

John Lloyd at 26

1. JOHN Lloyd Cruz turns 25 on June 24. He was born June 24, 1983.
2. His first name John was chosen by his mother because he was born on the feast of St. John The Baptist.
3. He is fondly called Lloyd to those really close to him like his family, he is Idan.
4. He was discovered when he was malling at Sta. Lucia East Grandmall.
5. When he was starting in showbiz, he used to walk through in *Palibhasa Lalake* as one of the pa-cute boys.
6. So cute was he that he later became a regular of the popular sitcom.
7. Lloyd was launched as part of *Star Circle 5* with Bernard Palanca, Baron Geisler among others.
8. His first group called *Koolits*. It was composed of Lloyd, Marc Solis and Baron Geisler.
9. He loves to eat *sinigang*.
10. On the other hand, he does not like foods that have weird textures like the slimy okra.
11. His first award was from the PMPC Star Awards for TV when he was awarded Best Drama Actor for *Tabing Ilog* in 2001.
12. Up to this day, viewers still remember him as Rovic in *Tabing Ilog*.
13. The Bea Alonzo-John Lloyd Cruz team up started in the *teleserye Kay Tagal Kang Hinintay*.
14. *Kay Tagal Kang Hinintay* was followed by *It Might Be You*, *Ikaw Ang Lahat Sa Akin*, *Maging Sino Ka Man 1 & 2* and *I Love Betty La Fea*.
15. He won Best Actor Award in Star Awards for TV and UST Youth Choice Awards for his exemplary performance in *Maging Sino Ka Man*.
16. The team-up was also successful in the big screen with films such as *My First Romance*, *Now That I Have You*, *Close To You*, *All About Love* and *One More Chance*.
17. His role in the movie



Dubai earned him Film Actor of the Year in Guillermo Memorial Mendoza Award and Best Actor in Pasado Awards.

18. The Guillermo Mendoza Memorial Foundation also gave him his two succeeding Box Office King awards.

19. He was also named Box Office King by the SM cinemas.

20. *Yes Magazine* named him the third most powerful celebrity in the country today.

21. John Lloyd is not only a bankable actor but endorser as well.

22. His longest endorsement to date is *Urban Bags*.

23. The Biogesic *Ingat* campaign is very successful which is why he is already on his third year as endorser.

24. His other endorsements are Smart Money, Swatch, Greenwich, Choco Lava, Clear Shampoo, Cherry Mobile, Aficionado, Natasha Apparel, Urban Bags, Sta. Lucia Realty, Charms and Crystals, Gan Dental Clinic, TFC Bigatin Loyalty Card, Faces and Curves, ABS-CBN Interactive, 2366 and Adidas.

25. At present, he is busy with *ASAP 09* where he performs as one of the *Kanto Boys*.

26. He is very excited with the movie he is presently filming with Governor Vilma Santos.

John Lloyd Cruz, live at *Star Magic, The World Concert Tour!* on June 27, 7pm at the Citizens Business Bank Arena.

For tickets, call 909-592-8951 or visit www.starmagicworldtour.com. (Advertising Supplement)



Hi! Society

By MONET LU

I'M SUPER EAGER with anticipation for the first ever *Beautiful Life!* celebration on Sunday, June 28 at the CBS Studios Backlot in Studio City.

Our guest of honor is, of course, the much talked about Ruffa Gutierrez. For this event, we're not only celebrating Ruffa's birthday but also fashion mavens who have agreed to showcase their original creations.

These FilAm designers are truly inspirational. They each have unique, stylish pieces that they bring to the runway.

One of our featured *Beautiful Life!* Event designers is Mul Tayoba. I remember first meeting Mul at a wedding where I was tasked to do the bridal makeup. *Nakita ko kaagad ang tatak ni Mul* as a gown designer. I was very impressed by his work process. His designs are clean, pretty and polished and his punctuality is to be admired. *Napakaprofessional talaga*.

Based in Valencia, Mul formally trained in fashion computer-aided design at the California Design College, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

He was an active member of the Board of Directors of Negrenses of America, Inc. He is currently the elected President of his hometown nonprofit organization, Townsfolk of La Castellana-USA since 2000. With his leadership, the organization was able to raise funds to implement various infrastructure projects and extend socio-economic assistance to his homeland.

Mul is the incumbent president of the Fil-Am Association of Santa Clarita valley, Inc. A natural-born leader and talented artist, *yan si Mul*.

Another *Beautiful Life!* Event designer we are excited to feature is the young and talented Nicolette Lacson. *Napakaganda, napakabait at napakagalang ng*

anniversary on Sunday, July 19, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Westminster Recreation Center, located at 8200 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683 and experience God's love, healing, and gift of salvation. For information, please visit our website at www.jmcm.org or call us at (951) 880-5462 or (909) 455-7506 or (714) 928-2664. Admission is free. (Advertising Supplement)

FilAm Fashion Mavens at Ruffa's Birthday Bash!

batang ito.

Nicolette has been making waves internationally as a professional model and endorser. Now, she has the title designer under her belt as well through her own swimsuit line, Lollime.

Nicolette, a 2nd runner-up Mutya Ng Pilipinas USA and magazine cover girl, got into designing swimwear out of frustration over what was available in the market. She could never find unique and sexy pieces that flattered a woman's curves.

Taking matters into her own hands, she enrolled the FIDM-LA and started designing her own brand of swimsuits. She's successfully captured a loyal following of clients who love her "scrunch bottom" design--which creates the illusion of ample rear for those who need it.

Alan Del Rosario completes our list of featured *Beautiful Life!* Event designers on June 28th.

During *Reflections 20* last year, Alan won as Outstanding Young Designer of the Year--a much deserved recognition.

Against challenges, Alan built his name as one of the more successful and imaginative designers in the mainstream industry today. After getting to know him, I realized that he is really a driven individual, inspired by the support of his loving friends.

A former civil engineer from Cebu City, Alan attended FIDM-LA where he bagged the prestigious Bob Mackey fashion design award and scholarship that paved the way for his future in fashion.

Alan's work has been showcased on the TV reality show *Janice Dickinson Modeling Agency* and the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Show during LA fashion week. He has landed awards such as California's Designer of the Year and GenArtLA's Fresh Face. Some of his more famous clients are Michelle Pfeiffer, Debra Messing, Paris Hilton and many more.



Ruffa Gutierrez



Mul Tayoba



Alan Del Rosario

This young designer has established a clothing label called Bow & Arrow, a more accessible collection for the everyday woman who demands affordable style in every face of her day and night. He describes the collection as sexy, sophisticated and funky.

I personally can't wait to see what these three exceptional designers have in store for us on the June 28th show at the CBS Studios.

If you want to watch the show, please call 1-888-MAGANDA or 323-664-5085 for tickets.

Shoutouts

Kudos to Boy Lizaso, who successfully hosted a Philippine Independence Day event at the CBS Studios two weeks ago. Everyone there had a fun time, including yours truly.

Congratulations to Darna Umayam and the rest of her committee for the well-attended Philippine Independence Day gala at the West Bonaventure. What a smash hit! It drew a huge crowd of almost 2,000 of FilAm's Who's Who, personalities, politicians and dignitaries.

Mabuhay ang mga organizers!

Hats off to Jackie Regala/Katz Entertainment for the very memorable Mega 30 Concert featuring our very own megastar Sharon Concert. More power to you Jackie!

Big salute to the LOU BARON and Luanne for successfully mounting the first Celestial Beauty Pageant. Lou, you are a woman of indefatigable energy and determi-



Nicolette Lacson

nation! It's not easy to put up an event like that. Believe me, I know. But you exceeded all expectations! Congrats!

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a stale mate: as the Abu Sayyaf demanded millions of dollars in ransom. Our Beloved Evangelist called for a press conference to offer a solution, but the former Estrada administration declined the offer. Despite that, our Beloved Evangelist who had just fasted for 40 days went to the Abu Sayyaf camp to pray over the hostages and the terrorists. Along with the 12 Prayer Warriors, he stayed in the mountains for 3 months and fasted for another 40 days until all the hostages were freed. Miraculously, our Beloved Pastor and the Prayer Warriors all went out without casualty. After the Peace Mission, our Beloved Pastor fasted for another 40 days upon reaching home. Truly, the prayer of the righteous man availeth much. The JMCIM has been instrumental in demonstrating innumerable signs, wonders, and miracles through the years, made possible through extreme sacrifice and steadfast faith of the Beloved Evangelist Wilde E. Almada and his Beloved wife, Assistant Pastor Lina C. Almada. And with all of the awesome miracles our Great God has wrought through the JMCIM, there is absolutely

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