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THERE ARE TWO other Guelaguetzas, but neither can match the one on Olympic

Boulevard. An authentic Oaxacan restaurant located in a former Korean banquet hall makes for a happy jumble. The *clayudas*, giant tortillas, are irresistible when spread with *asiento*, a traditional condiment that could pass for whipped lardo. Moles are a specialty. Thick with pounded almonds, olives, and roasted chiles, the *almendrado* is a tapestry of interwoven elements. Most evenings there is live music, but on Thursdays classic Mexican films are shown. Seeing *abuelas* and Korean hipsters laugh at the comedian Cantinflas's pratfalls is to understand Guelaguetza. It's perfectly L.A. ■