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3 Fil Ams win; 2 lose in Nov. 3 polls in N.J.

Abaya: Only .004% of travelers nabbed



Overseas Filipino workers scheduled to depart to their destinations wrap their luggage with plastic and tapes to avoid getting victimized by the alleged laglag-bala extortion racket perpetrated by unscrupulous personnel at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 on Nov. 2. (Photo by Doney Pano)

By **LOUELLA DESIDERIO**
MANILA — Faced with an alleged extortion scandal at the nation's main airport, the head of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) wants the public to put things in perspective. Of the 34.2 million travelers who passed through the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) last year, only "0.004 percent" constituted cases of bullet possession, according to Transportation Secretary Joseph Abaya. Turn to page 11

Poe denies backing out of '16 presidential race

By **MARVIN SY**

MANILA — Presidential candidate Grace Poe (pictured at right) on Tuesday denounced the latest black propaganda launched to mislead the public into believing she has pulled out of the presidential race.

An e-mail sent to reporters covering the Senate Tuesday showed a letter purportedly from



Poe with the title "*Hindi na ako nanatili sa paglipangin*" (I will no longer run for president) and sent by a certain Liza Cabrigting.

The message, written in Filipino, stated that Poe has decided to stop pursuing the dream of her father Fernando Poe Jr. to become president.

"In front of my father's tomb, I Turn to page 13

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JERSEY CITY — Three Filipino-Americans won Board of Education seats in their respective areas during the Nov. 3 polls in New Jersey.

The three winners are Jason Velante (Wanaque), Anthony Cortez (Bergenfield) and Rachel P. Juliana (West Windsor).

Justin Verzosa, who ran for Town Committee (Council) in Union Township and Peter Mendonca, Jr., who ran for New Jersey State Assembly, did not win.

At the same time in Jersey

City, the three endorsed candidates by Fil-Am Council President Rolando Lavario, Jr. won.

The winners for the Board of Education seats are

John Reichart, Vidya Gangadin and Marilyn Roman.



VELANTE

OFWs need 18 yrs. to save enough, return to family

By **TED TORRES**

MANILA — It will take an average overseas Filipino worker (OFW) an estimated 18.11 years,

or 217 months, to accumulate P3 million in savings before permanently returning to his or her

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The Hechanova family at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the late Lamberto R. Hechanova Jr. at the Philippine Center New York Gallery on Nov. 3. The art exhibit runs from Nov. 3-25. In photo are (from left) Anthony Hechanova, Cheryl Hechanova, Martin Hechanova, Consul General Mario L. de Leon, Jr. and Haydee Hechanova. (Photo courtesy of the Hechanova family)

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