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From the Editor's Laptop

Welcome to the second issue of PMX Monthly, your source of Asian and Asian American pop culture just the way you want it! We are pleased to announce new features in PMX Monthly guaranteed to satisfy your entertainment cravings and your brain!

Do you want a little Seoul or Tokyo but you don't know where to find it? We've done the searching for you! *The Enclaves* will highlight neighborhoods in the L.A. area, and other cities, for those culture hounds who search for the hip and happening Asian and Asian American cultural hubs.

In the next few months, we'll also be introducing new features! So stay tuned!

The Enclaves

Where Quaint and Budget Dining Meet on the Westside

Don't blink or you might miss it. We're talking about the little Japanese enclave that is sinfully close to UCLA's campus: Sawtelle and Olympic. This barely two-block long enclave is the Westside alternative to Downtown L.A.'s Little Tokyo.

Japanese food can be pricey but Sawtelle and Olympic offers budget alternatives for students or penny-pinchers.

Snacks and Desserts

UCLA students, who may be tired of Westwood Village's coffee-houses, are aware they have four options for *boba*, tapioca drinks, to go with their snacks. **Upper House Tea Shop** is nestled in Sawtelle Place. **Mousse Fantasy** is a full-service coffeehouse and bakery with a cozy ambiance. Next door at Sawtelle Center, **Volcano Tea**, is a great place to kick back and relax to either read books or play their complimentary decks of cards. **Happy Six**, next door to Volcano Tea, serves Japanese-style crepes with plenty of choices you can pile on for those with a serious sweet-tooth. Toward La Grange, a quick one-minute walk away, you can find **Lollicup** next to **Cafe Paradiso** in a modern burnished row of shops.

Main Course

This corner also gives you a chance to sample two distinct Japanese curry chains within steps of each other. **Curry House**, in Sawtelle Place, has specials and discounts. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will get 20% off for printing out an email. If you are short on holiday gifts, they offer a basket of House-brand products and gift certificates for purchase. These baskets are so popular, they sell out long before the holidays are upon us.

Across the street at Sawtelle Center is **Hurry Curry**. This smaller chain with a cozier dining area is always packed. On weekend nights, come with patience. It's not uncommon to wait for a table here.

Parking

There's a mix of free residential, metered, and valet parking. Bring meter money and watch for pedestrians as most people walk around this lively area even past midnight.

Rex Navarrete Returns to L.A Bringing More Laughter



Rex Navarrete during PMX 2005 this past September

What comes to mind when someone says *Bastos*, *Husky Boy*, or *Badly Brownded*? That's right! You think of that one and only Badass Madapaka, Rex Navarrete.

Fresh from a two-day performance at PMX this past September in Long Beach, Calif. and two weeks of filming *Rex In The City* in Manila, Rex Navarrete performed his unique comic talent to a packed 1,800-seat Wiltern Theater in the heart of Los Angeles on October 22, 2005.

A diverse group of all ages and mixed ethnicities was on hand to witness a night of pure laughs. Rex delighted his audience with classic skits such as *Star Wars Halloween* and *Philippine Vacation*. I must say it was a joy to hear some new renditions of old favorites and brand new material from this seasoned comic. And of course, it wouldn't be a complete act without mention of our favorite relative Tito Boy, who by the way, has a new unhealthy obsession.

This performance was part of Rex's last leg of the second DVD taping tour which is scheduled to be released at the end of the year. Be sure to get your copy when it comes out!

- Brendan Asahan

Why October is Your Month, Filipino Americans!

May is the month to celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage. But did you know there is such a thing as a Filipino American History Month?

The Trustees of the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) established Filipino American History Month to be observed annually and nationally throughout the United States during the month of October. It is a time of "celebration, remembrance, reflection and motivation" and an opportunity for "all Americans to learn and appreciate more about Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to the United States."

There are FANHS chapters in major cities all over the country. For more information about FANHS or how to join, visit www.fanhs-national.org.

Filipino student organizations from L.A.-area colleges and universities taught workshops and held events for Filipino American History Month.

Highlights include:

* *CalState Northridge Filipino American Student Association (FASA)* - 10th Annual SPAHM Showcase (Students for Filipino History Month)

* *Kappa Psi Epsilon* (Long Beach) - Asian American Women in the Mass Media

* *CalPoly Pomona Barkada*- JFAV march honoring Filipino veterans

* *CalState Fullerton Filipino American Student Association (FASA)* - Friendship Games - Spirit, Pride, Unity, and Friendship (SPUF)
- Amirah May Limayo

PMX Veterans' and Other Upcoming Events in Los Angeles for November:

11-05-05:

Jane Lui @ LA - Borders in Brea
P-Town Get Down 2005 @ 153 Glendale Blvd
Japanese Garden Festival @ Descanso Gardens

11-06-05:

Japan Girls Night @ King King
Japanese Garden Festival @ Descanso Gardens

11-11-05:

Kollaboration II - Classical @ Jung Dong Art Hall

11-12-05:

Kollaboration VI - Urban @ The LA Scottish Rite Theater

11-17-05:

Dig Jelly @ the Galaxy Theatre in Santa Ana

11-18-05:

Dig Jelly @ the Key Club

11-18/19-05:

Asian Hip-Hop Summit @ Wilshire & La Fayette Park Pl

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