).

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Homestead becomes a provider of training to unemployed workers

HOMESTEAD Schools, Inc., located in Torrance, Calif., has recently been approved by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) to provide classroom-training services to qualified individuals under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998.

The main purpose of the Workforce Investment Act is to help "dislocated" persons – people who have been laid off due to severe business conditions – get vocational training in a different field, build a new career in a thriving industry, and then find suitable employment. It allows such persons to get off unemployment or welfare rolls and once again become productive members of the society.

If you are one of the employees who got laid off from Mattel, Xerox, Boeing, Linens & Things, United Airlines, Mervyn's, Circuit City, Home Depot, Advantage Rent A Car, DHL or Aerotech you can qualify up to the full amount of $22,500 tuition for the vocational nursing program in Homestead Schools. Currently and through 2010 the Government through WIA has special funding specifically for people who got laid off from the companies mentioned above.

The US economy, California economy in particular, has been in an unprecedented recession now for more than six months. Each month more than half a million people have been losing jobs during this recession. For most of them, unemployment benefits are the only source of income and they're available only for a fixed duration. Prospects for future employment in their previous field of employment are often bleak.

Manufacturing jobs have been hit the hardest. But so are the jobs in construction, real estate, auto dealerships, insurance, banking, hotels, entertainment, and retail. One sector that's still a beacon of hope is the healthcare industry. You do not hear of nurses being laid off or having their hours curtailed. In fact, nursing homes, clinics, and hospitals continue to hold job fairs to recruit qualified nurses to fill ever-increasing slots. Many of them even offer sign-up bonuses.

So state agencies such as Employment Development Department and WIA are charged with the mission of retraining unemployed workers to become part of our healthcare industry as one of the few selected areas where dislocated persons can start a new career.

Within the healthcare field, vocational nursing is the most favored occupation. The program is of relatively short duration – one year – which includes theory and clinical instruction after which an individual can take the board exam to obtain the license to practice. One prerequisite is that you need to have a high school diploma or GED. You must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident with a valid social security number.

The obvious question is, how are you going to pay for such training

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and Regulations Governing the Licensure and Regulation of Ambulatory Surgical Clinics, which states that surgeons should at least have a four-year medical residency before practice, Palad said.

Medical clinic get their license to operation from the DoH.

Halili also wanted that estranged lovers Belo and Kho be barred "from practice of the medical profession."

Palad said this is the second complaint filed against the BGMI for the clinic's alleged medical malpractice. Another patient had asked that the BMGI's license be revoked after an alleged failed "thermage" operation in 2007.

Halili last month sued Kho over their leaked sex videos. ■