"It's More Fun In The Philippines!"

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Why Philippines?

As a Filipino, it's always a joy to share my culture with people. The country is also so much more than just the touristy resorts and beautiful views. Choosing the Philippines gave me an excuse to find different perspectives of the place I hold dear to my heart.

Image Correction

Original

Corrected

For this assignment, I found two damaged images from the Library of Congress to correct and restore using Photoshop. Some of the tools I used include the different healing brushes and cloning tools. I also played around with color settings and filters to remove yellowing and adjust contrasts.
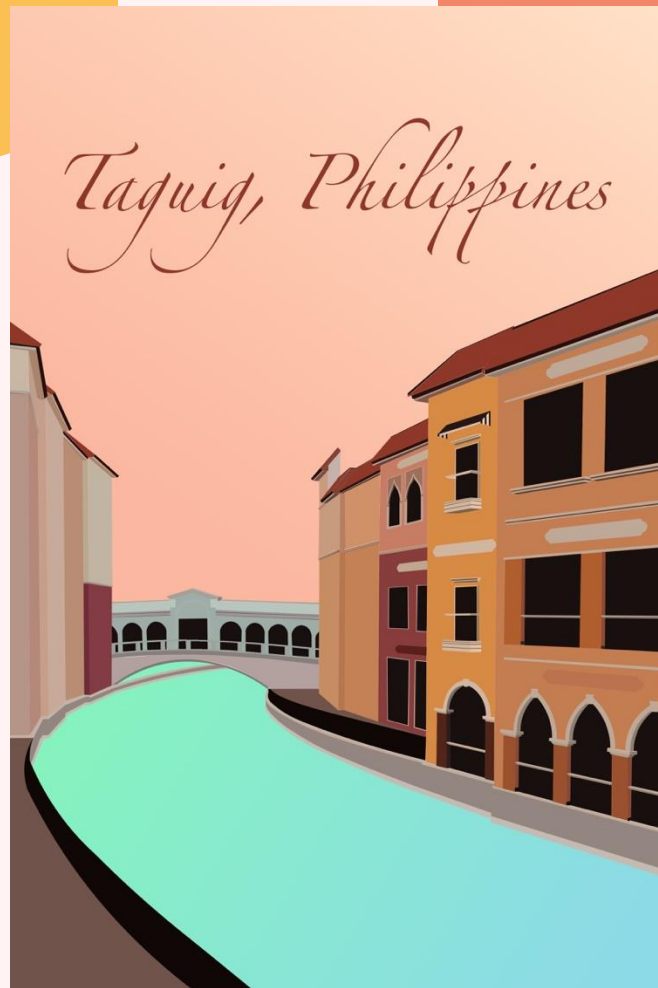
Image Correction

Original

Corrected

This photo was definitely the most difficult due to the lines and overexposure on the edges.

Raster Drawing

This is arguably one of my favorite projects. Once again using Photoshop, I recreated the famous Grand Canal Mall in Taguig that transports you to the Italian city of Venice. The pen tool was my best friend, alongside the gradient tool, marquees, paint bucket, and several layers. Legend has it, my eyeballs are still recovering from the tedious hours I spent staring at my screen to add the details.

Taguig, Philippines

Image Colorization

Colorized

Original

Again, with Photoshop, I colorized a black and white image. This project's trusty tools were color blending modes, paintbrush, and a variety of selection tools.

Text Masking

For this assignment I used Photoshop's masking tools to design the name of my country. The background image is an aerial view of Manila, the capital. Each letter is filled with images that I feel represent the country. I also used a font and some effects like outer glow and beveling.

HTML Web Page

Using Dreamweaver, I created my own web pages with html. This was fun because I've used html before, and it's always nice to see the output. Naturally, I chose the topic of kakanin because I think it's one of the most delicious categories of food in the Philippines.

Flyer

For this assignment, I used InDesign to sort my information into two columns. I chose the topic of boodle fight, because one thing Pinoys do best is cooking and eating together. The header is the masked text from the previous masking assignment. The title and images also have effects such as drop shadows and beveling. In the background is also a banana leaf with adjusted opacity.

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BOODLE FIGHT

In most situations, getting into a fight is not a good thing. However, most Filipinos can probably relate when I say that there is at least one fight you would be grateful to be a part of. And that is the boodle fight! Even just hearing the term can elicit a ton of excitement to those familiar with this.

That's because a boodle fight is one of the best ways to celebrate, while making sure you go home full and satisfied from a scrumptious meal! Let's dive into the basics of the boodle fight before I give you a look at how to do it properly.

WHAT IS A BOODLE FIGHT?

Essentially, this is a Filipino tradition that involves various foods splayed out on a table. Now this would often be placed on banana leaves so you know that you have a nice and clean surface for your dishes. But you absolutely cannot forget one of the most important parts of the boodle fight— absolutely NO utensils should be used. That means

your spoon and fork, and even chopsticks, should be out of the way. That is the fun of eating the boodle fight way!

But where does the "fight" part come in? Well, this actually began as a Philippine military tradition during the period of American colonization in the Philippines. And the word "boodle" was army slang for certain treats. And so the beauty of the boodle fight is also in multiple people coming together to eat a great feast! Since Filipinos truly value the idea of sharing when it comes to food, the idea of the boodle fight came to life.

In a nutshell, if you ever were to host a boodle fight, don't forget to prepare various dishes— mostly grilled ones— on banana leaves. And with a group of people, get ready to chow down using your hands! All the fun is in the way we get to eat our favorite dishes together.

Logo

For this assignment, I used Illustrator to draw my own logo of a fictitious brand. "Tala" means star or brightest star in Tagalog. In mythology, Tala is a goddess of morning and evening stars. The star in my logo is sporting ube and cheese colors, a classic flavor combination in the Philippines. I also used effects like inflate and warp, as well as the pencil, shape tool, and pen tools.

Illustrated Recipe

Tinolang Manok (Chicken Stew)

patis (fish sauce)

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 onion, sliced

1-2 lbs chicken

5-6 cups water

1 sayote, quartered

malunggay leaves

2 thumbs ginger, julienned

1 Knorr chicken cube or 1 tsp chicken bouillon

1. Heat a little oil in a pot and sauté the onions, ginger, and garlic.
2. Add the chicken and about 2 tablespoons of patis with the sauteed ingredients. Stir frequently until chicken is browned.
3. Add water. Boil for about 20 min or until chicken is soft. Keep pot closed and on medium heat.
4. Add the Knorr chicken cube and more water if needed. Make sure to dissolve and mix the cube well.
5. Add the sayote. Boil for another 5 minutes.
6. Finally, add the malunggay leaves. Make any flavor adjustments as needed.
7. Serve and enjoy!

For this assignment, I took to Illustrator again to draw my own recipe. I chose tinola because it is one of the simplest staple foods. It's great for cold weather, when you're sick, or even on regular days. I used the paintbrush, pen tools, shape builders, and a couple effects here and there. My favorite parts are the grooves in veggies and the slightly misshapen chicken leg.

Premiere Pro Video

For this project, I worked with (battled) Premiere Pro to create a short video. Using a variety of free stock videos, I was editing with the theme of "falling in love with the Philippines." I tried to include different perspectives—the city, the rural, the beaches, young and old, day and night. I used a couple video and audio transitions as well as the text tools. I've used premiere and other video editing software before, so I was no stranger to this fun battle.

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