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# POLO seeks move to new office



Cordillerans perform their traditional dance on Chater Road on Apr. 23 as they celebrate Cordillera Day 2017 in Hong Kong (story on page 24).

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

THE Philippine Overseas Labor Office may soon relocate to a new office that will

restricting the entry of Filipino workers to its premises on Sundays.

Labor Attache Jalilo dela Torre told save the post money and do away with Hong Kong News he has submitted on

strict building security measures that are Apr. 20 a proposal to the Labor office in there would be some renovation," he said. Manila to approve the POLO's transfer from Admiralty Centre to Lippo Centre, eyeing in Lippo Centre is smaller in area also in Admiralty.

"The transfer will cost some because

Dela Torre said the new office they are

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# 2 Pinoys jailed for smuggling cigars

By Ally Constantino

TWO Filipinos who were charged with illegally bringing to Hong Kong thousands of cigarettes from the Philippines sought a review of the sentences imposed on them

M.E. Lumba and A.N.L. Sempio ap-

tively, of the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts on Apr. 19.

Lumba, 36, was sentenced to three months in jail after pleading guilty to bringing 25,000 sticks of cigarettes of various brands to Hong Kong on Apr. 3.

At about 10:15 a.m., arriving from a ties worth \$47,650.

peared in Court 1 and Court 9, respec- Philippine Airlines flight, Lumba passed through the "nothing to declare" channel of Customs Arrival Hall A. His black suitcase, black rucksack, and three white plastic bags yielded 25,000 sticks of Marlboro, and Philip Morris cigarettes with a total value of \$68,000 and estimated du-

The prosecution said the defendant was arriving in Hong Kong, and Customs ofarrested at about 10:45 a.m. because he failed to make any declaration to the Customs officers about the goods.

Under investigation. Lumba said he would deliver the cigarettes to a female friend named "Alma" in IFC, Central.

Meanwhile, 33-year-old Sempio, who was sentenced to six months in prison, was also arrested at about 10:50 a.m. after would meet at the IFC shopping mall.

ficers, upon examining his four suitcases and one backpack, found 24,000 sticks of cigarettes with a total estimated value of \$65,400, and duty potential worth \$45, 744. The defendant told investigators he bought the cigarettes from a grocery store in the Philippines and he would be giving them to his friends in Hong Kong and they

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## Investment promotion for Iloilo set

By Ally Constantino

THE Business Development Community of the Philippine Association of Hong Kong is set to hold a roadshow to promote Iloilo as an investment site for business leaders from Hong Kong and China.

Rex Aguado, PAHK president, told

ing a tour in Iloilo for 50 potential investors from Hong Kong, Hainan, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Chengdu, and Fujian on May

"This is the first major project of the

Aguado said at the sidelines of a meeting with Iloilo government officials held at the Philippine Consulate General on Aug. 23.

He said Iloilo would be the first destination because the city and its officials were group. We call this the business bridge ready to meet with potential investors. The project and we plan to do this to other group and Iloilo officials, led by Mayor

Hong Kong News the group will be hold- cities like Davao, Cebu in the future," Jed Mabilog and Board Member Renee Valencia, first met with potential investors from Hong Kong at the Foreign Correspondents' Club on Apr. 21.

> "We had 40 seats, we had overbooking,. Hindi na namin ma-accommodate iyong iba, 40 lang talaga ang limit," Aguado said.

During the FCC forum, the investors aired concerns about transportation, internet speed, technology, and human re-

"All these concerns positive ang response ng Iloilo officials. Iloilo is very peaceful, we have very low crime rate, and accommodation, Aguado added.



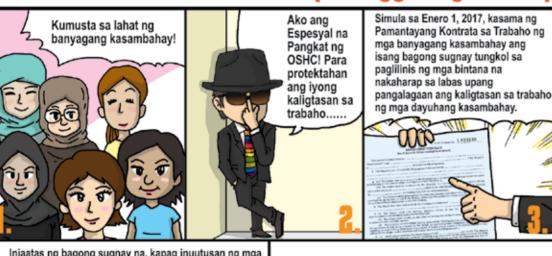
and it is named as the most livable city in the Philippines, and we have 27 universities producing 25,000 graduates every year in different fields," he said.

Those wanting to join the trip, however, will have to pay for the costs of their flight





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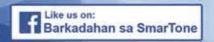
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# Court OKs bail for Filipina helper

By Ally Constantino

A domestic helper who was charged with theft has provided to the court the address where she could stay, one of the conditions for allowing her to post bail.

However, it was not clear if Helen L. M. could be released on bail as the orig-

remains. She was previously granted bail by Principal Magistrate Ernest Lin of the Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts, but she High Court so she could be granted bail, did not have enough money for bail.

On Apr. 26, Helen appeared before Judge Lin again and, through her duty lawyer, informed the court the Philippine the prosecutor why Helen was in jail cus-

her to stay while the case is pending.

Helen had sought an appeal before the but she could not say where she would be staying if she were released.

On Apr. 21, Judge Anthea Pang asked

inal condition of \$2,000 as bail money Consulate General provided a shelter for tody when the defendant was only charged if she had any other place to stay, but the with a simple case of shop theft.

> Helen was arrested on Apr. 3 after she was found to have taken food items worth less than \$200 from a supermarket store in Tseung Kwan O. The prosecutor said put up the bail money. Judge Pang then asked Helen what happened, and the Filipino replied she did not have the \$2,000 required for her bail money.

> Helen said she could only give \$500 as bail money, but when asked by Judge Pang, how much money she had with her, the defendant she only had \$300.

> However, when asked to give the address where she would be staying, Helen gave the address of her emoployer. The prosecutor, however, told the court that upon learning of Helen's case, the latter's employer terminated the employment contract, which should have ended in Oc-

Judge Pang then asked the defendant Kwun Tong Law Courts

latter said the address of her friend was in he envelope which she did not have at the time. The magistrate then adjourned the case to Apr. 24 to give Helen more time to provide to the court an address. The Helen was granted bail but was unable to judge also told Helen to ask the friend or a church representative to appear in court.

> On Apr. 24, Helen informed the court she had tried to get in touch with an NGO, and a friend, but they were not in court.

Owing to this, Judge Pang refused Helen's bail application, but asked the prosecution to try to bring forward the defendant's case at an earlier date instead of May 4.





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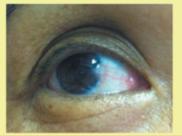


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# PCG exec relishes 'rewarding' HK post

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

FOR Deputy Consul-General Deric Atienza the Hong Kong post, above all, means a chance to study and complete his view of east Asia

With his previous posts in Russia, and South Korea, and having lived as a journalist in Japan, and as a student in China, he believes the Hong Kong post will allow him to gain a better understanding of the region.

"Feeling ko buo ang experience ko in northeast Asia. I was assigned to Korea, and I learned about a new country kasi I lived din in Japan for six years, and then I lived in China, and then I lived in Korea so I was filling in all the gaps in east Asia," Atienza says in his first interview with a Filipino media outfit in Hong Kong.

He adds east Asia, including southeast Asia, is an interesting region considering dihan ko talaga ang region na ito," he says. the flashpoints as well as great opportuni-

"The Hong Kong SAR is not an independent country, but it still operates as an actor in international relations so kailangan din ng understanding dyan in that Duterte in 2016 and its tact of pursuing an whole relationship and to be in China in Filipinos living and working in South



#### **Atienza**

posted here is that it completes my understanding. It adds and supplements the experiences I had so far and para maintin-

Although southeast Asia is a "natural za says east Asia is an important region for the country.

sense so iyon ang maganda about being "engagement" policy in dealing with China, Ateinza also says being in Hong Kong will give him the opportunity to further explore the relations between Manila and

"When you have one issue such as a terneighborhood" for the Philippines, Atien- ritorial dispute, it does not dominate the ese and practice his Mandarin here. He entire bilateral relations. On one hand, may difficulties ka on one aspect of the With the assumption of President relationship, but it shouldn't define the

this particular time would be a learning experience," he says.

The 47-year-old PCG official, who is fluent in French, Spanish, and Japanese, and also speaks Italian, Russian, Mandarin, and Korean, hopes to pick up Cantondescribes himself as a nerd whose primary interests are language and history.

While there are only some 60,000

Korea, Atienza says he is up to the task of the consular- and assistance to nationals-heavy post here in Hong Kong.

Besides wanting to be assigned to a Chinese-speaking post, Atienza, who will be staying in the post less than two years, says he is also looking forward to learning more and thriving in the post.

"As I said dahil mayroong ganoong klaseng delicateness, sensitivities, import or gravitas iton post na ito ang reward naman ay kapag nasurvive mo or even thrived and accomplished certain things, you go away from this post and you can say na you can handle other posts na," he

On the other side of his Hong Kong view, Atienza says Filipinos play an important role in making Hong Kong such the cosmopolitan city that it is.

"Ikinatutuwa ko in the sense na kapag pumunta ka dito sa Hong Kong and, that is also how I felt when I went to Macau in 2014, wherever you go in the streets andoon talaga ang Pinoy.

"At the same time mayroon pa ding foreign flavors, but there are areas here akala mo na nasa Binondo o nasa Quiapo ka,"

"The vast canvass of what Hong Kong is and that includes the presence of our kabayayan and that is so big that for you to actually understand it, you can not just come on a visit," he says.

The opportunity to work alongside Consul-General Bernardita Catalla also convinced him to request the Hong Kong post. He says they used to work in the Office of Southeast Asia at the Department of Foreign Affairs. Atienza served as one of the directors, while Catalla was its executive director.

"Maganda ang rapport namin so she herself supported my interest in coming here and I appreciate and I thank her because without that kind of support, I wouldn't have made it here. Hindi basta-basta na hihingi ka lang ng Hong Kong post ay sige pagbibigyan ka na, kailangan may support ka ng head of post," he says.

Atienza joined the DFA in 2000, and after his training, he was assigned to the United Nations and International Organizations office. He went on a sabbatical and went to Spain to pursue further studies and it is then when he became fluent in Span-

Coming back to the DFA, he was then assigned to the DFA's Forum on East Asia-Latin America Cooperation. Afterwards, he was assigned to Moscow in Russia as vice consul for six and a half years.

In 2010, he then went to Beijing to take up two semesters of intensive Chinese language training at the Beijing Foreign Studies University in preparation for what was supposed to be his China posting.

However, after the escalation of the territorial dispute between Manila and Beijing, Atienza chose not to go to China, and was then posted to the Philippine Embassy in Seoul, South Korea.

Comparing Seoul and Hong Kong, he finds the latter a more open city owing to its status as a major financial hub.

#### **Long time problema ng Pinay** naresolba dahil sa tulong ng pinsan

MATAGAL nang panahon na iniinda ni Cristine Cacam Ganade ng Hong Kong ang pagiging dry at magaspang na balat, nahihiya din siyang tumabi sa iba. Marami na daw siyang nasubukan na whitening creams para lamang malunasan ang mga peklat ngunit hindi naging epektibo.

Nabanggit niya sa pinsan ang problema sa balat. Inirekomenda nito ang upgraded Dream Love 1000 5 in 1 body essence lotion, gawa sa England na may 3D hologram model image silver seal na mabibili sa mga Pinoy stores sa Worldwide plaza tulad ng Victory Supermarket, Fiesta Mart, Sun Fung, at Aurora Mart sa halagang HK\$98 lamang. Tiwala si Cristine sa pinsan at kumbinsido sa payo nito kaya bumili ng isang tube.

Pagkauwi ng bahay at pagkatapos maligo ay ipinahid ang lotion sa buong katawan at mukha ayon sa sa instruction sheet. Pagkalipas ng ilang linggo ay laking gulat niya dahil bukod sa nabawasan ang mga peklat ay nawala ang gaspang at pagka-dry ng balat. Nabawasan pa ng 2 inches na taba sa kaniyang baywang at balakang, habang 1½ inches naman sa hita at mga braso.

Ngayon kahit kanino man siya madikit ay hindi na siya nahihiya dahil unti-unti nang kuminis ang kanyang balat at pumuti pa. Hindi na rin niya problema ang pagiging dry at magaspang na balat. Bumata pa daw siyang tingnan.

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# FDH loses job over stolen gifts

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

FOR wanting to give her teenage daughter gifts, a Filipino domestic worker stole some \$1,800-worth of items from a mall in Quarry Bay, and for that she was fired from her job.

M.C. Viterbo, 37, pleaded guilty to two charges of theft at the Eastern Magistracy on Apr. 12.

Principal Magistrate Bina Chainrai sentenced her to four weeks in prison, but suspended it for 18 months.

The suspended sentence meant that if Viterbo does not commit any other offense within the period she did not have to serve the jail term.

On Dec. 26, 2016, a staff at the Aeon Store in Kornhill Road conducted an inspection of the mall's premises and found a "Hello Kitty" limited doll edition on display was missing from a rack.

Upon checking the CCTV recording, it was found an unknown female took the doll at around 8:28 p.m.

Then on Jan. 15, 2017, at the first floor of the mall, a staff also conducted an inspection at the appliances section and found a hair straightener and a hair dryer were also missing.

Upon checking the CCTV, it was found an unknown female took the items at employment contract was terminated," the around 8:30 p.m.

The two staff members reported the thefts to police and said they had no record the items were sold.

Police traced the female seen on the CCTV, and went to her employer's flat in Quarry Bay.

During the search, the missing items

were found in Viterbo's possession. They were still unused.

In mitigation, the defendant's duty lawyer said Viterbo committed the offense because she wanted to give them as gifts to her 17-year-old daughter.

The Filipina, who is separated from her husband since 2009, also supports her parents in the Philippines.

"As soon as the offense was made known to her employer, the defendant's duty lawyer said.

He also said the thefts were committed within three weeks

"She now realizes that it was a stupid thing to do, and because of what she had done, the consequences of her actions were severe.

"She is very remorseful," the duty law-

Judge Chainrai sentenced Viterbo to four weeks in prison for each charge.

Besides the suspended sentence, the Filipina was also ordered to pay \$1,000 costs.

Viterbo first appeared in court on Mar. 16 for stealing the items from the mall.

The prosecution asked Principal Magistrate Bina Chainrai to adjourn the case to Apr. 12 to allow them to obtain more documents and for the defendant to consider her plea.

Judge Chainrai granted the adjournment and allowed Vietrbo to post \$1,000 as bail, but was told to stay in Hong Kong, and reside in the address given to the court.

The address was a shelter provided to the defendant by the Philippine Consulate General, the duty lawyer of the defendant told the court.

## Call center agent pleads guilty to trafficking \$700K cocaine

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

A call center agent pleaded guilty to bringing nearly \$700,000-worth of cocaine from the Philippines to Hong Kong in July last year.

A.R.S. Cruz on Apr. 18 pleaded guilty to a charge of trafficking in dangerous drugs at the Eastern Magistracy Courts

Magistrate Jason Wan Siu-ming told the defendant her case would be transferred to the High Court for sentencing. No date was mentioned.

Judge Wan asked Cruz whether her guilty plea was made voluntarily, to which the Filipina said "yes, your honor."

Prosecution alleged Cruz came to Hong Kong on July 30, 2016, and was intercepted by Customs agents at the Chek Lap Kok Airport. When her handbag was searched, the agents found hidden pockets containing three packets of suspicious substance.

Upon checking, the substance was found to be 610 grams of solid substance, containing 508 grams of cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$694, 549.

When asked by investigators, Cruz told them she did not know about the handbag's hidden pockets and she bought the bag for P400 from her friend named Jenny.

Cruz also told investigators she came to Hong Kong for shopping. She had cash of US\$200 and P2,100

During a video recording interview, Cruz said she only came to Hong Kong for shopping and for re-

She bought her own plane ticket, and was booked to stay at the Regal Kowloon Hotel.

Cebu Pacific records showed Cruz was supposed to fly back to Manila on Aug. 1, 2016, but the Regal Kowloon Hotel said the defendant's hotel booking was invalid.

Cruz was remanded in jail custody while waiting for her sentencing



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#### Narinig ng Pinav ang exciting whisper habang nasa Wan chai bar

AS of now kuntento na daw si Wilma Sumbillo sa pagiging single niya ngunit habang lumilipas ang panahon ay medyo naiinggit siya sa mga barkada na meron nang karelasyon.

Minsan ay tinukso pa siya ng kaibigan na maging matandang dalaga kapag masyado siyang puro na lang work and iniisip.

Minsan ay nagyayang magpunta sa bar si Rosie malapit sa worksite nila sa Wan Chai. Busy daw kasi ang nobyo nito at gustong magkaroon na din ng nobyo si Wilma. Bago daw sila pumasok sa bar ay napansin niyang may hawak na pabango si Rosie at iwinisik sa kaniyang damit, pulse, behind ears at dibdib. Nagulat siya at mas lalo na ng sabihin nito na ang perfume ay may kakayahang makaakit ng kalalakihan, ito daw ay upgraded Dream Love 1000 seksuwal perfume na laging binibili ni Rosie mula sa Victory supermarket sa halagang HK\$88 lamang.

Nagkaroon daw ito ng nobyo dahil sa palaging nagamit nitong pabango bago magtungo sa work.

Pagkapasok nila sa bar ay napansin niyang bawat malampasan na lalaki ay napapasinghap at meron pa nagsabing, "Hi lady your scent so good," napapangiti siya at naibulong ni Rosie na epekto yon ng gamit niyang Dream Love 1000 seksuwal perfume. Kapagdaka'y merong guwapong Canadian ang lumapit at nagpakilala, sinabing Trever ang pangalan nito. Niyaya silang makiupo sa table nito at habang nagkukuwento ito ay pansin niyang madalas ang haplos nito sa kaniyang palad at balikat. Kindat na lang ang ginawa ni Rosie sa kaniya. Simula noon ay dumalas ang pagkikita nila at naging magkasintahan na sila, pati pagiging mapusok ni Trever ay damang- dama niya tuwing gamit ang seksuwal perfume.

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# Eat, drink, and be merry in Madrid!

By William Tam

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There is a lot to do, see, and taste in Madrid

And when Cathay Pacific announced

that it was starting direct flights from explore the city and what it could offer. Hong Kong to Madrid in September 2015, MADRID is the capital of Spain. It is also my wife and I decided that this was an adventure too good to pass up.

The plan finally became a reality in October 2016.

Because the forecast was rain for our first day, we decided to just go around and

My wife had a must-do list. And it involved eating and more eating!

I promptly abandoned my diet!

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and make a reservation, as they do get

We never got the chance to do that as the next two days were also fully booked so I guess the experience of dining in one of the oldest restaurants in the world has

It was also said the great Spanish painter Francisco Goya tended tables here while he was waiting to get accepted into the Royal Academy of Fine Arts.

We continued walking around the famed Plaza Mayor. It is the grand central Plaza

We tried to get a table but were told by in Madrid where tourists and locals walk the manager that we needed to call ahead around, dine (café's and restaurants line along the square), people-watch or simply enjoy the experience and take it all in.

> Right smack in the middle of the plaza, one can find the Statue of Philip the III. It was during his reign when the Plaza Mayor was built.

> A short walk from Plaza Mayor is another known square in Madrid called the Puerta del Sol. It is one of the most popular and busiest places in the city.

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In the middle of the square is a monument of Charles III of Spain, nicknamed "El Ray Alcalde" or simply the Mayor-King in honor of his public works program during his reign and tenure.

Directly across the square is the old Post Office, which also serves as the office of the President of Madrid.

Also in here you will find the statue of The Bear and the Strawberry Tree (or El Oso y el Madroño), which is the symbol

Behind the Statue of the Bear and Strawberry Tree is the Apple Store. We browsed gadgets, used their free wi-fi to communicate with family and friends and of course, posted FB pics of our adventure.



Metro in Puerto Del Sol

All the walking, exploring and sightseeing made us hungry so we decided to have a snack. And oh boy, we were in for

A couple of blocks away from the Puerta del Sol in an hidden alley, you can find Madrid's most famous churros and chocolate place since 1894, the Chocolateria San Gines. The hot chocolate is served in Spanish style - thick, dark and strong - just the way I like it.

Spain is famous for its tapas or small Spanish savoury dishes, typically served with drinks at a bar. And as they say, "do as the Romans do", so we ventured into a tapas adventure right the next day.

Then off we went to the Mercado San Miguel.

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za Mayor, has been converted into stalls where you can savor food and drink from around Spain.

We had Sangria, (widely considered as a punch, and traditionally consists of red wine and chopped fruit, often with other ingredients such as orange juice or brandy), seafood paella, and some jamon Iberico. They sliced the tender meat so thin thin that it literally melted in our mouths.

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compared to the areas of the two floors (11th and 16th) the POLO is presently occupying at the Admiralty Centre.

However, the public area of the new office would allow Filipino workers to wait inside the office, instead of being asked to queue at the bridge near the Admiralty Centre.

"If our proposal would be approved, we'd be getting the whole floor there, and we have four lifts. Hindi na pipila ang mga tao kung saan-saan," he said.

On Sundays, when many Filipinos come to the POLO to process various requirements, the Admiralty Centre building security would be strict and limit the number of Filipinos who would be allowed in the POLO premises.

"It's (strict security) the main reason we are leaving," said Dela Torre.

Besides the bigger area to accommodate more POLO clients. Dela Torre added the rent for their present offices would be raised once their contract expires in the last quarter of the year.

"I don't know the exact figures, but it's going to be cheaper. Our lease now will be hiked from \$42,000 per square foot to \$50,000. Monthly, we pay some \$450,000 in rent here, and in Lippo Centre, it would be some \$420,000," he said.

Maintenance costs of the present POLO premises would also be reduced as they are presently maintaining two floors.

Dela Torre said they initially wanted to move back to the United Centre, but there was no contiguous space available for them. He said the transfer should not inconvenience POLO clients who also have transactions at the Philippine Consulate in United Centre as the Lippo Centre is also

Meanwhile, Eman Villanueva, secretary-general of the United Filipinos-Migrante-HK, said the transfer of the POLO to Lippo Centre could cause "added inconvenience to those who would need to submit requirements to the Consulate and the POLO."

"Pero kasi ngayon, ang isang concern naming sa current na opisina ng POLO ay iyong napakalaking renta. Ang tanong namin, is it cost-effective? Iyon ba ay nagbebenepisyo sa mga manggagawa o lumaki lang ang overhead costs? Kung ganoon, they might as well rechannel the money para sa direct services for the Filipino workers like shelter, and welfare assistance," he said.

The abolition of the overseas employment certificate and other unnecessary requirements and fees, Villanueva said, remains the best solution to ensure Filipino workers are not inconvenienced.

## More Filipinos working as helpers in HK

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

FILIPINOS are still leaving the Philippines.

In the first three months of the year, the number of Filipinos working as domestic helpers in Hong Kong rose, a sign the Philippine government may not be doing enough to pursue its policy of encouraging overseas Filipinos to come home and seek economic opportunities in the Philippines.

Data from the Hong Kong Immigration Department showed that as of the end of March, there were 193, 0003 Filipino domestic helpers in the city, a 1.002-per-

the end of January. The increase was even faster than the 0.943-percent rise (from 354,238 to 357,578) in the total number of foreign domestic helpers in Hong Kong in the same period.

Indonesian domestic helpers also rose, but at a slower rate of 0.819 percent, from 154,738 to 156,006. The number of Thai domestic helpers was practically unchanged from 2,489 to 2,492. The fastest increase were foreign domestic helpers under "other nationalities", rising 2.6 percent from 5,923 to 6,077.

In an interview, Labor Attaché Jalilo dela Torre said more should be done to

cent increase from 191,088 recorded at regulate recruitment agencies.

"It's a phenomenon that we need to grapple with because ang advocacy natin is to encourage them to go home,

Eman Villanueva, secretary-general of United Filipinos-Migrante-Hong Kong, said the Duterte administration should fulfill its promise of national industrialization and genuine land reform to encourage Filipinos to stay in the Phil-

"Ang ibig sabihin lang nito talagang madami pa din ang desperately looking for employment sa mga kababayan natin. It's a bad sign," he said.

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# Duterte pushes P8.4T infra bid

By Maia Lopez

THE Duterte administration has lined up an ambitious infrastructure program that will spend P8.4 trillion over the next six years, and include a subway system for Metro Manila that will be completed by

"Our program of infrastructure build up will entail trillions in economic investments" National Economic and Development Authority secretary-general Ernesto

The agreement for the subway is ex-

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Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade said the Mega Manila Subway will use "Japanese tunneling expertise."

Project construction may begin in the last quarter of 2020, but Tugade is push-

plan, the Mega Manila Subway can accommodate a daily ridership of 350,000.

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## Kill order vs **ASG** out

By Maia Lopez



PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte has issued a kill order against the Abu Sayyaf Group after the bandits attacked the tourist island of Bohol ahead of side meetings of the Association of Southeast

Asian Nations in the province. "I want them dead. Don't bring them back to me alive," Duterte told the military after the clash in Inabanga, Bohol where six bandits, including Muaamar Askali, alias Abu Rami, were killed.

"Do not give me prisoners. I don't need them. If there's a fight and they surrender, you refuse. You decline the offer of surrender," he added.

The President said the recent clash in Bohol was timed by the ASG to embarrass the government, which is hosting Asean meetings.

"Let's continue fighting. Eventually they will run out of bullets. I have plenty of soldiers to spare. I told the Navy if you see them on a boat, blast them off," he said.

Duterte offered a P1-million bounty for each of the seven Abu Sayyaf bandits who escaped the clash.

Days after the encounter, government troops killed four of the wanted ASG rebels, including Bohol native Joselito Mel-

The Armed Forces of the Philippines said three more Abu Sayyaf members are being hunted down by its troops in Clarin.

Meanwhile, in Sulu, the bandit group beheaded an Army soldier who was a former member of the Moro National Liber-

Brig. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana, commander of the Joint Task Force Sulu, said the body of Sgt. Anni Siraji was found somewhere in Brgy Taglibi, Patikul, just a few kilometers from where he was taken.

Sobeiana said the decapitated head was about 50 meters away from Siraji's body, which was already in a state of decomposition.

"We condemn the barbaric act by the Abu Sayyaf against Siraji. They are both Tausugs, but still, they have beheaded their fellow Tausug," Sobejana said.

As this developed, Sobejana said aging ASG leader Radullan Sahiron is now ready to surrender because of the incessant military pressure on the bandit group. Sahiron is the ASG leader in Sulu.

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# DND chief's plane challenged

By Maia Lopez

MEMBERS of the Chinese Coast Guard challenged the military transport planes carrying Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana and Armed Forces of the Philippines chief of staff Gen. Eduardo Año on their way to Pagasa Island, which is part of the as part of its territory.

Pilots of the Airbus Military C-295 and Lockheed C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft received the challenge from Subi Reef, a Chinese-controlled atoll some 30 nautical miles away from Pagasa Island.

"We replied that we are flying over Philippine territory," Lorenzana said, describing the trip as a "normal visit within our territory."

"We believe and we know that this is our territory and I am just visiting to look at the conditions of our people here," he

Other ranking officials aboard the two military aircraft were Army commander

Command head Lt. Gen. Raul Del Rosa-

National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr. while such challenges are normal for countries with overlapping claims, Manila does not take these lightly.

"We mind and we respond appropriate-Kalayaan Island Group that Beijing claims ly. We have our own challenges and answers to appropriate situations. If it's bad enough, that could be the basis for a note verbale," Esperon said.

"A challenge is something that does not help us, but a challenge could be just to identify yourself. But it could also mean, you're challenging us because they think that's their territory," he added.

For his part, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said Beijing questions the visit to Pagasa Island by Lorenzana and top military officials.

"Gravely concerned about and dissatisfied with this, China has lodged representations with the Philippine side. This move runs counter to the important

Lt. Gen. Glorioso Miranda and Western consensus reached between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, which is to properly deal with the South China Sea issue," the official said.

> "We hope that the Philippine side could faithfully follow the consensus reached between the two leadership, maintain general peace and stability in the South China Sea, and promote the sound and steady development of China-Philippine relations,"

> Lorenzana said the government will allocate P1.6 billion to improve the Rancudo Airfield in Pagasa Island and construct ports and beaching ramps in the locality.

Priority will be given to the construction of a beaching ramp that will allow cargo ships to unload construction materials and other supplies in Pagasa Island, thus expediting the improvement works, he said.

More shelters will be also constructed for military personnel tasked to secure Pagasa Island and other Philippine-claimed

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## Duterte, De Lima in TIME's influential list

By Maia Lopez

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte and his fiercest critic, Senator Leila de Lima, both landed on this year's TIME Magazine's list of The 100 Most Influential People in the world

The write-up for Duterte, who topped TIME's online reader poll on who should be on its list, was written by former Colombian president César Gaviria, while the one for De Lima was penned by former United States ambassador to the Unit-

ed Nations Samantha Power.

Gaviria criticized Duterte's approach to eradicating the narcotics problem in the Philippines, citing the thousands of deaths recorded since the drug war began.

"When I was President of Colombia, I was also seduced into taking a tough stance on drugs. But after spending billions, I discovered that the war was unwinnable and the human costs were devastating. The cure was infinitely worse than the disease," said Gaviria.

could start by treating drugs as a health, human rights and development issue. He could prosecute the most violent criminals and provide treatment for users rather than condemn them to prison, or worse...There will always be drugs in the Philippines, whether the President likes it or not. The tragedy is that many more people are likely going to die as he learns this lesson."

De Lima was described by Power as having taken on "a role her friends call suicidal" at a time when "most opposition "There are solutions that work. Duterte politicians have kept their heads down."



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THE Saudi Arabia government has allowed some 160 "runaway" Filipino workers to return to the Philippines during a state visit of President Rodrigo Duterte.

Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III said the runaways were mostly victims of illegal recruitment.

the Philippine Embassy's Bahay Kalinga while the male runaways were at a different shelter.

There are 265 Filipinos serving time in various jail facilities in the western region of Saudi Arabia most of them due to drugand alcohol-related cases, according to the

Employment showed that some 19.000 stranded and undocumented overseas Filipino workers have been repatriated from the Middle East since Duterte took office

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Philippine Ambassador to Abu Dhabi Constancio Vingno said a speeding SUV rammed their vehicle. The four victims, who died on the spot, were identified as Lord Christian Asuncion Elli, 29, an interior designer; Veronica Dulay, 39, a secretary; storekeeper Daniel Paulo Paraiso, 30; and Marvin Mendoza, 27.

Two other passengers who survived the crash - Mary Ann Mendoza and Anna Paula Paulino are still being treated at the Al Rahba Hospital.

"Mendoza has undergone a surgery on her legs. Her situation is stable and she was able to talk to us when the Philippines ambassador visited her in the hospital," an official of the Philippine embassy said.

Paulino, who has sustained head injuries, is still in the ICU. "She is conscious and her condi-

The six were driving to St. Joseph's church as part of their Visita Iglesia.

"They were riding a Pajero and it stopped on the third lane of Shaikh Maktoum Bin Rashid Road in Shahama, due to a technical problem. The four victims had got down from the car to check when a Nissan Patrol rammed into the car from behind, killing them instantly," the embassy official added.

The Indian lady driver of the Nissan Patrol is now in police custody.

Meanwhile, a 92-year-old Filipina and her 61-year-old daughter were killed when a car, reportedly driven by a drunk driver, crashed into their vehicle in Santa Clara, California,

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FILIPINOS from Abra, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, and Mountain Province on Apr. 23 celebrated Cordillera Day 2017 here in the city.

Dancing their traditional dances, and banging their gongs, those who hailed from the region expressed their unity and solidarity to defend their land and ancestral domain.

"Thousands of Cordillerans in Hong Kong are living testimonies of forced migration resulting from lack of jobs, decent wages, and displacement from agricultural and ancestral lands back home despite the so-called 'development' propagated by past and present regimes, " said a statement by the Cordillera Alliance, Abra Tingguian Ilocano Society, and the United Filipinos in HK.

The groups cited the impacts of mining, militarization, quest for just peace, access to social services, employment, and just wages as among their issues of concern.

"Many Cordillerans in Hong Kong attest that their families have experienced losing their homes and properties as a result of mining and military operations.

"Like the general aspiration of the Filipino people, we Cordilleran migrants hope and look forward to a solution to the struggles of indigenous peoples," they said.

They also hailed the advancements of peace talks between the government and the National Democratic Front, saying the discussion of the Comprehensive Agreement of Socio-Economic Reforms is a step in the right direction.

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## Sleeping with the enemy?

WAS she sleeping with the enemy or debacle for the national police. He said a deep penetration agent? Many were shocked when a high-ranking police officer, Supt. Ma. Crisrina Nobleza, was caught trying to rescue Abu Sayyaf mem-

"She was helping them. She was cavort-Police Director General Ronald dela Rosa.

Dela Rosa said Nobleza became a lover of Abu Sayyaf member Renren Dongon, an expert bomber of the bandits, after she interrogated him in prison in 2013.

"I don't know if they were living together but they fell in love with each other. (Nobleza) fell madly in love. She is sleeping with the enemy," he said, as he downplayed suggestions that her romantic attachment to Dongon was an intelligence

Nobleza was just assigned to the PNP Crime Laboratory and the now defunct Anti-Illegal Drugs Group and did not have access to high-level intelligence. However, sources within the PNP said Nobleza was the chief of the Intelligence Operation ing with them," said Philippine National Division of the PNP's Directorate for Intelligence from 2008 to 2011. Worse, after she hooked up with Dongon in 2013, she was assigned to the Intelligence Group and the Office of the Chief PNP. Imagine that---an Abu Sayyaf spy working in the office of the PNP chief. This shows that far from being a simple official attached to the Crime Laboratory, it appears Nobleza is an experienced intelligence officer. An Abu Sayyaf spy working in the highest levels of Camp Crame is a nightmare scenario.

#### Health Alert

## 8 Simple Tips for **Healthy Dining Out**

STICKING to a healthy diet doesn't mean you have to dine at home and avoid dining 5. Choose dishes that use vegetables out. Here are eight tips for eating healthy at a restaurant

- 1. Choose a healthy, balanced meal taking the food pyramid as reference. Among the food you choose, the most should be grains and cereals, followed by vegetables and the least should be meat.
- 2. Choose dishes with low-fat ingredients such as lean meat, skinless poultry, low-fat dairy products, non-fried soybean products, and prepared by low-fat cooking methods like steaming, boiling in soup, baking, stir-frying with 7. Choose water as the main drink. Resmall amount of oil.
- 3. Limit high-sodium food, e.g. ham, bacon, sausages, salted fish, salted eggs, pickle vegetables. High sodium intake will increase your blood pressure and it is bad for your heart.
- 4. Be cautious of additional sources of oil and salt to the dishes e.g. chilli oil, table salt, oyster sauce, soy sauce and

- as the main ingredients with small amount of meat, e.g. stir-fried broccoli with chicken meat, stir-fried assorted capsicums with beef. Vegetables are low in energy and very filling.
- Choose fruit or fruit-based options as dessert. Most fruits are low in energy and fat. Eating enough fruits and vegetables as part of a balanced diet can help prevent many major diseases and health problems such as hypertension, diabetes, stroke, heart diseases, certain cancers and obesity.
- placing the sugary drinks with water can help reduce your intake of energy and sugar. High sugar intake may cause excessive energy intake and hence gain weight as a result.
- 8. Feel no pressing need to finish the remaining food if full. You can save up the food while observing the hygienic condition.

#### As We See it





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## Pangakong Napako?

NOONG eleksyong 2016, ay nanguna pa nga si Pangulong Duterte sa lahat ng mga presidentiables sa pangako na wakasan ang kontraktwalisasyon at ang ENDO. Matapos siyang manalo, uulit-ulitin pa niya ng ilang beses ang pangakong ito.

Subalit ngayong kauna-unahang selebrasyon ng Mayo Uno sa ilalim ng adminstrasyon niya, masama ang loob ng mga manggagawa dahil ang lumabas na pinaboran ng kanyang Department of Labor and Employment, sa pangunguna ni Labor Secretary Bello, ay ang tinawag na "win-win" solution na nagmula sa mga kapitalista at may-ari ng mga manpower agencies kaysa ang panukala ng mga unyon ng manggagawa.

Matapos ang pitong dialogue simula pa nakaraang taon, buhay na buhay pa rin ang ENDO.

Dahil ang inilabas na DOLE Department Order 174 ay kontra-manggagawa pa rin at pabor sa mga kapitalista. Wala nga itong pinag-iba sa naunang DO 18-A series of 2011 na inilabas noon ni PNoy.

Nanlilito at nanlilinlang ang DOLE at ito ang hindi nila sinasabi. Magyayabang na "mareregularisa" na ang mga trabahador. Pero ang hindi sinasabi ay regular lamang sila sa ilalim ng mismong manpower agency nila at hindi sa pangunahing kompanya o employer kung saan sila pinapa-trabaho.

Narito ang panlilinlang. Sasabihing "regular" ka pero sa totoo lang ay ipinagkakait pa rin ang katayuan niya bilang "regular employee" ng kompanya at tinatanggal ang relasyong employer-employee. Ginagawang employer ang manpower agency. At dahil si agency ay nakakapagbigay lamang ng trabaho kapag may kontrata sa prinsipal na kompanya, kapag tapos na ang kontrata, tapos na rin ang trabaho ng sinasabing "regular" na employee. Ito ang hindi ipinapaliwanag. Ang tuso ano?

Samakwatid, wala pa ring kasiguraduhan sa trabaho ang manggagawa. Barat pa rin ang sweldo. At dahil hindi kinikilala ng kompanya na sila ay trabahador, hindi rin sila pwede mag-unyon. Ganyan kabagsik pero katuso ang "legal" na mga porma ng kontraktwalisasyon.

Avon mismo sa Article 106 at 109 ng Labor Code ng Piipinas, pinapayagan ang mga porma tulad ng labor only contracting at job-only contracting. Ito ang mga porma ng ENDO na pinapagtibay, pinapalusot at itinuturo pa nga ng DOLE ngayon na gawin ng mga kapitalista sa kanyang mga manggagawa.

Imbes na maglabas ng Executive Order ang Pangulo para ipagbawal nga ang mga ito o kaya'y amyendahan ang Labor Code, itong DO 174 ang inihain sa mga manggagawa. Kaya tuloy pa rin ang laban at protesta laban sa kontraktwalisasyon at ENDO hanggang tuparin ng Pangulo ang kanyang pangako na ngayo'y napako.

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Dear Hong Kong News,

Magandang araw sa inyong lahat!

Isa po ako sa masugid niyong mambabasa at nagpasya po akong sumulat upang iparating ang aking pakiusap sa aking mga kapwa Filipino na nagtratra baho dito sa Hong Kong.

Di- lingid sa ating kaalaman na sa araw ng pahinga lalo na pag Linggo ay nagiging lugar ng tambayan ang Central at Admiralty. Sa Chater Road kung saan madalas ginaganap ang mga palatuntunan at ibatibang activities ay talaga namang napakaraming tao, maging sa ibat-iba pang bahagi ng Central at Admiralty na nagsisilbing lugar kung saan nagkikita ang mga magkakamag-anak, magkakaibigan at magkakagrupo. Masasabing kahit papaano ay maswerte pa rin tayo dahil may mga lugar pa rin na maari tayong tambayan sa araw ng ating pahinga.

Napapansin ko lang sa hapon o sa bandang gabi na ay tambak na ang basura sa mga lugar na ito. Bihira lang sa ating mga kababayan ang may concern kung maayos ba o hindi ang kanilang pinanggalingan. Saludo ako sa ilan na sinisigurado talaga nilang malinis ang kanilang lugar ng tambayan bago umalis.

Marami ang walang pakundangang nagkakalat. Katwiran pa ng iba ay may maglilinis naman daw

sa gabi. Sa pamamagitan ng liham kong ito, nais kong iparating sa aking mga kapwa OFWs na sana ay pagsikapan natin na iwanan ng malinis at maayos ang lugar na nagsisilbing kanlungan natin sa araw ng ating pahinga

Sa bahay ng ating mga amo ay pinapanatili natin ang kalinisan sa lahat ng oras kaya siguro naman ay kaya din natin itong gawin sa araw ng ating pahinga. Maraming salamat at Mabuhay ang Hong Kong

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# Ang hirap magsimula muli

By Imelda Mae Bustinera

GALING sa isang buwang bakasyon si Susan, may asawa at dalawang anak, naninirahan sa Bulacan, kaya aakalain mong baguhan dahil laging nagkakamali sa mga utos ng kanyang amo at kung hindi uutusan ay hindi kumikilos.

Maiinis siguro kung masungit ang sa amo ng kanyang saloobin at sinabing amo dahil laging nakatelepono at kung mamalasin ay baka mawalan pa ng amo.

Lingid sa kaalaman ni Susan ay pinagmamasdan at nahahalata na siya ng amo. Hindi na ito nakatiis at kinausap ng amo

Maluha-luha si Susan na nagpahayag

umalis daw na wala silang maayos na pagkakaunawaan ng kanyang asawa dahil nagbibisyo at may kinalolokohang babae.

Tinanong ng amo si Susan kung gustong umuwi na lang uli para maasikaso ang problema at kukuha na lang sila ng bagong kasambahay.

Parang nahimasmasan si Susan at humingi ng pasensiya at nangakong pagbubutihin na niya uli ang pagtrabaho. Mahirap man, sinisikap na lang ni Susan na maging alerto at iwasan na makitang nagtetele-

Pero napapaluha siya sa tuwing maaalala ang kanyang pamilya lalo na ang

pagloloko ng kanyang asawa.

Kung uuwi naman kasi siya ay paano na ang kanilang buhay, ang pangarap niyang mapagtapos ang mga anak sa pag-aaral. Ipinangako na lang niya sa sarili na sisikapin niyang maging matatag at matutong mag-ayos sa sarili para hindi siya magmukhang kawawa

## **Naunsyaming** balak

By Vicks Reyes Munar

NASANAY na si Eliza, 55, tubong Pangasinan, na tuwing Biyernes Santo ay malaya siyang nakakalabas upang magsimba. Sa loob ng ilang taong paninilbihan sa kanyang mga amo ay taon-taon siyang nakakalabas tuwing Biyernes Santo.

Dahil sa sanay na siya sa ganitong kalakaran, nagplano si Eliza kasama ang kanyang mga kaibigan na magsimba ng sabay- sabay at pagkatapos ay kumain at mamasyal.

Matagal pa bago ang Biyernes Santo at handang- handa na si Eliza maging sa kung ano ang kanyang isusuot. Super-excited siya lalo na at buo ang kaniyang barkada dahil ang mga amo ay nagsialisan din para sa Easter Holiday.

Kampante si Eliza na tuloy na tuloy ang kaniyang mga balak gawin lalo na at wala naman ang mag-asawang amo at ang dalaga at binatang anak lamang ang kasama niya sa bahay. Sigurado siyang kakain ang mga ito sa labas at magiging libre siya sa Biyernes Santo katulad ng nakagawian.

Dismayado si Eliza nang kausapin siya ng mga alaga na mag-iimbita daw sila ng mga kaibigan para sa dinner party sa Biyernes Santo. Sinabi niya ang balak niyang paglabas na magsimba ngunit nakiusap nang husto ang mga alaga at ang sabi pa di na daw nila pwedeng bawiin sa mga kaibigan ang imbitasyon.

Kahit na di natuloy ang lahat ng kanyang mga balakin para sa araw na iyon ay walang magawa si Eliza dahil alam naman niya na di kasali sa statutory holidays ang Bivernes Santo.

Pinaunawa na lamang niya sa kanyang mga kaibigan ang sitwasyon at pinilit nalang niya na maging masaya pa rin kahit na naunsyami ang kanyang balak sa nasabing araw.



Nagparty sa bahay ang mga alaga



## Kris Aquino, may Hollywood movie na

EXCITING ngayon ang nangyayari sa career ng Queen of All Media na si Kris panahon na hindi siya nabibigyan ng magandang trabaho, matapos ang kanyang kontrata sa ABS-CBN at nahirapan siya magkaroon ng programa sa GMA 7, ay

ibang bansa.

Nung Easter Sunday ay nag post si Kris sa kanyang Instagram account kung saan Aquino dahil matapos ang matagal na na kwento niya na nung ika-23 ng Marso dition. Kaagad-agad ay gumawa sila ng ay kinausap siya ni Jhett Tolentino, isang Tony at Grammy award winning Broadway producer.

Pinatatanong daw ng kaibigan ni Jhett, proyekto.

may dumating na biyaya na nagmula pa sa na isang Filipino-Chinese-American agent, kung interesado si Kris makasama sa isang pelikula pang Hollywood movie, at kung gusto ba daw niyang mag-auaudition shoot at kasama ang isang video bio na pinadala nila bilang audition niya. Nagdasal si Kris na matanggap siya sa

Pumasa siya sa audition kaya lumipad patungo si Kris sa Los Angeles para makilala ang agent na si Chris Lee at para pumirma ng kontrata.

"It is surreal to be reading the script from a major Hollywood studio watermarked on every page with my name," ang sabi ni Kris.

Pumirma din siya ng non-disclosure agreement kung saan pinagbabawalan siyang mag- kwento tungkol sa gagawing

pelikula. Ngunit may kumakalat na balita na makakasama ang 46-year-old actress at television host na si Kris sa cast ng "Crazy Rich Asians" na pelikula na base sa best -selling novel ni Kevin Kwan.

Hindi pa alam kung totoo ang balita pero kamakailan ay sinundan ni Kwan ang Twitter account ni Kris na lubos na kinagalak ng aktres dahil isa daw si Kevin sa mga paborito niyang manunulat at gustong-gusto niya ang mga libro nito.



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## Ai-Ai, Gerald engaged

By Cristy Kasilag

THIRD time's the charm na kaya para sa komedyanteng si Ai-Ai delas Alas?

Happy ever after na kaya ang 53-anyos na si Ai-Ai matapos niyang ma-engage sa 23-year-old boyfriend na si Gerald Sibayan?

Nitong buwan lamang ng Abril ay nag post si Ai-Ai ng litrato na suot-suot ang engagement ring na binigay sa kanya ng kanyang dating boyfriend at ngayon ay fiancé na si Gerald.

Sa kanilang third anniversary date ginawa ni Gerald ang proposal.

Hindi tulad ng ibang proposal na magarbo at madaming taong kasali sa pagplano, isang simpleng proposal lang ang ginawa ni Gerald.

Sa isang hugis pusong papel na kasama ang isang frappucino na kape ang ginawa ni Gerald ang pagtanong sa girlfriend. Nakasulat sa papel ang "Can you be my misis?"

Ang kakaiba lang ay ang boquet ng green roses na binigay ng binata sa kanyang nobya.

Galing sa flower shop ni Marian Riveang mga bulaklak.

Kaakibat ng mga litrato na post ni Ai-Ai sa kanyang Instagram account ang mensahe na: "Some knots are meant to be tied forever. Our journey is not perfect but it's ours and I'll stick with you till the end . I will pray to our great God that taon.

our journey will be smooth and sweet towards eternity . HAPPY 3rd year anniversary my darling and thank you for the very paandar pangmayaman na flowers...Sabi nga ni kambal ako lang meron nyan ... thank you @floravidabymarian ..I love you so much ...God is good all the time."

Minsan napabalita na ang isang bagay na hinahangaan niya sa kanyang nobyo ay ang pagiging maaalahin nito. Tuwing monthsary nila ay hindi ito nakakalimot magbigay ng bulaklak sa kanya.

Minsan nga, dahil na din siguro sa dami ng trabaho ni Ai-Ai, ay nakakalimutan niya ang kanilang monthsary kaya may mga pagkakataong na pag-uwi niya ay may makikita siya ng bulaklak at kapag tinanong niya kung bakit meron bulaklak ay si Gerald pa ang magpapaalala sa kanya kung ano ang okasyon.

At kapag mga espesyal na okasyon, tulad ng anniversary nila or Valentine's Day, ay nag-dadate sila.

Hindi si Gerald ang unang papakasalan ni Ai-Ai. Una siyang nagpakasal kay Miguel Vera at sumunod sa 28-anyos na American businessman na si Jed Salang ra, na tinatawag ni Ai-Ai na "kambal", na tumagal lamang ang kanilang pagsasama ng isang buwan.

> Nakilala ni Ai-Ai si Gerald sa pamamagitan ng panganay na anak ng komedyante na si Sancho. Nagtapos ng kursong Sports Management sa De La Salle University si Gerald nung nakaraang

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#### **Aguarius** January 20 to February 18

Mag-focus ka para mapabuti ang iyong kalusugan. Kung nanghihina ka, baka kulang ka sa tulog at tamang pagkain.



#### Pisces February 19 to March 20

Ayusin mo ang iyong pisikal na kaanyuan. Piliin mo ang damit na tama para sa iyong edad, mahalaga ito lalo na kung may bago kang kakilala na inaasahan mong tutulong sa iyong negosyo o proyekto.



#### Aries March 21 to April 19

Magandang oportunidad ang nakalaan sa iyo ngayong buwan. Kung may nawala man, may kapalit agad iyon.



#### Taurus April 20 to May 20

Matagal ka nang parang may dinaramadam, ngayon ay makikita mo na kung bakit.Kung kalusugan, malalaman mo ang dahilan at magagawan mo ito ng solusyon.



#### Gemini May 21 to June 20

Huwag kang aasa sa imposible lalo na sa pag-ibig. Maging makatotoo ka at makikita mo ang katahimikan.



#### Cancer June 21 to July 22

Mag-ingat ka sa mga tao na aayain kang maglagay ng puhunan sa bagong negosyo. Bantayan mo rin ang kalusugan.



#### **Leo** July 23 to August 22

May matinding atraksyon kang nararamdaman sa isang tao na bago mo pa lang nakikilala. Hayan mong yumabong ang inyong pagiging magkaibigan at kilalanin mo muna siya ng husto.



#### Virgo August 23 to September 22

Huwag sanang manghina ang loob mo kung hindi natutupad agad ang mga plano. Habaan pa ang pasensya at siguradong mas magiging bwenas ang mga susunod na buwan.



#### **Libra** September 23 to October 22

lwasan mong pumasok agad sa isang relasyon lalo na kung di ka sigurado. Huwag kang padadala sa buyo ng mga nakapaligid sa iyo.



#### Scorpio October 23 to November 21

Kung nasasaktan ka kapag pinapansin niya ang iyong timbang o itsura, baka oras na para maghanap ng iba. Pahalagahan mo rin ang iyong



#### Sagittarius November 22 to December 21

Parang may napipisil ka na para sa magiging partner mo pero may duda pa rin sa puso mo kung siya nga ba ang magpapaligaya sa iyo. Pagisipang mabuti at baka nga hindi pa ito ang tamang panahon.

### What's Cooking?

For those wanting to avoid red meat, but still need protein and craving for the many flavors it packs, this lemongrass shrimps and tofu vermicelli is the perfect replacement

Ingredients:

2 sticks lemongrass, thinly sliced 25 shrimps, medium - deveined 1 pack fried tofu

500a vermicelli noodle

1/4 cup light soy sauce

1 clove garlic minced 1 c. seafood stock

1/4 cup spring onions, thinly sliced

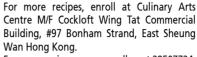
Salt & pepper to taste 2 tsp. sugar

2 Tbsp. Rice wine

- 1. In a pan, stir fry garlic, oil, lemongrass with shrimps and tofu.
- 2. Meanwhile soak vermicelli in 2 cups of boiled water for about 10-15 minutes
- 3. Add in soy sauce, rice wine, seafood stock

and season to taste.

- Mix and stir fry vermicelli until noodles cooked
- 5. Add spring onions and toss the mixtures until vou see the vermicelli iust starting to turn transparent. Be careful not to overcook.
- 6. Plate and serve hot



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By Chef Jay



Titser sa isang estudyante : Spell HORSE Estudyante: (mabagal na nagsspell) H-O.....R...

Titser: Bilisan mo naman.

Estudyante: (mas mabilis konti): H-O-R......S Titser: Mas mabilis pa dvan Estudyante: YAH! Tigidigtigidigtigidig

Juan: Ano ang pinakamatandang isda? Pedro: Ano?

Juan: Eh di, Century- Tuna!

Juan: Ano and mas matanda kesa sa Century

Pedro: Ano?

Juan: Eh di, 555 Tuna!

Juan: Ano ang sabi ng isang Donut sa isa pang

donut na nasa itaas ng puno? Pedro: Ano?

Juan: Anong computer ang kumakanta? Pedro: Ano?

Juan: Eh di. A-DELLe

Juan: BAVARIAN!

Juan: Anong tawag sa lalaking hipon? Pedro: Eh di HE-pon!

Juan: Eh ano naman ang babaeng hipon? Pedro: Eh di. SHE-rimp

Juan: Anong tawag sa isdang nahati sa gitna? Pedro: Ano?

Juan: Eh di. TUNA (two-na)

Juan: Anong numero ang hindi favorite ng mga negosvante?

Pedro: Ano? Juan: Eh di. NOBENTA

Juan: Anong ayaw na kanta ng Centipede?

Pedro: Ano?

Juan: I have two hands, the left and the right

Juan: Ano ang tawag sa Green na teddy Bear?

Pedro: Ano? Juan: Eh di, BERDE

28 Tanyag

31 Sitaw

29 Awit papuri

34 \_\_\_\_ King Cole

Juan: Anong paboritong tinapay ng Buwan? Juan: Eh di, MOONay at MaMOON

Juan: Alam mo bang si Rhianna di na R& B genre niva? K-Pop na siva?

Pedro: Ha? Talaga?

Juan: Oo, kahit nga pangalan niya pinalitan niya

Pedro: Ano na? Juan: KORhianna na siva

Juan: What's password mo pre?

Pedro:ousminimousdonldducdaisyducgoofypluto Juan: bakit and haba? Pedro: Duh di ba at least 6 characters

Juan: Anong tawag sa tanga na mahirap? Pedro: Ano? Juan: Fh di Foolubi

Juan: Anong katabi ng USA? Pedro: Eh di , USB!

Juan: Anong tawag sa anak na sanggol ng Taong Grasa?

Pedro: Ano? Juan: Eh di. Baby Oil

## **Crossword Puzzle**

#### **PAHALANG**

- Marka ng mali
- Panauhin
- 11 Katay
- 12 Ipunla
- 13 Sagot ng walang alam
- 14 Iniksiyon
- 15 Kanin sa Pampanga
- 16 Uri ng ibon
- 17 Estado sa Amerika
- 20 Buti
- 21 Palayaw ni Baldomero
- 22 Tawag sa batang babae
- 25 Estima
- 30 Marka 32 Maruming insekto
- 33 Handugan
- 35 Maasim na panimpla
- 36 Prosisvon
- 37 Tanong ng dami

- 38 Ibahin ang pwesto
- 39 Pinagpigaan ng niyog

#### **PABABA**

- Reyna
- Sundalo
- 3 Ibigay sa iba Sapi
- Pamunas ng bata
- 6 Igagapos
- Αt
- Kinilatis 8
- 9 Galaw
- 10 Biyulinista sa Italy
- 18 Alpabeto
- 19 Higit
- 22 Itakip
- 23 Boto
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