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2nd Pinay plans suit vs. 'racist' city mogul

New York City's Human Rights Commission is reportedly expecting a second complaint of job discrimination by another Filipino woman against Manhattan-based billionaire Leonard Blavatnik, the *Filipino Reporter* has learned.

The commission recently opened a probe on the discrimination lawsuit filed by Esther Mapili Winkley of Jersey City, N.J. against the Russian-born industrialist for allegedly refusing to hire her as head housekeeper at his \$50 million residence on East 64th Street because she's from the Philippines.

It turned out a similar case involving Blavatnik has reached the commission's attention, according to commission spokesperson Betsy Herzog, who declined to release the identity of the second complainant and details of her case until after the suit is formally filed.

Winkley, a 55-year-old mother of three, was sent to Blavatnik by Adrian Smith, who places domestic help with the rich and
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6 women posing as nuns stopped at PH airport

MANILA — Six women dressed as nuns stood anxiously in a queue at Manila's chaotic international airport, unaware their shoes were about to end their dreams of an illegal job abroad.

At the immigration counter, an official looked up after stamping a genuine traveller's passport and surveyed the women.

"People were wondering, if they were nuns then why was one nun in rubber shoes and another in red shoes," said airport immigration chief Lina Ardianan Pella.

"And all six just had one bag. You could tell they weren't real."

Under questioning, the "nuns" admitted they were not heading to a religious seminar in Hong Kong as claimed, rather to
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2 Filipinos killed in Joplin tornado



Balikbayan boxes on their way to cargo ship.

Two Filipino women from Pampanga, Philippines — one a mother, who reportedly used her body to shield her son from a collapsing church wall; and the other a breast cancer survivor, who was sucked out of her house by a ferocious twister — were among those killed when a monster tornado ravaged Joplin, Missouri on Sunday.



GRACE AQUINO

The catastrophe, the deadliest single U.S. tornado since modern record-keeping began 61 years ago, left at least 125 people dead as of Thursday, over 750 injured and thousands homeless.

The Department of Foreign Affairs identified the Filipino casualties as Grace Layug Aquino, 46, and Esterlita Moore, 64.
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Gov't warns public of erring balikbayan box forwarders

MANILA — The Philippine Government has issued a new warning on balikbayan box companies.

The Department of Trade and Industry's Philippine Shippers Bureau has released an advisory against using certain cargo companies because of delayed and non-deliveries, lost freight, over charging, and damaged

cargo, according to an ABS-CBN report.

DTI released the names of some of those companies.

- Ace Cargo of Northern and Southern California and Parañaque City, Philippines
- NACA Logistics of California and Illinois
- Shipping Express of Chicago

• Dagsapan Cargo Packaging Services of United Arab Emirates

• Link Cargo Services of United Arab Emirates

• Smooth Express of Dubai

• Express/SCRL Cargo of Ireland

• Ford Cargo International of Hong Kong

The DTI advises consumers
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EX-GOV. LEVISTE

Leviste leaves jail, arrested in Makati

MANILA — A fact-finding panel of the Department of Justice grilled the custodial guard of former Batangas Gov. Jose Antonio Leviste who was arrested in front of his building in Makati City on May 18 when he should have been inside the New Bilibid Prisons (NBP) serving his 12-year sentence for the killing of his business aide in January 2007.

Faustino Justo, who was earlier suspended for gross neglect of duty and violation of Article 223 of the Revised Penal Code for infidelity in the custody of prisoners, was subjected to severe scolding by the five-member panel during the second day of its probe to determine the liabilities of officers and jail custodians of the Bureau of Corrections
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Discounted Rx cards in Big Apple

Mayor Michael Bloomberg has reminded all New Yorkers to take advantage of the city's newly issued BigAppleRx card.

If you already have insurance and you already get a discount on your prescriptions this card probably won't help much.

The programs designed mostly for those people who have no insurance at all or very little.

Launched on May 18, the card will offer an average discount of 47 percent.

For example, Zocor's retail cost is \$69.61, after the big apple discount, \$18.51.

Glyburide for diabetes usually runs \$96.08. After the discount just \$28.21.

And finally the anti-inflammatory Celebrex almost \$104 retail, but \$84.17 with the discount.

City Hall devised the discount program with a private company
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