

To my adoring husband Mark and my amazing children,

I am SO very grateful to be blessed with this amazing life with each of you. I give thanks for your love and presence each day. And with each day, my heart is full. I LOVE YOU...to infinity and beyond! #Toveslove

**Love Always,
Your Queen**

To my Baby Girl Sue,

You make me happy, happier than I'll ever be. Sometimes I lose focus, because you are always on my mind. You are the gravy to my mashed potatoes. The cheese to my macaroni. The sides to my big value meal. Basically, life would be bland without YOU.
Love, Gelo.

To my Baba!

Thank you for all your ridiculousness and craziness that makes life exciting and funny! Happy Valentine's Day! And looking forward to more heartfelt, lovable, laughable days with you!
Thank you for being you!
Love, Angie

Dear Mom,

Thank you for everything that you have done for me. I love and appreciate you very much!
Happy Valentine's Day!
Andrew

Baba,

My world is a happier place when I'm with you. "You are the kindest soul who makes my life beautiful and loved."
Happy Valentine's Day! Make sure you know where we eating.
Love, Chay

**To my sweet handsome boys
Iver James & Colin,**

I love you with all my heart and I thank God everyday for both of you. You are the best gifts I have ever received and I am beyond blessed and grateful to have you both.

**I love you,
Mommy**

To the Prinsesa ng Aking Buhay,

7 years ago, we became best friends because we both fangirled over Daniel Padilla. LOL I just want you to know that I am so blessed to have you in my life. I trust you the way I trust no one else and no time or distance apart could ruin the bond we have. We may go through lows in life but we will always get higher than we have ever been, together. And even though I am uncertain about most things in life, I am certain that I love you and will continue to love you forever!!

**Love Always,
Nuggs**

Nakashima x2,
With you by my side, Everything seems right. Elaina, Esme and I love you, endlessly. Thank you for all that you do for us.
XOXO

To my Big Baby Hammah,

Life has been crazy amazing with you. You turned my whole world around the moment you walked in. You never fail to make me smile and you always keep me at my happiest! Today, I just want to remind you that I love you so much with all of my heart, and that every single day that passes, my love for you grows and becomes even stronger. My world is complete with you by side. I thank God for blessing me with you. Thank you for loving me for who I am. I promise to love you and be by your side through it all, baby.

Happy love day baby. Mwuah.

**Love,
Your wifey,
Rizamae**

R.Q.E

Roses are red,
violets aren't really blue,
I love you and thanks for dealing with my attitude

**Love,
K.A.B.**

Dear Beb & Cancan,

Happy Valentine's Day.
I love you.
Tatay Beb & CJ

To The Love of My Life, Sean Palma:

I am so thankful for you, your love, and strong faith to our God. You are beyond amazing.

I love you.
Happy Valentine's Day!
Joyfully Yours, Jen

To my wonderful hubby JoeChef Duenas,

Thank you for being such an amazing husband to me and a wonderful father to Aaden. I know I may not show it all the time, but I hope you feel how much I love you and how grateful I am to have you in my life! You're my forever LOVE! HU GUAIYA HAO, ASAGUA-HU!

**Love always, your wife
Abilaksha**

To The Love of My Life Jen

I love you wholeheartedly with the love of the Lord, which is the greatest love of all! You're the greatest blessing that I have ever received and I will always cherish you. We've come a long way to get where we are now, and I wouldn't have it any other way. We grew together, we learned together, and we will continue to fight the good fight of faith together. As it says in Mark 10:9, you're stick with me and me with you! Our relationship is like no other because God is in the center and I know we will make sure it will stay that way. (1 John 4:16)
P.S. Happy Monthsary (2 days ago)

**Love Always,
Your Cat Lover**

Ma,

Happy Valentine's Day!
We're so blessed to have you and we love you very much.

**Love Cancan, CJ,
Chris & Joy**

Lorraine,

You already know how much I love you. You are my rock and I thank the Lord every day for having you in my life. Thank you for being a wonderful mother to our kids. Continue to be kind and caring. Happy anniversary and happy Valentine's Day. I am excited for all the love, joy, and happiness in the years ahead of us.

From, JR

*Always
and
Forever*

**My dear Kenyu
(Dick Guintu),**

When people ask me what is the best thing about you, I say nothing. I don't want them to fall in love with you. 😊

Happy Valentine's Day!
**Love, Mommy
(Maricar Guintu)**

Dearest Mommy,

It's certainly true that you don't find love but it finds you, and love found me, in you. Happy Valentine's Day!
**Love Always,
Daddy Cesar**

To our dearest Mama Dorie and Papa Mart,

We thank God for you. You are the best, most wonderful and most important in our hearts. You are always there for us, supporting, loving, caring, crying and praying for us. Our welfare is always your concern and you always go above and beyond for us your children. We love you with all our hearts.

Happy Day of Love!
**Ulen, Mike, Colin, James,
Berto, Liza, Clara, Bou
& Hachi**

To my darling Charlie,

Thank you for being my ever consistent valentine for the past 12 years. Your love is my support, my encouragement and inspiration. Being married to you is my greatest privilege. As we promised each other every day: "Hindi kita iiwan, hindi kita ipagpapalit, hindi kita dadagdagan."
Always and forever.
Donna

Edna Grace Nisola,

God loves me so much because he gave me someone who is so awesome, hardworking, smart, talented, pretty, cute, funny, and best of all loves God as much as I do. You are such a blessing to me and I can't thank God enough for letting me share my life with you, I look forward to our growth together and making many more memories with you forever. I love you so, so much.

**Happy Valentines!
Love,
Christian De Jose**

To my wife and my beloved children,

Every day you work hard to bring up our family. I'm happy to be your wife and the mother of our children. My kids may not always be there, but in my heart, thoughts and prayers they are my precious gift.

**Love,
Honey Bear
Piglet**

I am so blessed and thankful GOD gave me a loving, supportive and GOD fearing husband. Thank you for always making me feel loved, cared for and special. I really appreciate everything you do to make life easier for me and make me always smile.
I LOVE YOU honey **FERNAN**

Love, Honey Malou

Since day one, your laugh is my favorite among everything else. Thank you for staying the way you are. I may not be good at making a letter, but my actions speak louder than anything else. I love you everyday
Joanelyn Velasco and will always be here for you.
Love, Bibe

Kevin,

The past three years have been crazy but you stood by me and loved me in ways I can't even imagine. I love you and I look forward to next 70+ years together.

**Love,
Aly BB**

Aaron,

I would pause Grey's Anatomy for you and that's saying something. I love you today, tomorrow, and every day that we're together.
Happy Valentine's Day,
love!
Xoxo, Jus

To Jay Budoy,

You've changed my life for the better... or for the worst! Anyway, I thank God that you're my partner in life - for better or for worst. Together, we make a great team. I love you like a fat kid loves cake! Happy Valentine's Day Hon!
Love, Vk

To Angelo Joseph,

You have the purest heart and the sweetest personality. You never fail to make me smile; it is the little things you do that makes me happy. I appreciate you with all my heart. Happy Valentine's Day Love!
-Sue Ann

To the love of my life, JR Salas

Thank you for being an amazing dad to our kiddos Aiden and Alina. You are the family clown and you always make sure to put a smile on our faces. I hope this Valentine's Day continues to bring you more love and happiness. Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Anniversary and cheers to the 17 years of moments we've had together and to many, many, many more years of love to look forward to.

From, Lorraine

Dear love

Thank you for all the memories we've made together. I am forever grateful for all that you've done for me, and for the continuous support. We're still young so let's make every second count.
I love you and
Happy Valentine's Day!!!

-n.c

Happy Valentine's Day
Tatay Beb!
We love you so much!
**Love Cancan, CJ,
& Mommy Beb**

Dear Liz,

To me, you are the perfect example of a partner should be. Loving, caring, supportive, and understanding. I've shared all of my secrets with you, and now you must tell me yours... How in the world do you put up with me!? Haha.

I love you Cuddle Bug!
Happy Valentine's Day! 🐛

-Stinky Bug

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Pamper yourself this Valentine's Day weekend

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This year, Valentine's Day will fall on a Friday, giving people so many chances to plan something ahead and to spend some time committing to self-care because the more you take care of yourself, chances are you will have more love to share and give.

And what better way to celebrate the sweetness of Valentine's than being slathered with chocolate! It is raining chocolates at Aqua Resort Club Spa as their "Chocolate Spa Treat" for CNMI residents kicked off on the first day of this month. There are two treats to choose from. First, submit yourself to "Chocolate Essential Oil Massage" that entails a 60-minute full body massage with chocolate essence sweet almond oil. Go relax, detoxify and get glowing skin for only \$60.

Another option is to go for the "Chocolate Full Spa Treatment." It is a 55-minute full body massage with rich melt-



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The Natural Nail Spa at their new location on Middle Road in Gualo Rai.

ed chocolate and essential oil, followed by a full body wrap and 15-minute head massage. It is described as euphoric, improves blood circulation, releases stress, and costs only \$90 for CNMI residents.

Aqua Resort Spa is located in San Roque. For more information and reservation, call (670) 322-1234. Gift certificates are also available.

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Love is in the air at Natural Nail Spa and you can choose among their many Valentine's Day promo packages that come with tender loving care and a complimentary gift.

For only \$68, package A includes an exfoliating body scrub paired with a 90-minute body massage.

Package B is their sweet escape manicure and pedicure with paraffin wax and gel polish for only \$78.

Package C is their charcoal

detox pedicure paired with a hydrating/antiaging facial or detox/purifying facial for only \$78.

Package D is their classic manicure and pedicure with gel polish that goes with a two-hour body massage for only \$98.

All packages available only by appointment. Natural Nail Spa is located along Middle Road in Gualo Rai. For more information, call (670)233-6245.

The new kid on the block, Apinan's Royal Thai Emporium or A.R.T.E. in San Jose, offers authentic Thai relaxing massages. Their classic Thai

massages cost \$25 for 60 minutes, \$40 for 90 minutes and \$50 for 120 minutes.

Oil massage starts at \$25 for 60 minutes, \$40 for 90 minutes and \$50 for 120 minutes. A combination of oil and scrub massage starts at \$25 for 60 minutes, \$40 for 90 minutes and \$50 for 120 minutes.

All-time favorite Thai foot massage starts at \$25 for 60 minutes, \$40 for 90 minutes and \$50 for 120 minutes.

For loyal customers, get regular massage four times and get the next one for free. For more information, call (670) 234-2783 and (670) 783-2502 or email: ph3w1rd@gmail.com / wfburrell0148@gmail.com.



Apinan's Royal Thai Emporium or A.R.T.E. in San Jose offers authentic Thai massages. BEA CABRERA



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Enjoy Thai, oil, body scrub and foot massages everyday at Apinan's Royal Thai Emporium.



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The interior of Natural Nail Spa provides a relaxing ambiance to its guests.

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Gift ideas for the 'techie' in your life

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More than just giving and receiving flowers and cute-stuff on Valentine's Day, people have moved to more practical gifts that do not only show you care but are sensible enough that it can be used not only during Valentine's Day but everyday. Here are some tech acces-



The Billboard Portable Charger and Sound Disc Wireless available at Triple J Payless SuperFresh & Truckload Store in Chalan Kanoa. PHOTOS BY BEA CABRERA

sories that are great gift ideas for him and her that will not break the bank.

The **Billboard portable charger** is the best option to keep your phones, laptops, or tablets always powered. It's super sleek and slim design allows you to take it on beach trips around Saipan, whether you go to Lau Lau Bay, Tank Beach or Forbidden Island. This portable charger

will allow you to always have "juice" on hand every time your gadget needs a power boost. Cost is only \$16.95.

Sound Disc Wireless allows people bring their favorite music wherever they go. The design is stylish and has excellent sound quality because of its superior HD sound. Cost is only \$16.95.



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The **Bose SoundSport Pulse** is a perfect gadget to supplement your active lifestyle. More than just producing high definition sound, it comes with a highly accurate built-in heart rate sensor to take your exercise routine to the next level. It is everything you need while having long or short runs along Beach Road. Cost is only \$199.99.

Ubio Labs Wireless enjoy decluttering messy wires and cables as this gadget allows you to charge cable-free. You can take it anywhere—just put your phone on

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and it automatically charges the phone so you can do other things. Cost is only \$58.55. Both gadgets are available at the **Joeten Superstore** in San Jose. For more information, call



Native Union Cable is a tangle-free and mess-free cable. Available at Hot Deals in Garapan.

(670) 234-2678 **Native Union Cable** is no ordinary cable. It's modern design and cloth-like material fits the modern lifestyle as the wire does not become messy and entangled with other wires. It is water-resistant and functional. Costs is only \$16.

Invisible Shield Glass Curve Elite protects your phone 24/7; it prevents im-

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Maximize work or school projects with **Lenovo Ideapad** laptop available at Sherwood at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai.

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pacts and scratches. The curve has been designed to fit the contours of your

phone. It is shock absorbent and touch sensitive. Cost is only \$12. These

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gadgets are available at Hot Deals in Garapan.

For more information, call (670) 233-2758

The **Lenovo Ideapad laptop** is great for first-time laptop users. Its high-perfor-

mance notebook feature is great for students and serious gamers. It was made to be functional, stylish, and light and costs only \$719.

The **Samsung Galaxy Tab A** is always portable and comfortable. You can do school or office work on

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it. Built-in apps are available. The full metal body and stylish design makes it an "eye

candy" but does not sacrifice durability. Cost is only \$269.99. Both gadgets are available at **Sherwood** at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai. For more information, call (670) 235-1470 and (670) 235-1472 or email kncorp7@hotmail.com.

Guard your phone against scratches and falls with the Invisible Shield Glass Curve Elite available at Hot Deals in Garapan.



The Samsung Galaxy Tab A is available at Sherwood located at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai.

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Valentine's day won't be complete without flowers. **Design Florist**, located at the Cabrera Center on Beach Road in Garapan, has a selec-

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tion of Valentine's Day gifts that you can choose from. One dozen, half dozen, three red roses arrangements are available. You can be creative with your gift baskets with their large selection of stuffed toys, wine, fruits, chocolates and more. The store is open from Monday to Saturday, from 8:30am to 6pm, and Sunday from 9am to 12pm. For more information call, (670) 23405593 or (670) 235-8572

Let you love bloom and give a gift from **Blossoms Floral Shop**, located at J.E.T. Building in Gualo Rai, for that

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that lasting impression. See their many Valentine's Day flower arrangements, goodie baskets, assortment of lus-

Love is in the air

cious chocolates, collection of bath & body products, balloons, stuffed animals, and other specialty gifts. They are open from Monday to Saturday from 8:30am to 6pm and Sunday from 8:30am to 1pm. For more information, call (670) 235-7271.

Before going on a date, make sure to get your car clean inside out for that memorable ride. **Best Car Wash** in Gualo Rai offers a car wash discount on Valentine's Day. For big vehicles and sedan, it is \$2 off regular price; for buses, it's \$5 off regular price.

Alamo, Enterprise, and National wants you to go places for the whole month of February with discounted vehicles for rent. You can

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rent a Toyota Corolla or a Toyota Yaris for only \$39/day or \$99 for three days. If you plan to bring the entire family or group of friends, get a Toyota Sienna for only \$79 a day or \$199 for three days or a Nissan Rogue for only \$49 a day or \$129 for three days. All rates are inclusive of CDW insurance, taxes and guaranteed no hidden charges. For more information, call Saipan International Airport branch

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joy jumping on trampolines, play arcade games, or hang out at the snack bar and party room. The grand opening is on Feb. 15, 2020 with special performances from K-Pop bands direct from Korea. For more information, call (670) 235-2560 or (670) 235-3313

Triple J gives triple love with their Valentine's Day Specials—meals that are good for two—starting today until Feb. 16, 2020. Enjoy two orders of soup of the day, two glasses of house wine, two medallion combo plates, baby back ribs or grilled salmon, four side items and two2 mini desserts at **Tony Roma's** for only \$85.

Go Italian for dinner at **Capricciosa** with delicious lobster, Neapolitan spaghetti, two orders of minestrone soup, two glasses of sparkling wine, and blueberry ice cream pizza for only \$65.

Enjoy dining by the beach at **Surf Club** with 16 oz. T-Bone steak, six pieces of shrimps, two orders of soup

of the day, two baked potatoes and two glasses of sparkling wine.

Seafood awaits lovers at **Bubba Gump**. For only \$65, enjoy a seafood feast that includes Mama Blue's fried shrimp, 9 oz. Certifies Angus Beef New York Striploin with succulent grilled shrimp and mashed potatoes, onion rings, New England Clam chowder, Alabama brownie, and a glass of cabernet sauvignon.

For sweet lovers, **Great Harvest Bread Co.** has éclair and cream puffs with blueberry or vanilla fillings. It is \$1.25 each, \$3.50 for three pieces, \$6 for six pieces and \$10 for a dozen.

Marianas Creations Café celebrates happy hour the whole day on Friday with \$1 off on all alcoholic drinks. Have a round or two and see the works of art by local artists on display.

Have a fantastic local staycation at **Saipan Vegas Golf Resort & Slot Club** located on Middle Road in Chalan Lau Lau. For only \$35 a night, enjoy the style and comfort of rooms with free WiFi and cable TV. This promo package includes a welcome drink at Bamboo Bar, \$25 free play vouchers at the Saipan Vegas play room, free round of golf at Saipan Country Club and complimentary coffee and donut at Winchell's. If couples book a room on Feb. 14 for two nights, the second night is free.

Grandvrio Resort will celebrate Valentine's Day in a grand way, starting with a candlelit dinner from 5:30pm to 9pm at its **Dolphin Restaurant**. For only \$99, have a glass of wine, salmon ceviche for appetizer, beef consommé soup, Caesar salad

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in parmesan cheese crust, and surf & turf with grilled steak and baked lobster and wash down their Valentine's Day dessert with coffee or tea. If you want to go for all-you-can-eat seafood and barbecue dinner with unlimited drinks, go to **Tropicana Restaurant** from 5:30pm to 9pm. For reservations, call (670) 237-2527 or email food.beverage@grandvrio-saipan.com

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on Feb. 14 to 15, with 20% to 50% discount on selected items. They are open from Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5:30pm. For more information, call (670) 234-5417

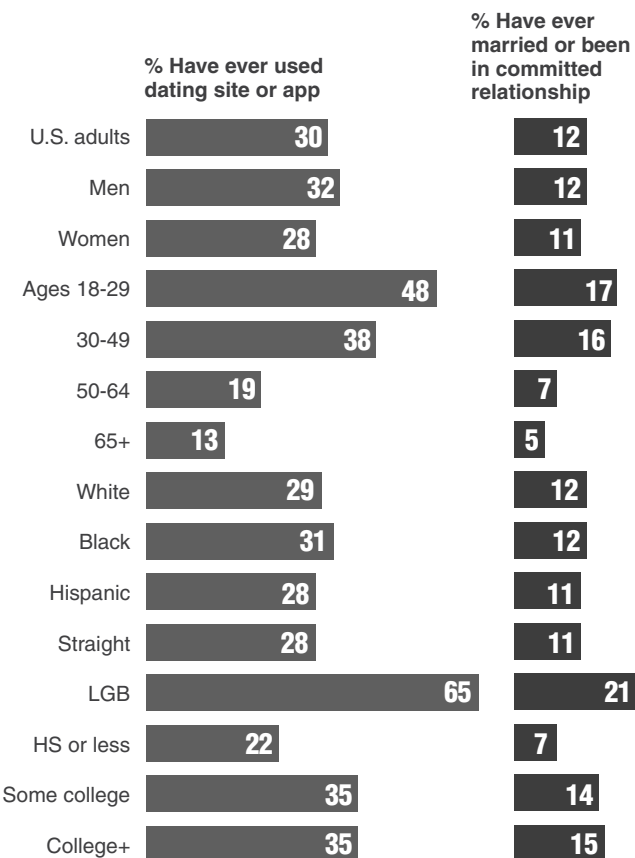
Joeten Shopping Center is running a Valentine's Day weeklong sale from Feb. 8 to 14. Enjoy 25% off on men's shirts and pants, ladies dress, blouses, lingerie and skirts, frames and phot albums, houseware, rugs and linens, hairdryers and curlers, toys, handbags and wallets. Other items such as shoes and sandals, Seiko and Casio watches and cosmetics and fragrances are 20% off.

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There are more discounts on wine, beer, whiskey, chicken leg, Ace of Diamond tuna, Hoosier Pride Smoked picnic ham, butane gas and market and organic items. Visit four branches in Joeten Susupe, Garapan, Dandan and Kagman. For more information, call (670)234-6446 (**Bea Cabrera**)

Finding true love online

Younger adults – as well as those who identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual – are especially likely to use online dating sites or apps



Source: Pew Research Center Graphic: Staff, TNS

Have a Valentine's Day date at home

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CORRESPONDENT

Spending Valentine's Day at home can be liberating. Dodge the Valentine's Day rush and, instead, spend this day showing love to the most important person or people in your life in your own home. Make this day special by cooking local favorites and, since wine makes food taste better, pair them with your favorite bottle.

No fuss and easy to make, chicken *kelaguen* is perfect with white wines like Sauvignon Blanc or Chardonnay. Sauvignon Blanc is perfect for white meat with herbs or spices just like the *kelaguen* and is perfect in warm climate region such as the CNMI. Chardonnay matches the tanginess that come from the lemon sauce of this dish.

Chicken Kelaguen

Recipe by *Annie Merfalen*

- 1 small rotisserie chicken
- 6 stalks green onions
- 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon powder plus 3 tablespoons water (or use the juice of

- 1 large lemon)
- 2 teaspoons salt (more or less, to taste)
- Hot pepper, optional
- Freshly grated coconut (unsweetened), optional

1. Debone the chicken; shred or cut into small pieces (you can use a food processor to roughly chop the chicken).
2. Thinly slice the green onions then add it to the chicken.
3. Add the lemon powder, water, salt and pepper to the bowl of chicken; mix to combine. Taste; adjust seasoning if required.
4. Stir in the optional grated coconut.
5. Serve with sweet flour titiyas

Special occasions on island always entails doing barbecue. Whether it is beef or pork, only red wine will do. Cabernet is a perfect match. If you spice up your dish with a *finadine* sauce, then go for Zinfandel, Shiraz or Malbec wines.

BBQ Short Ribs

By *Reuben Olivas*

- 1 cup of Kikkoman soy sauce

- 1 cup of apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 to 1 onion sliced very thin
- 6 cloves of garlic minced
- Black pepper to taste
- Beef short ribs, depending on the number of persons; generally 1/2 lb per person.

1. Mix the ingredients either by hand or blender.
2. Pour marinade over ribs in a container and coat well.
3. Place covered container in the refrigerator or cooler for at least two hours or overnight.
4. Grill the ribs, basting them with the marinade to keep them moist.
5. Because these ribs are thin, they will not take too long to cook. These are juicy and delicious right off.

Have *pika-pika* like shrimp patties while having a romantic conversation and wash it down with a sparkling wine because anything fried goes well with it. If you'd like a dipping sauce to add more flavor to your patties, pair it with a Sauvignon or Pinot Blanc.

Say it with *flowers* and then some

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The longstanding tradition of giving flowers for family and friends on Valentine's Day was first introduced in the 18th century by Charles II of Sweden. People started attaching specific meanings to it, making it possible to have an entire connection and understanding by either giving or receiving flowers. In whatever form, size, or color, flowers have come to symbolize not just love and commitment but also beauty, happiness, forgiveness, and sympathy, to name a few.

Amy Alano, manager of Island Flowers & Novelties on Beach Road in San Jose, said that red roses still top the list of requested flowers during Valentine's Day. "Red roses are still our bestseller during Valentine's Day. ... On Saipan, this special occasion is not only celebrated by lovers but by everyone," she said. "Over the years, I've also seen parents buy flowers and gifts for their child who is in kindergarten and elementary. I've seen people buy flowers for their siblings, cousins, co-worker, and even



Orders of 3, 6, or a dozen red roses are available at Island Flowers & Novelties located on Beach Road in San Jose. **BEA CABRERA.**

best friend. Personally, I look forward to this day because, when a customer walks in, they are just full of joy to express their love through flowers and the mood for gift-giving is contagious."

For inquiries, call Island Flowers & Novelties at (670)234-8383 (670)287-6279 (670) 4845666 or email islandflowersandnovelties@gmail.com.
New Paradise Flower Shop



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Aside from flowers, special cards, ribbons and stuffed toys are available at the New Paradise Flower Shop located on Middle Road in Gualo Rai. **BEA CABRERA.**

florist Roberto Barcelo said that aside from flowers, their customers add a "personal touch" by writing love messages or poems in cards,

and adding stuffed toys and chocolates to their bouquets. "We have ready-made flower arrangements and gift baskets for people who are on-the-go. But sometimes, we get customers that go to the shop with their own ideas in mind. We work on it and produce a unique flower arrangement or gift basket for them to give their loved ones," he said.

"Generally, flowers are given to brighten the day of someone but when people put something more, that arrangement becomes personal, intimate and extra special," he added.

New Paradise Flower Shop is located on Middle Road in Gualo Rai. For inquiries, call (670)233-9875 or (670) 287-9744.

Choosing which flower to give can be as extravagant as a gorgeous posy bought

from a flower shop or a simple arrangement of flowers plucked from your own garden. Tropical flowers around the islands that bloom in your garden or in the wild year-round also have their meanings.

Hibiscus not only tastes delicious in teas and desserts but also symbolizes delicate beauty. White jasmine's fragrance always shows up in bath oils, soap and perfume as it also represent sweet love because of its lingering scent. Due to its bright colors of red, orange, yellow and green, bird of paradise symbolizes joyfulness and magnificence. Since it takes a long time for them to grow, it gives a vibe that exciting and wonderful things are about to happen when they bloom. Sunflower signifies dedicated love, pure thoughts, adoration and commitment.



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Hop on the ultimate Valentine's Day getaway

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W hisk your loved one this Valentine's Day weekend to Aqua Resort Club Saipan and enjoy a romantic escape package that is meant to be memorable.

A special offer awaits CNMI residents. For only \$300 (plus 15% occupancy tax), couples are treated to a one-night accommodation in the Deluxe

Garden View room, chilled sparkling wine that will welcome them and a romantic six-course Valentine's Day dinner date at Kevin's - The Prime Rib & Seafood.

Dinner starts with Kevin's Chef Salad and New England Clam Chowder, Blackened Sea Scallop for appetizer, Lime Sherbet to cleanse your palate as you prepare for the main course, a main entrée that consists of a lobster and fillet mignon—a duo of half Maine

lobster and Angus Beef tenderloin with poached pears in wine and Roquefort cheese mousse and William potato. For dessert, enjoy the heart-shaped strawberry roulade, which is strawberry cake roll stuffed with heart-shaped mousse and topped with fresh mint and strawberry compote.

All the ladies will get Ecuadorian long-stemmed roses

for free.

Just add \$20 for unlimited wine and beer for the duration of the dinner, which include Robert Mondavi private selection cabernet sauvignon, Robert Mondavi private selection Chardonnay, sparkling wine, Budweiser, Bud Light, Asahi, and Carlsberg.

According to ARC Marketing & Public Relations manager Victoria S. Barnes, this

For more information and reservations, call (670) 322-1234.

romantic getaway is available on Feb. 14 to Feb. 15, 2020. "We thought we'd give our valued guests and customers, the CNMI residents, a romantic staycation that they will always remember. It is a special deal to reconnect in a peaceful and quiet environment where everything has been planned for you," she said.

"For people who does not want to get the package, they can still dine at The Kevin's and order from the menu list," she added.

Coincidentally, Friday is also Seafood Buffet Night at Costa Terrace Restaurant. "Guests can enjoy gourmet seafood buffet that includes bottomless drinks," said ARC Food & Beverage manager Neil Metran.

Enjoy other special offers at ARC for the whole month

of February: Costa Terrace Restaurant's themed lunch buffet from 11am to 2pm: Chinese cuisine every Monday, Southeast Asian cuisine every Tuesday, Korean cuisine every Wednesday, local Chamolinian cuisine every Thursday, Japanese and Hawaiian fusion every Friday, and international cuisine every Saturday. Local residents' rates is \$17.60 for adults and \$8.80 for child.

Unwind and relax at Vino's Bar from 5:50pm to 8pm and enjoy the unlimited wine with authentic Spanish tapas while being serenaded with live music. Michelle's Bar offers 50% off most beverages and there is a build your own taco station where each taco is only \$1.50.

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Shrimp Patties

Recipe by Annie and Hannah Merfalen

- 1 cup thinly sliced green beans
- 2 cups peas
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 3 cups corn kernels
- 4 cups shrimp, chopped
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 2 cans evaporated milk
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 5 tablespoons dashida seasoning
- 1 teaspoon Accent
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- Vegetable oil, for frying

1. Heat the oil in a large frying pan. To test the heat, use the tip of a wooden spoon and dip it into the oil. If little bubbles start to form around the wood, then the oil is hot and ready.

2. While you're waiting for the oil to heat up, mix all of the ingredients (except for the vegetable oil, of course) in a large bowl.

3. Drop batter by the spoonful—about 1½ tablespoons each—into the hot oil and fry until golden brown.

4. Drain on paper towels and serve warm.

Ready for dessert? *Golfan Apai Lemmai* goes well with Riesling or Chardonnay. These types of wine are high in acidity that it will cut through the sweetness of this dish.

Golfan Apai Lemmai

Recipe by Dr. Judy Flores

- 1 large (3 to 5 lb) breadfruit
- 2 coconuts (milk extracted or a 12-ounce can of coconut milk may be substituted)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 to 3 tablespoons sugar (optional)
- Water

1. Peel the breadfruit and cut into serving-sized pieces. Place in pot large enough to fit everything, with space on top to allow for boiling the coconut milk to bubble up.

2. Mix coconut milk and salt to taste, and add sugar if desired. Pour over the vegetables, so that everything is covered, but visible.

3. Bring to a boil, then cover with a lid and drop heat to low. When the mixture is *âpan* and the vegetables are firm but soft, the dish is ready to serve.

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