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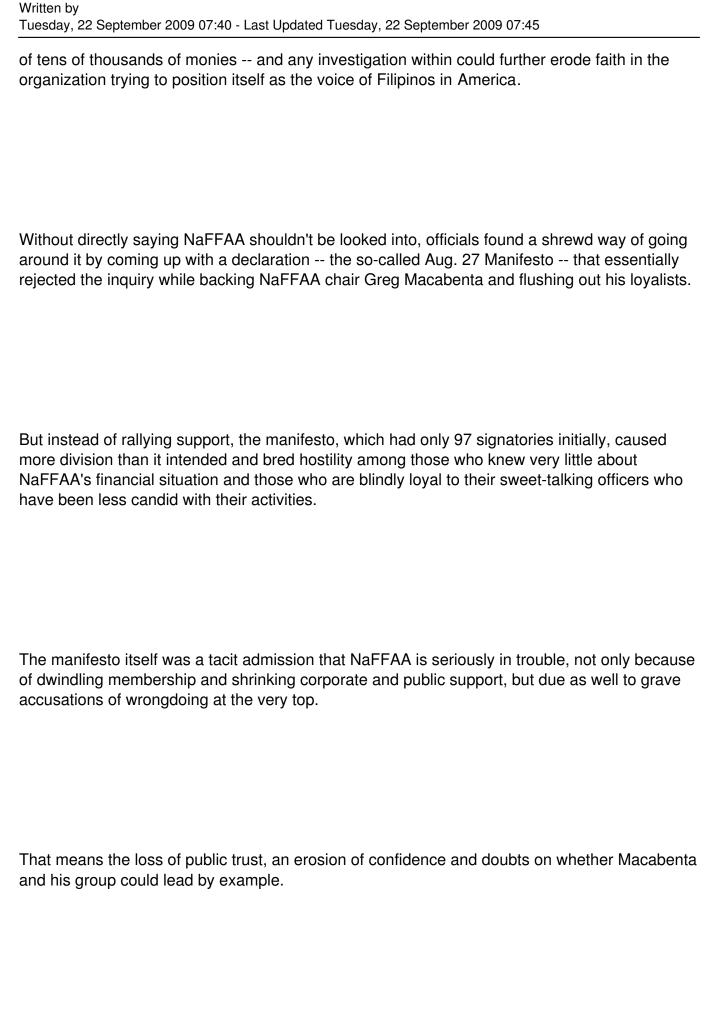
H ow people view the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) is critical to the understanding of what it is and what its officers do. The widespread belief is that NaFFAA is an all-volunteer organization serving and advocating for the Filipino community, advancing its interests and protecting its concerns. But when huge sums of grant monies flow out to the hands of some of these volunteers, the idea of servant leadership takes a hollow ring. The shape and color of community service change instantly because of expectation of rewards or a promise to reap financial benefits. Is NaFFAA a piggy bank, as some individuals think it is, or is it the vaunted guardian of Filipino interests? NaFFAA hid for seven years the big secret that three of its officials were handsomely paid. The cover-up was high up the food chain. Are we going to wait another seven years to know there are more skeletons in the NaFFAA closet?

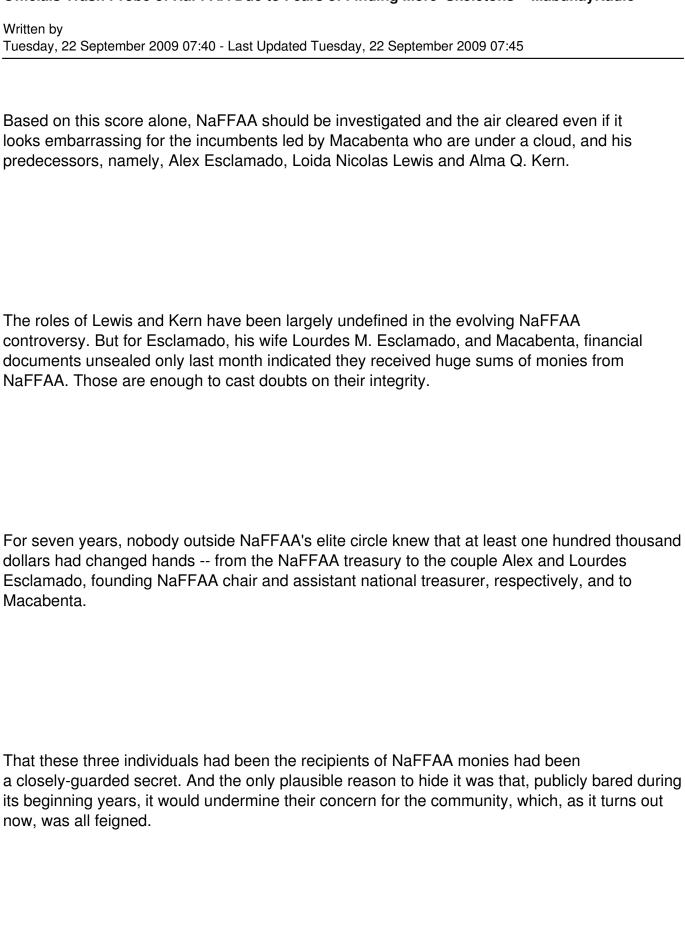
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Officials Trash Probe of NaFFAA

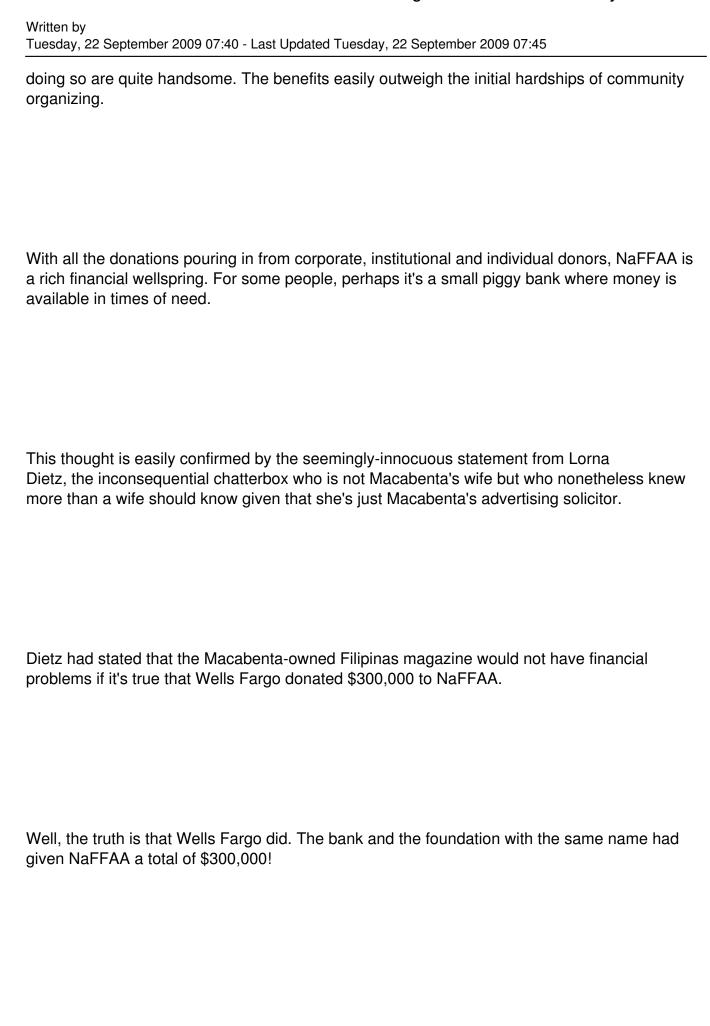
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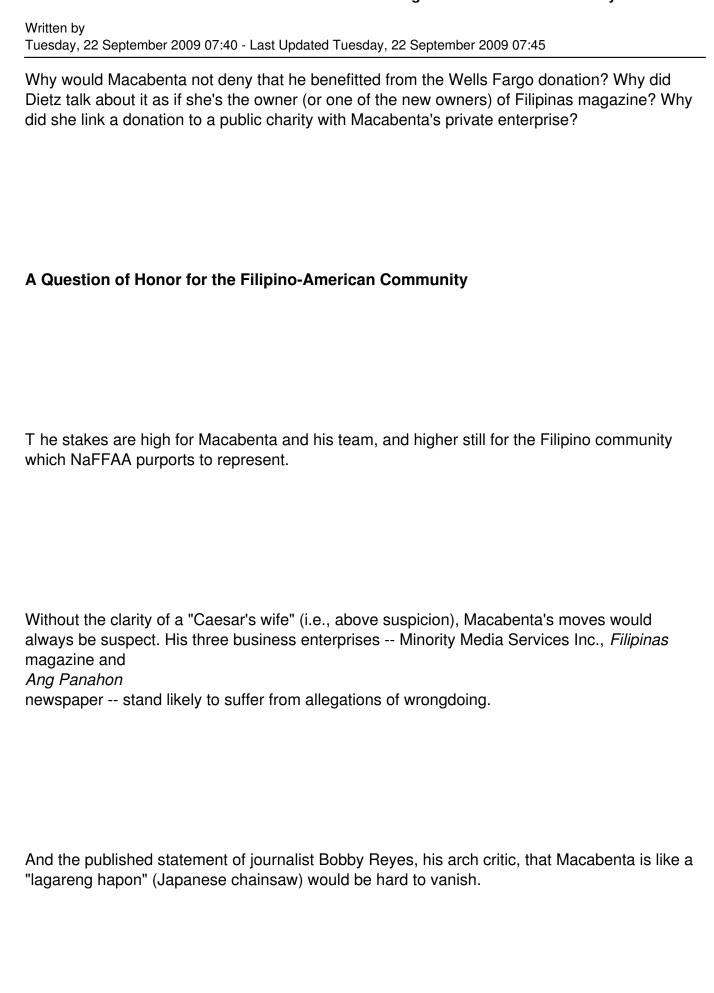
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Due to Fears of Finding More 'Skeletons'
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S AN DIEGO – Fears that more "skeletons" might be unearthed from the National Federation of
Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) and its officials seemed to have prompted officers loyal to incumbent leaders to overturn and trash the proposal to create a fact-finding board.
A long-held secret had just been unveiled that top-ranked officials had been the recipients

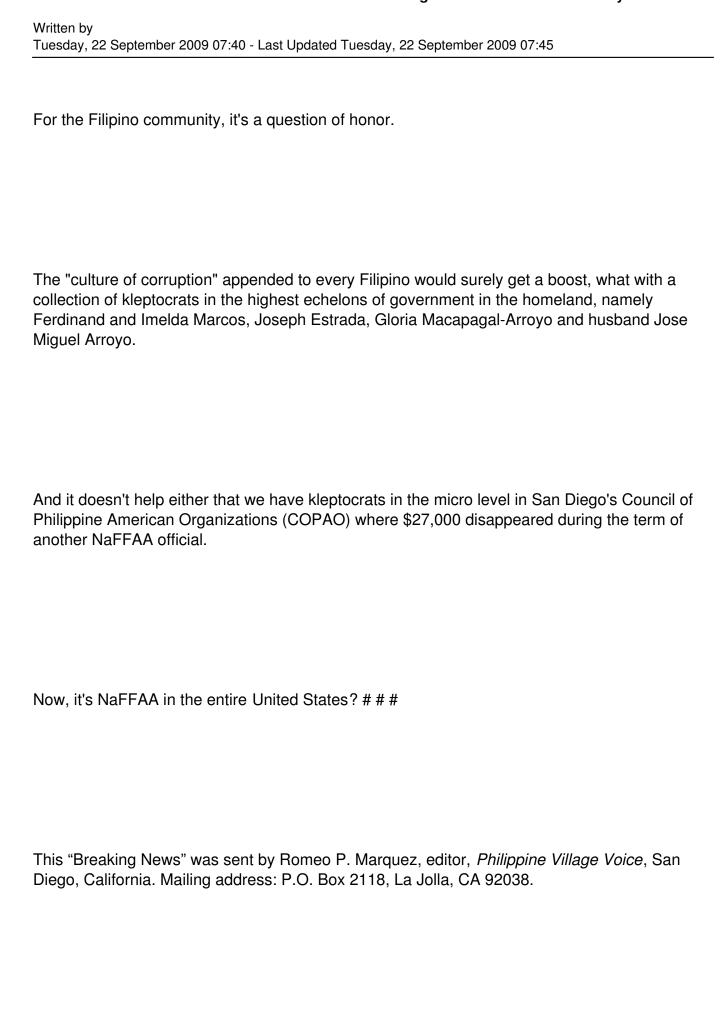




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