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PERSONALITY

East/West

United by their study of cosmetology and some traumatic early beauty experiences, this month’s Coasters are a pair of students with big talent. Michael Lynn, 20, grew up in a conservative New Jersey town, and in middle school began with the gateway color of so many future hairdressers, Sun-In, graduated to Cherry Cola, a “gruesome” eggplant shade, and finally enrolled in the New York Aveda Academy. Two fashion shows and 627 hours later, he’s relocating to Boston to complete his training and hopes to be licensed by early 2008.

Bird Lindsay’s mother accidentally burned her with a curling iron when she was seven, so from that point forward she took matters into her own hands, styling both her own and her sister’s hair, and eventually her mom’s. The 21-year-old currently attends Poway Academy in San Diego, where her creativity has earned her a place on the school’s first Master Artistic Team to develop a trend collection and a corresponding photo shoot.

EAST

Michael Lynn

Favorite beverage: Crystal Pepsi. They discontinued it, but thankfully I found a place in New York’s Chinatown that has a knock-off.

Guilty pleasure: It’s embarrassing, but I love dancing to flashback ‘80s rock blocks in malls or supermarkets.

Great get-a-away: Providence, Rhode Island. I have such great friends there.

Go-to pro products and tools: My Kamisori shears in turquoise. It’s hard to find a good pair of left-handed shears. The Aveda Air Control Spray is a pretty perfect product.

Latest restaurant: Kelly and Ping’s in SoHo. They have a great gang jug pug [glass noodles and tofu].

Shoes and such: Onitsuka Tigers are so comfortable and come in great colors. I love going to Uniqlo in Soho. They have a wide variety of T-shirts, my favorite article of clothing.

On my iPod: Uffie. It’s a shame she doesn’t have more music out at the moment, but her sound is definitely something to seek.

On-screen favorite: Brokeback Mountain with Claire Danes.

Can’t wait to: See how the future plays out. I have had great opportunities in my life and I can only imagine what’s next.

WEST

Bird Lindsay

Favorite beverage: Lemonade.

Guilty pleasure: Oreo cookies with peanut butter on top.

Great getaways: As a child, my family traveled all over the world, particularly the South Pacific. In addition to the country being very beautiful, I found the people of New Zealand to be very inspiring.

Go-to pro products and tools: I love a good Denman brush and a really good shine spray like Eufora’s Shine Drop Serum.

Good eats: I’m a Southern California girl, which means I can’t help my love of Mexican food, especially at a hole-in-the-wall restaurant.

Shoes and such: I’m infatuated with my new hot pink Betsy Johnson heels with a giant pink pom-pom on the front. Betsy Johnson designs make me want to do cartwheels into the pool.

On my iPod: Mostly indie music. I’m really into Mid-Day Atlantic right now.

Movie favorite: Hands down, Dancer in the Dark [Danish director Lars von Trier’s film with Björk]. I left that movie changed.

Can’t wait to: Start working! My Master Artistic Team leader Diego Raviglione teaches us, “Fashion is every six months, but design is forever.” We really need to know how to separate those two.