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Pol snaps own killer in family-photo shot

Family sued for slavery in N.Y. court

By EDMUND M. SILVESTRE

A New York Filipina woman has taken her employers to court claiming they enslaved her without pay and subjected her to almost 10 years of backbreaking labor and psychological abuse.



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In the suit filed on Dec. 28 before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York in Brooklyn, Leticia Y. Moralat of Queens also accuses Elso and Augusto Nolasco and their two daughters of confiscating her passport, isolating her from the outside world, renaming her "Baba" so she couldn't be truly identified by other people, and

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Trillanes applies for amnesty

MANILA — Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV applied for amnesty on Wednesday, but maintained that he does not regret joining the uprisings against former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, whom he described as "the most corrupt president this country ever had."

Trillanes and 18 other Magdalo officers submitted their application forms to the Department of National Defense (DND) Ad Hoc Amnesty Committee at about 2 p.m. in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

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SNAPPED: Barangay councilman Reynaldo Daga (inset) unknowingly photographs his assassin (above, far left) just as the man was about to fire his deadly shots. Daga's family photos also captured the gunman's look-out (above, far right). (EPA and AP photos)

Filipino Harvard grad deportation is stayed

LOS ANGELES — A 31-year-old Filipino Harvard graduate and doctoral candidate at UC San Diego has been granted a one-year reprieve from his deportation to the Philippines, and has been released from a detention facility, where he was held for over a month.

Mark Farrales, who was brought to the United States illegally at age 10 in 1990, was

arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents at his Los Angeles home in Roseda on Nov. 17.

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, he was released from custody last week after Rep. Brad Sherman (D-Sherman Oaks) urged ICE to defer action on the deportation order and allow the Board of Immigration Appeals

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MARK FARRALES

CFO vows legal aid to needy



MOU SIGNING: Seated, l-r: Loida Nicolas Lewis, JES Malibago, Isabella Nicolas and Edito Covey. Standing, l-r: Fr. Joseph Constantino, SJ, Niles Perlas, Consul Ecuador Luchies, Angie Cruz, Judy Artericho-Cruz, Milla Manabe and Jenny Fernan. (Photo by Virgin Comarison)

The New York-based Filipino American Legal Defense and Education Fund (FALDEF) and the Philippine Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to better serve Filipinos and Filipino-Americans suffering legal injustices across the United States.

The memorandum was

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He took bullet to protect his wife, daughter

By KRISTINE FELIXE MANGENAT

CALOOCAN CITY — He could have drawn his pistol and shoot it out with his assassin, but he took a bullet instead than put his family at risk.

Even in the face of death, slain barangay councilman Reynaldo Daga had the safety of his family foremost in his mind.

The 38-year-old father had his .45-caliber pistol when he saw his assassin through the lens of his camera. He could have pulled it out but, because of fear for the safety of his family, he opted not to use it, his wife Arlene said on Tuesday.

"He must have thought the assassin would hurt his family or his relatives, or anybody in the area so he did not do anything that would compromise our safety. He took the bullet instead," Arlene said.

Daga was taking a picture of

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6 million devotees expected in Quiapo

MANILA — Six million devotees are expected to take part in the Black Nazarene procession on Sunday.

The Manila police will deploy 1,800 policemen to ensure peace and order during the procession, the 40th anniversary of the Black Nazarene.

Manila Mayor Aliberto Lim has ordered all streets where the procession would pass to be closed to vehicular traffic.

The Manila police said streets will be closed to vehicular traffic before the procession.

The procession would start at the Quiapo Grandstand at 8 a.m. after Mass, and turn left to

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