

# Saladero, humihingi ng 'Writ of Amparo'

NAGSAMPA ng petisyon para sa *writ of amparo* sa Korte Suprema si Atty. Remigio D. Saladero Jr., *chief legal counsel* ng Kilusang Mayo Uno at kolumnista ng Pinoy Weekly, na nahaharap sa panibagong kasong *murder* mahigit isang linggo

pa lamang matapos mapalaya sa bilanggaan. Ayon kay Maricel Saladero, asawa ng abogado at tagapagsalita ng Free Atty. Saladero et. al. Coalition, sinisimulan pa lamang ulit ni Atty.

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Baka wala na kaming mahakot na butil



# Priest joins call vs mining in Mindoro



A NORWEGIAN company's proposed mining projects will threaten the rice supply in Oriental Mindoro province, warned a priest who works in Calapan.

The area where Intex Resources plans to operate nickel mines produces 51 percent of the province's rice requirement, according to Father Edwin Gariguez of the Calapan apostolic vicariate.

If rice paddies are destroyed, it will also affect the food supply for Manila, where some of the rice is sold, the sociologist-priest said at a recent forum in Quezon City.

Calapan vicariate covers Oriental Mindoro, where 83 percent of 708,000 people are Catholics and the rest are mostly other Christians and indigenous people with native beliefs. Occidental Mindoro is the other province on the island of Mindoro.

Intex's mining proposal was among six cases studied by British environmental experts Robert Goodland and Clive Wicks for their book "Philippines: Mining or Food?" launched during the Feb. 4 forum.

The other cases involve approved projects on the central island of Sibuyan, part of Romblon province, and in the southern provinces of Davao Oriental, South Cotabato, Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga del Sur, all in Mindanao.

According to the scientists, the nickel mines that Intex hopes to operate by 2011 straddle 9,720 hectares across both Mindoro provinces. The nickel deposits are in areas that come under Mangyan communities' ancestral domain, and the



From left: Professor Arturo Boquiren, Mr. Cathal Doyle, Mr. Clive Wicks, Dr. Robert Goodland, Senator Aquilino Pimentel and Columban Father Frank Nally at the Feb. 4 launch of Wicks and Goodland's book, "Philippines: Mining or Food?" at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City.

## Antonio scores 9th victory in US circuit

TWELVE-TIME National Open champ Rogelio "Joey" Antonio Jr. scored his ninth victory in the US as he won the overall championship in the just-concluded Universal-Super Swiss

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## Search on for 'Outstanding Romblomanons'

THE provincial government of Romblon has formally opened the nominations for the 1st Annual Search for Outstanding Romblomanons who will be awarded during the Araw ng Romblon on March 19, 2009.

Nomination forms are available at the following offices: Romblon Capitol Office at the Office of the Governor - Mrs. Shie Mariveles; Odiongan Satellite Office - Mrs. Eve Formilleza; or at Romblon Investment and Tourism Promotion Office

(Ritpo) located at Room 201 GJ Bldg., 385 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City - Mrs. Myla Villegas.

Likewise, nomination forms can be downloaded from the official website of the Provincial Government of Romblon. The search has set the deadline for submission of nominations on February 13 (Friday).

The Selection and Awards Committee is composed of Atty. Luis Jay Formilleza III, executive assistant III from the Office of the Governor, as

chairperson; Dr. Jetter S. Sespene, president of Romblon State College, as vice chairperson; Atty. Romeo Robiso, representing Forward Romblon, as co-vice chairperson; Mrs. Señã G. Oñas, secretary of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, as secretary and member.

Other members are Mr. Joey Venancio, journalist and publisher; Mr. Raul Barredo, representing Forward Romblon; Mr. Eestanislaio M. Famatiga, executive assistant II and

officer-in-charge of the provincial cooperatives office; Dr. Niño Rey B. fondevilla, medical officer IV; and Atty. Rodolfo R. Ranion, Provincial legal officer, as member.

Governor Natalio "Jojo" F. Beltran III said that the launching of the first ever search for Outstanding Romblomanons and which will be held annually is the province's way of granting due recognition to their exemplary

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## Sudoku Tricks

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SAGOT SA PAHINA 2

"Entered as Second Class Mail Matter" at the Calapan Post Office, Oriental Mindoro on February 27, 2008.

## Mar Romero back to writing his column

(Basahin sa Pahina 2)

# Kapangyarihan ng sama-samang panalangin

"FATHER, kahit naman po di ako nagsisimba, nakapagdarasal din naman ako kahit sa ilalim ng sagingan habang nagbabantay ng aking kalabaw."

Ang mga kadahilanang kagaya nito ang kalimitan nating naririnig sa mga taong di palasimba. Ako man ay naniniwalang ang Diyos ay nakikinig sa mga indibidwal na panalangin lalo't ang panalangin ay galing at taos sa puso.

Pero bakit tayo ay hinihikayat ng ating Simbahan na regular na makiisa sa mga pagdiriwang ng banal na Misa?

Noong tayo ay binyagang bilang Kristiyano, tayo ay naging bahagi ng isang mas malaking sambayanan maliban sa sarili nating

pamilya. Sa binyag tayo ay napasakop sa isang Simbahang binubuo ng mga taong itinatag ni Kristo at naatasang magpalaganap ng Kanyang Kaharian para sa ikakasatuparan nito. At bilang kasapi ng Simbahan, inaasahan ang bawat isa na makiisa sa buhay nito kagaya ng paglilingkod sa isa't-isa, sama-samang pakikinig sa Kanyang mensahe, at sama-samang panalangin.

Noong nakaraang Linggo, ipinagdiwang ng aking ina, si Candelaria Banawa Fabella, ang kanyang ika-89 na kaarawan. Marahil kung ating bibilangin, maaaring 80 porsiyento ng kanyang mga araw sa daigdig na ito, siya ay nagsisimba.

Kinagisnan ko nang ang bawat araw niya ay di kumpleto kung di sya makapagsimba. At maging sa



Ni Fr. Bar Fabella, SVD

## Sa Maikling Salita

kanyang edad na 89, ang pagsisimba ay bahagi pa rin ng kanyang pang-araw-araw na buhay.

Naniniwala akong ang binhi ng aking bokasyon bilang pari ay sumibol bunga ng kanyang mga panalangin, maliban pa sa napakaraming biyayang tinatanggap ng aming pamilya.

Maaaring sabihin din niyang di na kailangan pang magsimba sapagkat nagdarasal din naman siya

ng personal kahit na sa loob ng aming tahanan, pero mas minabuti niyang dagdagan pa ito ng pangsambayanang panalangin kung saan ay dama niyang ang bawat taong kasama niya sa loob ng simbahan, sa pangunguna ng pari, ay kaisa niya sa kanyang mga kahilingan.

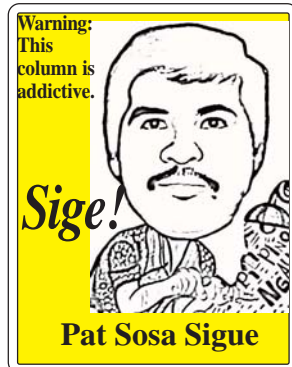
Kung tayo ay may malaking suliranin, kalimitan, sinasabi natin sa ating mga kaibigan, "maaari bang isama mo ako sa iyong panalangin?" Sa ating

pagsisimba, di man natin sabihin sa bawat isa, ang bawat isa sa loob ng simbahan ay kaisa natin sa ating mga mithiin.

At hindi lang ang bawat isa ang kasama natin. Naniniwala rin tayong kasama natin sa oras na iyon mismo ang ating Panginoong Hesukristo sa anyong alak at tinapay kung kaya't maaari nating sabihing ang pagsisimba ang siyang pinakamakapangyarihang uri ng panalangin.

Kagaya ng paralitikong maysakit na pinagtulungang dalhin kay Hesus para sa kanyang kagalingan, nawa, ang bawat isa sa atin ay magtiwala rin sa tulong ng sama-samang paglapit kay Hesus para sa kagalingan ng ating kaluluwa at katawan.

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## Magkahalong emosyon

MAGKAHALONG galit, lungkot at pangamba ang naramdaman ko sa pagding ng Senado sa ibinulgar ng World Bank na kutsabaan ng mga kontaktista sa Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Galit sapagkat agad kinitil ang pagbusisi sa isang napakalaking katiwalaang patuloy na nagpapalugmok sa bansa, kapwa sa kabuhayan at dignidad. Isang altintuntuning itinuro sa paaralan na imbes magamit sa pagsupil ay mas ginamit pa sa pagkonsente sa katiwalian.

Ganito ba ang edukasyong nakakabit sa mga prestihiyosong unibersidad na ginagastusan sa buwis ng taongbayan o sa mga pamantasang Katoliko na napakamahal sumingil ng matrikula?

Anong ebidensiya? Wala sapagkat bukod sa magaling magtago ang mga walanghiya ay takot ang mga nakakaalam. Pero tumingin ka lamang sa kapaligiran ay kitang-kita ang epekto nito.

Sabi nga ng isang eksperto, kung ginastos lang ng wasto ang kabuuang halaga ng mga inutang, magkakaugnay na ang mga isla ng Pilipinas at air-conditioned ang lahat ng paaralang pampubliko ng bansa.

Lungkot sapagkat parang wala na tayong kakayahang kumilala ng kabutihan laban sa kabulukan ng mga taong mapagsamantala.

Kung paanong ang mga tao at institusyong naghahangad na mapabuti ang Pilipinas ay siya pang pinalalabas na masama at kontrabida.

Pangamba at takot dahil baka ang taongbayan na tila hindi na kumikibo sa talamak na katiwalian sa gobyerno ay iba na ang naiisip at bigla na lang sumabog ang galit.

Baka manghinawa na sa demokrasya (na talaga namang palubha nang palubha sa pagpapalit-palit lang ng pangulo) at yakapin ang ibang ideolohiya.

Tingnan, ang dumisiplina at nagpaunlad sa China (pinakamasiglang ekonomiya ngayon sa Asia at maging sa buong mundo) ay hindi demokrasya bagaman niyayakap nila ngayon ang kapitalismo.

ITS election time. Its' all over, the favorite subject everywhere in and out of government. People in all walks of life enjoy talking about it without let up. They are really that crazy about politics. Never mind if the country is in the midst of

economic crisis. Never mind if the next meal may not available or uncertain for many Filipinos. To many of us, politics is interesting, entertaining and exciting. And it is for free!

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Its' a grudge fight between Rep. RGV and former Rep. Ato

## Politics is all over

Leviste for the congressional derby (1<sup>st</sup> district) in the coming 2010 elections? Well, its' one big possibility. For having been defeated three times, it is not surprising for Leviste to stage a showdown with his political nemesis' in the coming polls.

The former congressman must be entertaining the idea that RGV have stayed too long as representative of the first district. He must have also felt the sentiments of people for a change and that he can be the instrument on their yearning for change. He is volunteering himself. But will he be okay to the electorate? A \$64 dollar question, isn't it?

Pare Ato is a lawyer and well qualified. He has what it takes to represent the first district of Oriental Mindoro in congress.

Meanwhile a simple reminder to my compadre Ato: Rep. RGV (also a compadre) is known as an organization expert and with a political savvy that always make him the Winner in a political contest.

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Over in the second district, it was initially reported that Rep. Boy Umali is all set to run for governor. His brother, Rey, deputy custom commissioner, will replace him as candidate for Congress.

However, lately the report showed that he is foregoing his plan for the governorship. But it is "go" for Rey for the congressional post in the second district. At press time, Boy's political plan for himself is still unclear.

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Barack Obama swept America by storm. The first black

president of USA, professor and Harvard law alumnus, won the presidency with his famous agenda — hope and change. Obama shirt, car stickers, bottled mineral water and caps are all over the world. Congratulations and more power, Mr. President!

Sweet Valentine

This column is back. On time to greet our friends and readers, whenever they are, a Happy Valentine! The affair of the heart gets more significance and becomes more focus to all of us but especially to the young ones, on this lovable day, Feb. 14, known all over the world as Valentine's Day.

It was on this day, sometime during the Middle Ages, that the sending of love messages is written on perfumed papers. Some years later, some one came out with the idea of producing lithographs or cards and since then, sending cards on Valentine's Day becomes customary.

Then much later other sentimental businessmen came into the picture; they produced heart-shaped and lovable objects to cater to the demand for sentimental messages. The more resourceful ones cashed in the custom of sending love messages. Today the practice has become a lucrative business - and highly commercialized. Our young ones cannot simply afford to let Valentine's Day pass with out a date especially with someone special. Sweet Valentine!

A bit of history of kissing. An old legend says that kissing started among the lower species of the animal kingdom. Goats supposedly licked each other's lips which is the source of much-needed salts for the body. Cave dwellers soon discovered



## Publisher's View

By Mario S. Romero

that salt was present on the sweat-covered faces of their tired cavemates. Instead of walking miles over rugged terrain to look for salt, early man supposedly licked the salty faces of their mates, offspring and relatives.

Throughout the years, man has developed different ways of kissing. The rubbing of noses is common among the Maoris, Sandwich islanders, Eskimos or Tongans.

Herodotus on the other hands, reported that among the Persians, those with the same rank kissed each other on the mouth, while others were allowed to kiss the cheek only.

In France kissing the lips is permitted only among lovers. Kissing in public places is permitted in many parts of the world.

Here's how a Filipina described her first kiss: "A girl's first kiss, whether accidental, freely given or stolen, is not only a milestone, but a turning point, the beginning of an awakening. Not that a kiss teaches one the facts of life, but the experience, whether painful or pleasant, is a key to greater awareness of the extent and power of human emotions the complexities of human relations, especially between the sexes."

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**SEARCH..**  
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accomplishments with the hope that they be emulated by others, and also a way of extending appreciation for the things they have done for the province and the country as a whole.

Based on the awards guideline and mechanics, nominations are sought for Romblomanons of excellence from all backgrounds and all fields of endeavor including but not limited in the following categories: education; engineering and construction; entrepreneurial leadership; finance; historical and cultural advocacy; humanitarian service; journalism; law; medicine; movie and television arts; government service; science and technology; spiritual leadership; sports; and statesmanship. Gov. Beltran further announced that special citations and posthumous commendations will also be awarded at the Araw ng Romblon Celebration.

**ANTONIO ...**  
*(From Page 1)* January 2009 Chess Championships in Warren, Michigan.

A report posted on BilliardPhilippines.com said the Calapan, Oriental Mindoro native scored a total of 8.5 points out of the possible 9.

Ameer Shawky Ghobrial settled for second place (7.0 points) while Michael Bowersock, who inflicted the only draw of Antonio in the seventh round ended in a third place (6.5 points).

Antonio earlier dominated the Los Angeles Chess Club Open Chess Championships at the Santa Monica Boulevard with 4.5 points after five games of play.

IM Emory Tate finished second (4.0 points) while RP and US Chess Master Almarion Marlon Bernardino Jr. settled third (3.0 points).

**SAGOT SA SIDUKO**

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# A position paper against the scandalous prevalence of illegal gambling in the Municipality of Odiongan

By: Mario G. Fradejas Jr.  
*(Last of a Series)*

THERE are dances, music, athletics and other forms of entertainment. Being a religious activity, if other forms of entertainment will have to be introduced, they ought to be strictly limited only to those that would enhance the spiritual, moral and cultural values of the people.

Any activity that is anathema to law and morality must be altogether eschewed and avoided. Anyway those who go to the Tupada and other gambling activities do not have in mind the patron saints; they are only driven by their itch to gamble, a vicious immoral habit.

By tolerating illegal gambling therefore during a fiesta, public officials are guilty of desecrating the patron saints who they thereby unwittingly convert into patron saints of illegality and immorality.

It is a blatant disrespect for and denunciation of the church and priest who is pitifully reduced to an impotent figurehead incapable of exercising moral influence over his flock. It also indicates that attendance in regular church services by said officials is a mere uniform of compliance to show semblance of being piously religious although the truth of the matter is what is being imparted to them inside the church are really of no significance to them.

Involvement in illegal gambling by public officials unmistakably reflects highly questionable personal moral character that is not a good example to their followers. It is also indicative of picayune intellectuality to distinguish between right and wrong, between good and bad

The plans, decisions and actions of a person reflects the true nature of his moral character. When he is righteous he is free from pangs or qualms of conscience.

If in his behavior he strays outside of the pale of the law and morality his capacity to determine between right and wrong, between good and bad, becomes the exclusive property of the moron, at most questionable before the bar of public scrutiny.

It is really amusing, in fact preposterous and ridiculous,

that public officials who tolerate illegal gambling, although they do not say it, are actually intimidated by the possibility that the issue will interfere with their re-election agenda. The moron is also a coward!

6) Public officials and police being insulted by gambling lords and their subalterns.

Our public officials and police, on account of their very limited comprehensions and / or perverted character, fail to recognize or are insensitive to, the insults being heaped upon them by gambling lords and their minions, the bet takers.

The gambling lords, especially, are treated as special citizens with special privileges not ordinarily enjoyed by others, allowed to rake in hundreds of thousands, nay millions, of pesos in illegal income and who are situated in the upper crust of society in the community.

No less than 80 percent, perhaps many more, of the gambling lords, some of whom are also drug lords, are not native born here in Odiongan. They were born elsewhere although they established residences only in this town where they enjoy extraordinary patronage of officials who are native Odionganons but who nevertheless do not care, never mind the insults being heaped upon them. The height of stupidity!

7) Excessive gambling and proliferation of compulsive gamblers are a serious hindrance to the development efforts of a town, province and country

Gambling diverts people's attention from productive undertakings. Whereas the people's physical and mental energy may be harnessed towards creating and mass producing utilizable and marketable articles and goods to fill man's needs and the surplus to fuel trade and commerce people's precious time are wantonly wasted away in useless and vicious indulgences.

It should be remembered that the basic materials for development and progress, notably for industries, are people. Raw materials are only secondary as lack of it cannot be a deterrent to a people who are

determined to attain progress. Raw materials can be obtained elsewhere while a determined people are a rarity. When people are not equipped with the proper decision and the correct attitude the availability of raw materials do not serve any useful purpose.

8) Illegal gambling activities unfairly swells pockets of gambling lords while taking away the precious hard earned money of the gullible whose innate weakness of human greed impels them to be victims of exploitation.

Hope springs eternal. This truism is what facilitates the exploitation of the gullible who, motivated by natural human greed, are tempted to bet in gambling in the hope of winning, even if their chance is very slim.

When a bettor wins, which is very rarely, the satisfaction of winning tempts him to bet some more; if he losses, just the same he gambles the more in the hope that his losses will be recovered. In the long run the person losses plenty but, rather than learn the lesson, the itch to gamble persists, all because of human greed.

9) Illegal gambling is source of illegal income in the form of bribe

All activities that provide derivable income such as business, exercise of profession or giving services are subject to regulation through licensing on which fees and dues are imposed and collected.

In the case of illegal gambling the regulation consists merely of tolerance where there is no written permit but simply by verbal go-signal of the public official which means there is an assurance for the illegal activity to be held without being bothered by the authorities as if it were legal.

Since the return of investment in illegal gambling is usually enormous, very much more than that derived from legal business, it is really inconceivable that the official giving protection will not also benefit from the undertaking. Thus, in illegal gambling it is not mere suspicion that public officials and the police are receiving bribe money; it is a foregone conclusion!

10) Illegal gambling is always attended by cheating and all forms of dishonesty often times resulting in serious disagreements and sometimes violence.

In illegal gambling no official in authority is supervising the activity to impose discipline and the observance of sportsmanship and fair play. Among the more frequent

participants are compulsive gamblers who take to the activity not already as a sport and will not hesitate to apply dishonest methodologies to be in an advantageous position of greater winning chances.

It can be fixing a sultada in tupada or making it appear that a bettor placed his bet in a losing cock although he really intended to and placed his bet in the winning cock. Sometimes it can be in the payment of bets where the amount paid is less than the actual amount placed as bet.

When the aggrieved party insists on his right, the dispute can possibly escalate and result in violent quarrels.

In Barangay Pato-o there was an incident where one cock owner drew his knife and chased the sultador of the opponent cock. A relative of the person being chased drew a homemade gun and aimed it on the person with the knife. At that precise moment a cousin of the knife wielder was already at the back of the gun wielder, also ready to draw his knife. Luckily the chase stopped upon intercession of the proverbial cooler heads and further trouble was averted.

In sitio Boliganay, Barangay Panique during one fiesta celebration, there was an incident where a tupada participant chased another and stabbed him. Luckily, the victim was rushed to the hospital and survived.

A case was filed in the RTC where it was still pending after

three years when another case of stabbing happened in the same place, also during a tupada in connection with the fiesta of Sitio Boliganay.

11) Incidence of illegal gambling encourages thievery and other immoral indulgences.

Where there is illegal gambling many people, some still very young, become involved in the vicious activity. The result is that, in their need for money to bet, especially if they sustain losses, they resort to thievery and many people lose livestock, like chickens and pigs, and other property.

About ten years ago we know of a young woman who was a bet collector in ending. She became inured to fast easy money and developed a propensity to be spendthrift. However, there were times when the takes in ending were not so good as to cope up satisfactorily with her expenses.

She was often far away from husband and children and eventually ended up as a quereda of a comparatively rich man. Very much later on, we were informed that she was already a full fledged prostitute.

To our public officials and police: Pray, tell us what benefit is there in illegal gambling that you have to sacrifice legality and morality and tolerating it?

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## 'Sayaw Pinoy' to perform in Iloilo's Paraw Regatta Festival

THE National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) "Sayaw Pinoy" will add color to Iloilo's Paraw Regatta Festival as the touring dance troupe is scheduled to perform simultaneously with the highlights of the festivity in the city on February 21-22.

## Tawa-Tawa Bulaklak ng Saya

**Kahit mahirap ang buhay dahil sa pandaigdigang krisis pangkabuhayan na nararanasan ngayon, harapin natin ang Taong 2009 na nakangiti.**

### May tama

TV coverage sa mahabang pila ng mga bettor sa Lotto outlet.

Reporter: (Sabay tutok ng mikropono sa isang bettor) Ano ang gagawin mo sakaling ikaw ang manalo ng jackpot ngayong gabi?

Bettor: (Walang gatol na sagot.) Agad akong magtutungo sa PCSO para i-claim ang premyo.

### Parachute

Sakay ng eroplano ang kapitan at mga baguhang para-troopers.

Kapitan: O Pedro lundag na.

Pedro: Kapitan p'wede po bang magtanong bago ako lumundag?

Kapitan: Bakeeet?

Pedro: Paano po kung hindi bumuka itong parachute ko?

Kapitan: 'Wag kang mag-alala bata, me usapan na kami ng supplier. Kapag hindi bumuka...papalitan!

### 1st time (raw)

Sa motel - Sir: Inday! Nanginginig ka.

Inday: Pasensya na po sir kinakabahan ako...

Sir: 1st time mo ba?

Inday: Opo sir

Sir: Saan ba ang switch mabuksan ngaang ilaw

Inday: D'yan po sir sa uluhan ng kama.

*U can send in ur jokes n dis corner.*

### Sa mata ng bata

Ina: Anak ba't ayaw mong magpaligo ke yaya?

Anak: Ayaw ko po. Kasi nung pinaliguan ni yaya si Daddy kinagat yung bird.

...at alam mo Mommy, puti pala ang dugo ni Daddy.

### Golfer

May tatlong golfer, Doctor, Pari at Abogado ang maagang naglalaro. Sa unahan, may naglalaro rin pero mabagal. Sa inip nila, tinawag ang Greens Keeper para agreklamo.

Doc: "Ano ba ang problema at ang babagal ng mga nauna sa amin."

Greens Keeper: "Boss, sorry po dahil 'yung nasa unahan ay mga bulag na Bombero. Nabulag sila dahil sa maagap na pagpatay ng sunog doon sa paaralan ng mga bata. Dahil sa magiting na ginawa ng mga bombero, palagi po namin silang pinapaglaro ng libre rito. Dahil sa sinabi ng Greens Keeper, medyo natahimik ang tatlo.

Pari: "Naku, nakakaawa naman pala ang nangyari sa kanila. Mamayang gabi, ipagdadasal ko sila."

Doc: "Aba, magaling na idea iyan. Bukas, tatawagin ko ang Ophthalmologist at baka sakalin may magawa pa siya sa mata ng mga Bombero."

Abogado: (Inis pa): Bakit hindi na lang sila sa gabi maglaro."

Command ng New People's Army noong Hulyo 29, 2008.

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proposed mining sites encroach on Mag-asawang Tubig Watershed, which feeds 40,000 hectares of rice land.

Father Gariguez has worked among indigenous Mangyan-Alangan people on the island. "We have been opposing mining for a decade, because we feel mining not only threatens food security of Mindoro, but environmental security as well," he said.

Bishop Warlito Cajandig, who heads Calapan vicariate, in a Jan. 19 *Public Statement on the Issue of Mining*, described the proposed project as "irresponsible activity, more so if it will be conducted in a critical watershed."

The bishop quoted Heherson Alvarez, former Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) secretary, who wrote that no measures could prevent "real destruction of this watershed if mining will push through." Alvarez had canceled an agreement for mining exploration at the site, but the Philippine president's office revoked his 2001 order in 2005.

Goodland, a former World Bank adviser, told 90 guests at the launch, held at the University of the Philippines, that any responsible government should always choose food security over mining.

Citing DENR reports, Wicks pointed out that 90 percent of 190 national watersheds are under-forested — 135 of them having less than 30 percent

Inaresto sila sa kasong *multiple murder* at *multiple frustrated murder* kaugnay ng pananambang diumano ng mga NPA sa Puerto Galera, Mindoro Oriental noong 2006.

"Para sa isang abogado, kolumnista, *resource person* sa mga pagsasanay na paralegal, *diabetic*, at *survivor* ng dalawang *stroke*, hindi kapani-paniwala ang mga alegasyon laban kay Atty. Saladero.

Makakakita ka ng *pattern*. Yung 72 pa rin, maliban sa dalawa, ang akusado sa kasong *murder* sa Rizal," ayon kay Daisy Arago, *executive director* ng Center for Trade Union and Human Rights.



**THE City of Calapan, led by Mayor Doy Leachon, hosted the 6th National Science Quest (NSQ) held last February 4 at the Alfonso Umali Gymnasium. Some 1,500 delegates from 12 different regions in the country joined the contest. Mimaropa Region IV-B, to which the City of Calapan belongs, was represented by more than 50 students. The Calapan students are from the Holy Infant Academy, Parang National High School, Canubing High School and the City Schools.**

cover — and all irrigated farm lands.

Goodland said he has neither seen nor heard of any responsible mining operation in the Philippines but that such an operation is not impossible.

In the book, he and Wicks propose 21 recommendations to government, including declaring a moratorium on mining and establishing an independent body to review all existing contentious mining operations.

Dagdag pa ni Arago, bahagi pa rin ang kaso ng pampulitikang persekusyon ng gobyernong Arroyo sa mga aktibista.

Ayon kay Atty. Noel Neri ng Pro-Labor Legal Assistance Center, "Gagawa at gagawa sila (gobyerno) ng paraan para muling madetine sina Atty. Saladero."

Sa kabila ng panghahas sa kanya, patuloy pa ring nagsusulat ng kolum sa Pinoy Weekly si Atty. Saladero. Noong Pebrero 13, inilunsad ang aklat niyang pinamagatang **Hugahan Natin**, kalipunan ng mga kolum hinggil sa mga isyu at kasong manggagawa simula 2002.



## Happy Birthday!

**HAPPY Birthday to Lola Toyang!** Mrs. Dorotea Oliva vda de Aguilar turned **103 last February 6**. She was born in Vigo, Lubang, Occidental Mindoro on February 6, 1906 to Bernabe and Maria Oliva. She and Lolo Tomong (her late husband) settled in Baco in the 1950s. Later on, Lolo Tomong became the town's vice mayor. Lola Toyang is a rock, and by all accounts, a woman of great ability and force of character. She will join the formal ball of Balik Mindoro (health permitting) on February 21.



**Mrs. Dorotea Oliva vda de Aguilar in 2006 100th birthday celebration.**



IN MEMORIAM  
On the 5<sup>TH</sup> Death  
Anniversary of



### RAYMUNDO "RAY" R. ROMERO

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009, his 5<sup>th</sup> death anniversary Masses and Prayers will be offered at Sto. Niño Catedral, Calapan City.

We are grateful to all who keep our beloved RAY on their memory and who continue to pray for him.

Parents Mar & Jovita Romero, Boy & Daisy Atienza, Primo "Boy" Romero, Ver & Menchie R. Palle, Tommy & Bebot R. Garcia, Joey Cesar & Jenny G. Romero & Rommel Romero