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# PH RESUMES OIL SEARCH IN DISPUTED WATERS

Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi says ending the nearly six-year exploration moratorium was done in 'good faith.' A 2018 memorandum commits the Philippines and China to cooperate in developing resources in the contested area. A2



A RIVER OF RAGE RUNS THROUGH IT Armed security escorts surround a handcuffed Reina Mae Nasino, an activist detained at Manila City Jail, giving her no time to say final goodbyes in private to her 3-month-old daughter, River, who was interred at Manila North Cemetery on Friday. The baby died of pneumonia eight weeks after the court, despite an appeal to let her stay in Reina Mae's care, ordered her separation from her mother, sparking outrage among Nasino's sympathizers. - MARIANNE BERMUDEZ

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#### **'BURRITO' TREATMENT IN SPAIN** Stressed-out front-liners

## turn to 'donkey therapy



HINOJOS, SPAIN-Walking into a dusty paddock, a young nurse is quickly surrounded by a group of donkeys gently nudging her for attention as she strokes their soft noses and feeds them carrots.

When someone places a 10-day-old colt in her arms, Monica Morales squeals with delight, visibly relaxed after a few hours unwinding at El Burrito Feliz—"The Happy Little Donkey"—an association offering free donkey therapy sessions to medics fighting the virus.

Known as animal-assisted therapy, such encounters can help with a range of physical



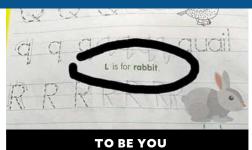
### Virus risk 'very low' on airliner-study

WASHINGTON-Masks, airplane filters, fast circulation and ventilation systems lower the risk of being infected by the coronavirus on an airliner, according to a study by the US military on longhaul flights. Researchers estimate that to receive an infectious dose, a passenger would have to fly 54 hours on a plane with an infected person, and that the risks on 12-hour flights are negligible. —STORY BY AFP AND REUTERS



Mall sales back; travel curbs eased

The government has allowed shopping malls and other commercial establishments as well as the travel industry to resume certain operations earlier restricted due to the pandemic. The government has also given the public more freedom of movement, allowing teenagers and senior citizens to leave their homes and even go on leisure or nonessential trips abroad. —STORY BY LEILA **B. SALAVERRIA AND ROY STEPHEN C. CANIVEL** 



'L for Rabbit,' other module mishaps

They make you laugh, but ultimately they can make you cry. Introduced in a school year altered by the pandemic, distance learning materials for public schools could use a little more vetting. Parents and students have been finding not just lewd words and atrocious grammar, but also multiple-choice questions with no correct answers given and one lesson that says "L is for Rabbit," among others. - STORY BY PAM PASTOR



### Surprising homes away from home

Consider this a love letter to my homes away from home—the hotels, hostels, Airbnb apartments and capsules of all sorts of styles and sizes that became my temporary refuge back when traveling and exploring wasn't just a postpandemic dream. When I travel for work, the choice of accommodations is never up to me so there have been plenty of surprises over the past two **B3-2** decades. - STORY BY PAM PASTOR