

Villanueva, married, jobless, of 190 Raminad St., Bagong Barrio, Caloocan City.

Seized from Villanueva were pieces of jewelry worth P3,700 stolen from Rambo Perez, 20, a professional billiard player, of 43 Makanini St., Bagong Barrio, and his girlfriend Aki Tagoshima, 18, single, jobless, of Washington Street, Eramos, Makati City.

Villanueva, along with his cohort Rommel Tablante, mugged the victims at 10:35 p.m. on Monday as the latter was resting outside the De la Salle Araneta University located at Victoneta Avenue, Potrero, Malabon.

The victims yielded their silver bracelet and a silver necklace with cross pendant.

The armed men fled but the victims secretly followed them. The couple shouted for help upon reaching Bagong Lote Street, where cops were conducting patrol.

Villanueva was nabbed in an ensuing chase while Tablante managed to escape.

Meanwhile, barangay "tanods" arrested robber Rolly Illiot who reportedly struck aboard a passenger jeep at 8 p.m. along C-4 road, Taniang, Malabon.

Illiot, single, of Agora Boulevard, Navotas, was nabbed as the driver parked the jeep in front of a barangay outpost. **(Elson A. Quismorio)**

Rotten body found

A foul smell led residents to a house where they discovered the decomposing body of a man inside a mosquito net in Malate, Manila on Monday afternoon.

The victim, Rogelio Hipolito, of 2253 F. Munoz St., Malate, Manila, had been dead for at least three days before he was found dead. He was living alone in the house.

Detective Danilo Vidad, of the Manila Police District-Homicide Section, said the foul smell led residents to the house at 2:30 p.m. on Monday. **(Jeamma E. Sabate)**

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113th Birth Anniversary of Maria Y. Orosa

At a time when food preparation and food preservation were not yet popular activities, Maria Y. Orosa was already busy transforming many native products into delicacies and nutritious food fare. Some of her many creations before World War II that are no common food items were banana ketchup, banana starch, mango, rice cookies, wines from kasuy and guava, fruitjuices from calamansi, soyalac powdered preparations from soya-beans which saved thousands of Allied prisoners-of-war in concentration camps in World War II. Her invention of the rice cookies from rice bran saved thousands of Filipino babies from beriberi. She also pioneered in making vinegar from pineapples and insecticides from tobacco; preparation of dehydrated fruits and vegetables and meats; preparation of fish balls, agar from seaweeds; utilization of peanut oil for culinary oil and salads; the use of ash and lime for making soaps, etc.

Born in Taal, Batangas, on No-



vember 29, 1893, Maria Orosa's talents were unlocked by her studies in pharmaceutical chemistry which she finished in 1917; another degree in food chemistry in 1918, another in pharmacy in 1920, and a master's degree in the same field in 1921. She declined a good job in the United States and returned to the country in 1922. After a teaching stint at the Centro Escolar University, she joined the Bureau of Science in 1923, where she organized the food preparation division and promoted a nationwide nutrition programs. By the time World

War II broke out, she had established the Homemaker's Association of the Philippines, teaching housewives better homemaking, child care, meal planning, food preparation and preservation, poultry-raising, home and gardening techniques, and handicraft to boost their family incomes. Her rural improvement clubs numbered some 22,000 members by 1924.

Selfless service to her country and people even in war found Maria Y. Orosa a captain in the Marking's Guerillas, feeding and caring for thousands of Allied prisoners who would have died of hunger. She passed away on February 13, 1945, during the Battle of Manila. She was buried, together with several others, in the yard of the Malate Catholic Church.

Maria Y. Orosa, pharmaceutical chemist, home economist, humanitarian, World War II heroine, pioneer Filipina food technologist, and inventor. We remember her today on her 113th birth anniversary.

Tension grips hotel over bomb threat

Tension gripped a five-star hotel in Malate, Manila when it received a bomb threat yesterday morning.

The bomb threat, which occurred at the Century Park Hotel in Malate, Manila, turned out to be hoax after responding bomb experts from the Manila Police District (MPD) searched the hotel and found no bomb.

Malou Dracena, manager of the Century Park Hotel, reported the

bomb threat at 11:30 a.m. yesterday. The representative of the hotel management doubted the bomb threat considering the intensive security at the hotel but still reported the matter.

"Security is in place at the hotel but they are not taking chances so they reported the matter to the MPD Ordnance and Explosive Division (EOD). It is for the protection of everybody due to

possible terrorist attacks," said a prober.

Reports said an unidentified male caller informed the hotel staff that a bomb has been planted in one of the rooms. The MPD cops who are equipped with K9 units searched the place and found no bomb.

The tension subsided after the hotel was declared cleared and safe by MPD bomb experts. **(Jeamma E. Sabate)**

ments of killing other animals to stem the disease.

A poultry slaughter began on Sunday, a day after the outbreak of the deadly H5N1 bird flu strain was discovered at a farm in Iksan, about 250 kilometers south of Seoul.

The killing of 677 dogs and 300 pigs was scheduled yesterday, but a lack of available workers could mean a delay, a city official said.

About 236,000 chickens are also planned for slaughter and 6 million eggs will be destroyed.

Smoking ban cuts heart attack rates

NEW YORK **(Reuters Health)** - New research from Italy provides additional evidence that banning smoking in public places may help prevent heart attacks, at least over the short term.

After the Italian government's law against smoking in indoor public spaces took effect in January 2005, hospital admissions for heart attack in the Piedmont region fell 11 percent among people under 60 years old, Dr. Francesco Barone-Adesi of the University of Turin and colleagues report.

Other European nations have instituted similar laws, as have certain US cities and states. Evidence shows such laws have cut the rate of cigarette consumption, particularly among the young, Barone-Adesi and his team note.

10 die in fire at home for elderly

ANDERSON, Missouri **(AP)** - A fire early Monday at a group home for the elderly and mentally ill in southwest Missouri killed at least 10 people and injured 25 others, authorities said.

The fire was reported about 1 a.m. Monday at the Anderson Guest House, a privately run home for the elderly and mentally ill south of Joplin.