

Mothers on a Culinary Joyride at Jeepney Asian Grill

MOTHER'S Day is one of the most celebrated days of the year, is an understatement. Families celebrating the day treated "mom" to a delightful and indulgent meal at Jeepney Asian Grill.

Hundreds of moms enjoyed an ultimate culinary treat as they savored different authentic flavors of Filipino dishes, grills and other Asian cuisine. The clean, relaxing and comfortable ambience of the restaurant, with its lively blend of interior colors complemented the experience. And "mom" was delighted with the very appealing food presentation at reasonable prices.

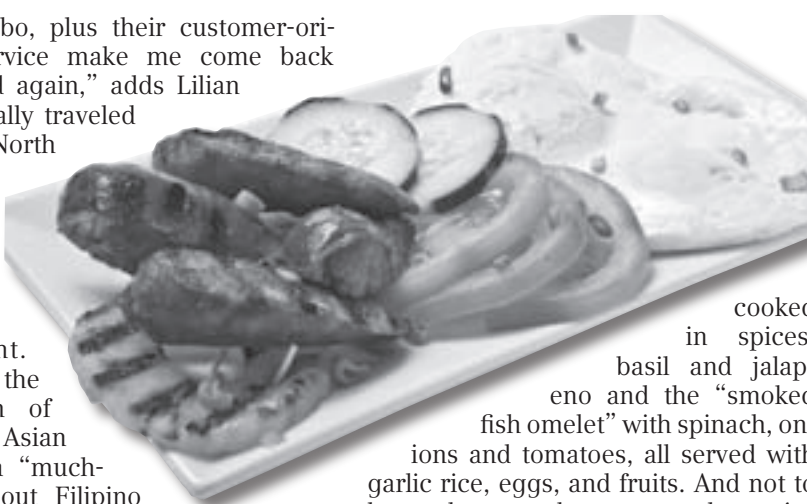
Indeed, celebrating Mother's Day in Jeepney Asian Grill was a box office hit among moms and families. The long queue to the ordering counter was proof that every food ordered was worth the wait. "I have dined in many Filipino restaurants in LA but nothing gives me the satisfaction I get in here," says Lilian, who was patiently waiting for her turn. "The tenderness and flavor of their Braised

Pork Adobo, plus their customer-oriented service make me come back again and again," adds Lilian who actually traveled from North

Hollywood and a diner of the restaurant. Truly, the reputation of Jeepney Asian Grill as a "much-talked about Filipino restaurant with a difference", travels far and wide as it gradually gains popularity among customers from the neighboring cities not only in LA county, but also in the counties of Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside.

This merry month of May also marked the launch of Jeepney Asian Grill's Breakfast menu on the weekends and their much sought after Party Platters. The freshly prepared breakfast meals are starting to gain a following among the breakfast crowd.

Take the adobo flakes, the "Thai chicken"



cooked in spices, basil and jalapeno and the "smoked fish omelet" with spinach, onions and tomatoes, all served with garlic rice, eggs, and fruits. And not to be outdone are the ever popular *tocino* and "grilled *longaniza*". Also now available are Party Platters.... with choices of tender grills, fresh salads, mouth-watering desserts and other all-time favorites. These platters have been well-received by customers ordering either for dine in or take out. In addition, certain sections of the restaurant can now be reserved for private parties, business events and meetings, receptions and other gatherings. Jeepney Asian Grill is the place to be for Father's Day, Graduation celebrations and Summer get-togethers and reunions.

So see (and taste) for yourself how the recent Mother's Day or any celebration can become a memorable occasion at Jeepney Asian Grill. You may also bring home its authentic Filipino and Asian flavors "with a difference" without waiting in line by phoning ahead your orders at (562) 207-0070.

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LEADERS' DIGEST

Filipinos are everywhere in America – from the East to the West coast. However, as the second largest Asian American community in America, we still have to empower ourselves to become more visible in the political mainstream. Unknown to us, fellow FilAms are making a difference across the US – as appointed and elected leaders in their respective areas. The Asian Journal Leaders' Digest aims to present to readers these leaders who have made – and continually making a difference for the Filipino American community.

James V. Espaldon Fil-Am Senator of Guam

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JAMES V. Espaldon was born June 21, 1956 to Dr. Leticia Virata Espaldon and the late honorable Dr. Ernesto Espaldon, former Senator in the 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 21st Guam Legis-



latures. He is married to the former Gilda Respicio Eay and together they have three children, Jonte, Christian James and Victoria. James is a 1975 graduate of Father Duenas Memorial School and earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration from Menlo College in California.

Jim, as he is commonly known by friends and associates, has worked in a number of career fields prior to running for office. He toiled the fields as an onion farmer in Maui and later joined retail management with ABC Stores in Hawaii. James returned to Guam and dabbled in real estate brokering before following in the footsteps of his parents, somewhat, at

the Doctor's Clinic, where he served as Director for Facilities Services.

Seeking to expand his horizons, James left to Ada, Ohio where he pursued the study of law. He received his Juris Doctorate from Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law in 2003. Jim worked as a law clerk in the Superior Court of Guam under Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena, III. He was sworn in to the Guam Bar in September 2006.

Elected to the 29th Guam Legislature in November 2006, Senator James V. Espaldon brings a wealth of knowledge and life experiences to the Legislature. Jim serves as the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Natural Resources, Infrastructure, and Cultural Affairs. Senator Espaldon also serves as Legislative Parliamentarian and is the Legislature's representative to the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures. ■

'Marry Me A Little' and 'The Last Five Years' extends for two weeks, until June 21

EAST West Players (EWP), the Nation's Premier Asian American Theatre, has extended its two one-act musicals by two of the best musical theatre composers of our time to June 21, 2009. This musical theatre event continues EWP's tradition of producing Stephen Sondheim musicals with *Marry Me A Little* and explores new ground with Jason Robert Brown's *The Last Five Years*.

"It was not an accident that we choose to juxtapose these two shows in one evening," said Producing Artistic Director Tim Dang, "East West Players has become renowned for doing Stephen Sondheim's work well and we wanted to continue that tradition. Having produced several of the shows that the songs from *Marry Me A Little* contains, such as *Follies* and *Company*, we thought it would be real treat for our Sondheim enthusiasts to hear those songs that never made it to the final production. At the same time we continue to usher in a new generation of musical theatre artists and their work. *The Last Five Years* is a prime example of exceptional talent, as its composer Jason Robert Brown won his first Tony Award at age 28. Although the two productions have some similarities, they have two distinctly different styles in composition and direction. We hope fans of either composer will seize this as an opportunity to experience something new

and that is why we felt it was important to present them together in one evening."

All performances of *Marry Me A Little* and *The Last Five Years* will be staged at the David Henry Hwang Theater at the Union Center for the Arts at 120 Judge John Aiso St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. *Marry Me A Little* and *The Last Five Years* open Wednesday, May 13, 2009 and closes on Sunday, June 21, 2009. Opening night will be accompanied by a pre-performance cocktail reception and a post show reception with the cast and creative team. Performances are Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm. Previews continue Thursday - Saturday, May 7 - 9 at 8pm and Sunday, May 10 at 2pm. The Pay-What-You-Can Performances will be held Thursday, May 14 at 8pm and Wednesday June 3, 2009. An American Sign Language-interpreted performance is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 2pm.

General ticket prices are \$50 in the orchestra and \$45 in the balcony. Preview tickets (May 7 - 10) are \$25 for all seats. Opening night tickets are \$70 for all seats. Tickets are currently on sale. For ticket purchases or more information, please call East West Players at (213) 625-7000 or visit www.eastwestplayers.org. Senior, student and group discounts are available. Dates and details are subject to change. ■

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