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P100k tulong sa Samantuka ng Brgy. Bayanan 1, Calapan

SA hangad ng administrasyong Panaligan na maibsan ang epekto ng lumalalang pandaigdigang krisis pang-ekonomiya, patuloy itong nagkakaloob ng iba't ibang proyektong pangkabuhayan at ayudang pinansyal sa mga Mindoreño.

Noong Marso 7, umabot sa P100,000 tulong-puhunan

ang hatid ni Gobernador Arnan sa Samahan ng Magkakamag-anak Tungo sa Kaunlaran o **Samantuka** sa Bayanan I sa syudad ng Calapan.

Ayon kay **Samantuka** President Nelda Tolentino, ang pera ay kanilang gagamitin sa micro-lending project para sa may mahigit

(Sundan sa Pahina 3)

Party-List solons seek House probe on Mindoro mining





TEDDY CASIÑO

PARTY-LIST legislators have sought a congressional inquiry into the effects of large-scale mining activities to the environment and livelihood of people in Oriental Mindoro.

Reps. Satur C. Ocampo and Teodoro A. Casino of Bayan Muna, Liza L. Maza and Luzviminda C. Ilagan of Gabriela, and Rafael V. Mariano of Anakpawis have introduced House Resolution 997 directing the Committee on Ecology to look into the matter.

Ocampo said the operation of the Mindoro Nickel Project of Resources and Aglubang Mining is a big threat to the province's watershed areas.

Ocampo alleged that the Mindoro Nickel Project Resources and Aglubang Mining was able to get the nod of President Gloria Macapagal-

Arroyo, through the Office of the President and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

The DENR earlier rejected the mining project because of the grave ecological

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Kampo ng NPA sa Mindoro nakuha ng AFP

Ni Jerry Alcayde

ISANG malaking kampo ng mga rebeldeng New People's Army ang narekober ng mga sundalo ng pamahalaan kamakalawa sa Occidental Mindoro subalit wala silang naabutan na mga miyembro ng rebeldeng kilusan doon.

Ayon kay Col. Bonifacio T. de Castro (GSC), batallion commander ng 203rd Infantry Brigade ng Armed Forces of the Philippines na nakabase sa Mindoro, inabandona ng mga NPA cadres ang kanilang kampo sa Sitio Tonton, Barangay Mananao, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro.

Pinaniniwalaan nina Col. De

Castro na aabot sa 60 katao ang nagkampo roon dahil nadiskubre nila rito ang 30 kubo na tinirhan ng mga rebelde na kadalasang pinamamahayan ng dalawa hanggang tatlong NPA.

(Sundan sa Pahina 4)

Bagong tanggapan ng NBI, itatayo sa Calapan

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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.

MAGTATAYO ang National Bureau of Investigation-Calapan District Office na kasalukuyang nasa loob ng Kapitolyo sa barangay Camilmil sa syudad ng Calapan ng bagong tanggapan sa taong ito..

Noong Marso 5, dumating sa lalawigan si NBI Director Nestor M. Mantaring at katuwang si Gobernador Arnan, ay pinangunahan ang groundbreaking ceremony sa pagtatayuan ng bagong NBI office sa barangay Sta. Isabel sa syudad ng Calapan.

Nakiisa rin sa gawain sina NBI Regional Director Generoso Matulac, NBI Deputy Director for Comptroller Services Virgilio Mendez at NBI-Calapan District Office Chief Mario B.. Minor. May pondong P10M, donasyon ng pamahalaang panlalawigan ang may 1,000 metro

(Sundan sa Pahina 3)

Gov't spends P11M helping 7,875 Or. Mdo. beneficiaries

By Louie T. Cueto, PIA-Calapan

THE Department of Social Welfare & Development (DSWD) continues to develop and thrive in its endeavor to uplift the lives of Filipinos despite the current worldwide economic crisis.

More than P11 million was spent by the government in its Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) in Oriental Mindoro alone after helping the 7,875 beneficiaries of the program in the municipalities of Pola, Mansalay and Bulalacao.

Each family-beneficiary received P500 cash grant for health services and P300 for every child member of the family as support for their education according to DWSD 4B report.

A number of beneficiaries were added by some 4,433 families who would be considered eligible to receive aid from the government based on the recent Community Assembly held in the municipality of Bongabong. The holding of said assembly is one way to ensure that the chosen beneficiaries are qualified to receive cash amount and that the family is poor with children whose ages ranged from 0-14 years old and with pregnant women in the family.

In a related report from Florence Baula of DSWD 4B, a Community Assembly was held in the municipality of Bansud where their group screened some 3,300 potential

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9 naglalaban para 'Miss Calapan'

Pag-apaw ng pagmamahalang galing sa pamilya

NOONG nakaraang Martes, ika-18 ng kasalukuyang isinagawa ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Calapan ang paglulunsad sa isang programang tinatawag na "Drug Free Calapan".

Ito'y bahagi pa rin ng isa pang mas malawak na programang ngayon ay halos bukambibig na ng mga tagalungsod, ang "Aksyon Agad" sa pamumuno ng butihing punong-lungsod, Leachon.

Ako ang naatasang magbigay ng isang welcome message sapagkat ang Divine Word College ang isa sa mga naging sponsors sa nasabing paglulunsad. Kapuri-puri ang isinasagawang programa na sinalihan ng iba't ibang sektor.

Doon ay nabanggit ko ang kahalagahan ng pagtutulungan ng lahat ng sektor ng lipunan lalo na ng bawat pamilya kung saan ay isinasagawa ang mas malalim na paghuhubog sa

Karaniwang payo sa atin ng ating mga magulang av ang paggawa ng mabuti sa harap ng ibang tao. At bakit daw? "Huwag kang gagawa ng anumang bagay na makakasira sa pangalan ng ating pamilya!" Iyan ang karaniwang dahilan.

Para sa ating mga Pilipino, ang kasiraan ng isang miyembro ng isang pamilya ay kasiraan ng lahat. Kung ang isang tao ay may nagawang masama, di siya makakaasa ng pagmamalaki kaninuman sa mga kamag-anak, bagkus pagtakwil at di pagkilala.

Sa kabilang dako, kung ang isa ay nakagawa ng isang kahangahangang bagay, maaaring kahit na ang pinakamalayong kamaganak ay aangkin sa kanya bilang isang kadugo.

Ngunit alam nating sa kabila ng ganitong kultura, marami pa rin sa ating mga kabataan ang nalilihis ng landas. Mukhang di sapat ang payo pagpapakabuti. Mukhang di sapat ang kaisipang ang



kapalpakan ng isa ay kapalpakan ng lahat.

Kung ito lamang ang dahilan, magiging paimbabaw ang pagpapakabuti at di galing sa puso. Maaaring ang pagbibigay ng kahalagahan sa pangalan ng pamilya ay mahalaga, ngunit hangga't ang kabutihan sa loob mismo ng pamilya ay di nararamdaman, hindi ito aapaw sa mas malawak na lipunan.

Naghahari ba ang pagmamahalan sa inyong pamilya? Dama mo ba ang kasiyahang dulot ng kabutihang

naghahari sa bawat miyembro ng ivong pamilya?

Kung ikaw ay namulat sa ganitong uri ng pamilya, napakalaking porsiyento ang posibilidad na magigi ka ring isang kapaki-pakinabang mamamayan ng ating lipunan na maipagmamalaki ng buo mong angkan, di lamang dahil sa gusto mong itayo ang pangalan ng iyong pamilya kundi dahil sa ito ay pagagos lamang ng tunay mong pagkatao na hinubog ng isang mabuting pamilya.

Kung masaya ka sa loob mismo ng iyong pamilya, di mo na kailangang hanapin pa ang kasiyahan sa mga maling paraan kagaya ng maling barkada at

Dama mo ba ang pagmamahal ng Diyos? Dama mo ba ang kabutihang dulot sambayanang Kristiyanong iyong kinabibilangan? Kung ito ay nadarama mo, napalaking porsiyento ang posibilidad na magiging kaaya-aya kang instrumento ng pag-ibig ng Diyos sa iba.

"Gayon na lamang ang pagmamahal ng Diyos sa sanlibutan kaya't ibinigay Niya ang Kanyang bugtong na Anak upang ang lahat nang manampalataya sa Kanya ay hindi mapahamak, bagkus ay magkaroon ng buhay na walang hanggan." (Jn 3:16)



So many candidates

By Mario S. Romero

AN old acquaintance from the judiciary informed Publisher's View last week when we meet by chance at the PPA Terminal building in Batangas City that the fight for the mayoralty in Bansud in 2010 election points to Mayor Ronaldo Morada vs. former Mayor Prudente Soller. He said Morada just won by slim margin over Soller in 2007.

But Dr. Soller's charisma and leadership is still evident and very much talked about, described by his leaders and supporters as his strongest assets in politics.

Publisher's View was told that Soller is action and performance-oriented whose leadership is characterized with sincerity and humility that makes him highly regarded by his constituents. clamor of his leaders and

As we see it this early,

Well, what an interesting

Our energetic editor, Pat S. Sigue, disclosed that there are at least 13 congressional candidates signifying their intention to run in the second district of Oriental Mindoro.

more the merrier. So never

The Publisher's View is that many of them are running just to divide the votes. (Or for the fund ot it?)

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Right of Reply Bill goes RIPward

THE contentious Right of Freedom now goes the way it Reply Bill (RORB) in Congress which seeks to abridge the constitutionally

should - RIPward or its Rest in Peace graveyard.

The Senate version of the sacrosanct Freedom of bill, authored by Senator Expression and Press Aquilino Pimentel, has already been approved but its House version has temporarily been shelved due to the vehement opposition to it by media

Since there is no House counterpart bill, the Bicameral Committee of Congress will have no proposed RORB measure to deliberate on and reconcile, hence the measure is likely to go its RIP grave.

House Speaker Prospero Nograles, however, said the RORB is not yet dead and instead asked media leaders to propose amendments to it. He seems oblivious to the sensitivity by media about the measure which they consider not only unconstitutional but also patently restrictive of press freedom and freedom of expression.

Truth to tell, Philippine decidedly media is licentious and many Filipino media practitioners obnoxiously are irresponsible. Deplorable as the situation may seem, however, that still remains a better option to curtailment of the freedom of expression.

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If our lawmakers insist on the RORB, they should also be ready to give up some of their freedoms, privileges and immunities to level the playing field.

For one, they should shed their parliamentary immunity when they By Johnny C. Nunez

filibuster, rile and berate other people in Congress so their victim can answer them with libel suits and related criminal For another, they must also

afford the victim of their verbal tirades to speak on the same podium to answer them before their own assembly forum and audience. The must also give up their

postal franking privileges so they will enjoy relatively similar limitations like other ordinary citizens do in reaching out to other people by mail.

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Filipino book authors and publishers have cogent reasons to be happy and celebrate. President Arroyo recently signed into law Republic Act 9521 (RA 9521) which seeks to establish a P150-million National Book Development Trust Fund that will provide authors funding assistance to help them write and publish their books.

Republic Act 9521 declares it a state policy "to promote the continuing development of the book publishing industry in all regions of the country as embodied in Republic Act No. 8047 or the

"Book Publishing Industry Development Act.'

The law noted that since authorship is one of the major components of book publishing, "the national book policy obliges the State to create a dynamic and conducive environment for the promotion of Filipino authorship and other creative development."

To substantiate this policy, RA 9521 has ordained the establishment of a P150million National Book Development Trust Fund within one year, the interest earnings of which will be used exclusively to support and promote "Filipino authorship especially in Science and Technology and in subject areas wherein locally authored books are either few or non-existent."

The other subject areas include indigenous children's stories, and translations of classic works into local languages, among others.

To establish the Fund, the law provides that P50 million shall be allotted in the annual General Appropriations Act

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Hence, the apparent strong constituents for him to stage a return about with the incumbent mayor.

Morada and Soller are evenly matched. Morada is described by his leaders, friends and sympathizers as energetic and action-oriented and he deserves to be reelected.

fight that Bansud is expecting to witness in 2010

Too many, isn't it? Well, the

Provincial Legal Officer,

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Perspectives



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yearly over the next five (5) years starting from the law's enactment. A similar amount of P50 million shall each be contributed to the Fund by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and Philippine Charity Sweepstakes over 10 months at five million pesos per month.

To ensure the Fund's perpetuity and the spread of its development benefits, only its interest earnings shall be used. Grants from the Fund will only be awarded a year after its establishment and will distributed among grantees from the regions.

RA 9521 also authorizes government corporations and other donors to contribute to the Fund at their discretion and all such contributions shall be donors tax exempt and shall be considered as allowable deductions from the donor's gross income.

The NDBD will administer

the Fund and appoint a financial government institution as fund manager.

It may also provide incentives to local government units (LGUs) such as, but not limited to. matching the funds being provided by the LGUs, in activities that reflect their partnership towards attaining the objectives of the measure.

Aside from development dimensions, RA 9521 is deemed particularly significant in that it provides mechanisms promotion of the book publishing industry with the active participation of the private sector, and ensure the adequate supply of affordable, qualityproduced books not only for the domestic but also for the export market.

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BAGONG... (Buhat sa Pahina 1)

kwadradong pagtatayuan ng bagong gusali. Sa plano, gagawin ito sa loob ng 240 calendar days.

Sa maikling programa matapos ito, sinabi ni Minor na sa layuning higit na mapagsilbihan ang mga mamamayang Mindoreño at ang mga taga-karatig lalawigan ay plinano ng kasalukuyang pamunuan ng NBI ang pagtatayo ng isang malaki at modernong tanggapan sa syudad ng Calapan.

Pinasalamatan naman ni NBI Director Mantaring, na tubong Bongabong, ang pamahalaag panlalawigan sa patuloy na pagsuporta nito sa kawanihan simula pa sa pagpayag nitong gamitin ang isang tanggapan sa loob ng Kapitolyo simula nang itatag ang NBI sa lalawigan noong taong

Matatandaang panahon pa ni dating NBI Director

SAGOT SA SUDOKU

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Reynaldo Wycoco nang pormal na buksan ang NBI-Calapan District Office.

"NBI will continue to join hands with other lawenforcement agencies so as to ensure that the province of Oriental Mindoro will remain peaceful and progressive," pahayag pa ni Mantaring.

Ayon naman kay Gobernador Arnan, sa pagtatayo ng bagong tanggapan ng NBI ay nakatitiyak na ang mga tagalalawigan na ang serbisyo nito ay mananatili nang matagal na panahon. At sa pagkakatalaga ng Oriental Mindoro bilang regional government center, hindi na rin, aniya, nalalayong mangyaring dito na rin maitayo sa hinaharap ang regional office ng NBI.

"Labis kaming nagpapasalamat na ang district office ng NBI ay dito sa Oriental Mindoro napiling maitayo. Sa pagtatayo ninyo bagong gusali, nangangahulugan itong ang NBI ay matagal pang mananatili rito. At sa pagkakatalaga ng lalawigan bilang regional government center, inaasahan naming maging ang regional office ay dito na rin maitayo," pahayag ni Gobernador Arnan.

Samantala, isang sertipiko ang ipinagkaloob ni NBI Director Mantaring kay

PGMA Eco Stimulus program to fund irrigation repair, maintenance

SECRETARY Arthur Yap of the Department of Agriculture said yesterday the economic stimulus fund being readied by the Arroyo administration will be used in part to kickstart a DA program to rehabilitate irrigation facilities covering some 300,00 hectares of farmland across the country.

Yap said that apart from generating new jobs in line with the Arroyo government's emergency employment program, this intensified rehabilitation program would also expand the serviceable areas available for food production.

He explained that the DA is putting its investments in sustainable infrastructure starting this year because unlike soft projects such as providing seeds and fertilizer support to farmers, the benefits of agriculture infrastructure are long term and would "set the stage for a medium term growth in

Rather than investing in new irrigation systems that takes 10 years to complete, the DA will focus its efforts on the rehabilitation and restoration of existing non-functional irrigation systems covering 368,000 hectares nationwide. For this year 2009, 100,050 hectares will be restored 35,117 hectares rehabilitated and 18,012 hectares new area to be generated. The restoration and rehabilitation of the 368,000 hectares is targeted to be completed by 2010.

"If we repair these irrigation infrastructure we would immediately double the capacity of the areas covered by these facilities because farmers would now be able to plant twice each year," Yap said. "On top of creating more jobs, we would also be able to increase production and raise farmers' incomes by rehabilitating these irrigation facilities.'

Matching her commitments on farm modernization and food security with action, President Arroyo, through the DA and other agencies, have so far built irrigation projects covering 146,000 hectares and repaired old systems servicing another 980,000 hectares, raising total irrigated lands to a record 1.5 million hectares.

These agencies have also constructed 4,000 kilometers of farm-to-market roads; installed 2,347 post-harvest equipment such as dryers; put up 33 mariculture parks and 134 fish sanctuaries; and gave 415 sets of post-harvest equipment to fisherfolk.

The repair, rehabilitation and construction of irrigation systems nationwide form part of President Arroyo's FIELDS program for agriculture, which stands for Fertilizer, Irrigation and other rural infrastructure, Research and extension work, Loans, Dryers and other postharvest facilities, and Seeds.

Start a fun and profitable fresh flower arrangement business

TURN your love of flowers into a creative and rewarding new hobby or the beginning of an exciting new career in floral design.

The Golden treasure Skills and Development program will conduct a one-day workshop seminar on fresh flower arrangement on April 5, Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm will be held at the Vermont Blooms Unlimited at 9 Anonas Rd., Proj. 3,

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beneficiaries of program. It was followed by the municipality of Naujan where there were more or 6,000 less potential beneficiaries.

4Ps is implemented by DSWD nationwide in cooperation with the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Education (DepEd).

The province of Oriental Mindoro will be benefited by the program in the next five years but it doesn't mean it's a "free gift" for the recipients or beneficiaries of the program. They signed their Oath of Commitment in order to comply with the conditions stipulated or provided in the program in exchange of cash grant they will receive.

Moreover, the following conditions are included in the recipients' oath of commitment: a) undergo pre-natal and post natal care for pregnant women with their doctors, nurses or Ouezon City.

This daylong workshop seminar covers the basic principles of floral design and arrangement, identifying and working with fresh cut flowers and foliage. Complete handson instructions will be given for roses, carnations, mums, chrysanthemums, orchids, and tropical arrangements. Participants will learn how to set-up and make centerpieces, church and hospital arrangements, elegant floral

whoever responsible for child birth, b) parents' attendance to family planning sessions, mothers' classes, and other related activities, c) regular check up and vaccination of 0-5 years old children, and e) regular attendance to school of 6-14 years old children wherein they should not spend lower than 85% of their time in school in a day.

The 4Ps aims to help the poorest of the poor in their basic needs particularly in education and health services. With this program, the government is optimistic to cut the intergenerational poverty in the entire country.

P1000k ... (Buhat saPahina 1)

sa isang daang myembro ng kanilang samahan.

Lubos na pasasalamat naman ang paaabot ni Samantuka Chairman Rodrigo Bacarra sa. aniya, ay walang sawang pagtulong ng pamunuan ni Gobernador Arnan hindi lamang sa kanilang samahan kundi maging sa iba pa nilang mga ka-barangay.

designs for entertaining, in such settings like inaugural, presidential and banquets.

Additional topics such as sourcing of materials, costing and step-by-step guidelines on how to start and maintain a business, will also be discussed, including using flowers a a great gift for Valentines day, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, traditional gatherings, and special occasions.

Materials and supplies are furnished. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Certificate of Craftsmanship will be awarded to each participant upon completion.

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9 dilag naglalaban para'Miss Calapan 2009'



CALAPAN CITY Mayor Doy Leachon, pose for a souvenir photo with British Ambassador Peter Beckingham and his wife after a conference.

Tawa-Tawa Bulaklak ng Saya

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

Writing

I wrote your name on the beach but the water washed it away; I wrote your name on the sand but the wind blew it away: I wrote your name everywhere, Hay, naku hinuli ako ng pulis.Ngayon, I am writing your name on wall... of my cell.

Tanong sa DWPH Hi! May kakilala ka ba sa DPWH? Kung meron, pwede pakitanong kung bakit and flyover av hindi naman lumilipad: and highway ay hindi naman mataas at ang skyway ay hindi naman punta o umaabot sa langit? Putol na tulay Nang makarating sa

Maynila ang isang Mangyan, takangtaka siya sa kanyang mga nakita.

Nakita niya ang flyover at overpass, bakit daw wala namang ilog ay tinutulayan.

Nakita niya ang spillway, bakit daw gumagawa ng ilog tapos hindi nilalagyan ng tulay.

At nang makita niya ang pier, bakit daw nagsimulang magtayo ng tulay sa magkbilang panig ng Calapan at Batangas pero hindi tinapos. Prayerful woman Lying in bed, naked with somebody and

screaming: "Oh, my God!" several times, does not count as praying.

- sent by Primo Fiscal.

Political hopeful Matapos ipahayag ng Comelec na pwede nang mag-file ng certificate of candidacy ngayon, isang pulitikong palaging kandidato tuwing eleksiyon pero palagi ring talunan ang agad nag-file ng

kanyang kandidatura. At buong pagmamalaking ipinahayag na sapagkat siya ang unang-unang nagharap ng kandidatura, siya rin ang unang-unang iboboto ng mga botante sa darating na halalan. Other meaning Sa lengguahe ng mga addict, ang ibig sabihin

ng bato ay shabu. Kaya si "Totoy Bato," para sa kanila ay si "Totoy Shabu." Hinugot sa tadyang Kung si Flocerfina

(Marian Rivera) ay hinugot sa tadyang ni Homer (Dindong Dantes), ano naman ang hinugot ni Dingdong kay Marian? (Sagot: Buntonghininga)

U can send in ur jokes n dis corner.

"ANGKOP sa mukha ng Bagong Calapan" – ito ang deskripsyon ni City Mayor Doy C. Leachon sa mga kandidata ng "Search for Mutya ng Lungsod ng Calapan 2009" na rumampa sa ginanap na Pictorial and Swimsuit Competition noong Marso 12 sa Filipiniana Inn and Suites, Barangay Lumangbayan, Calapan City

Siyam na dilag ang magtatagisan ng ganda at talino taunang kompetisyon na ginaganap tuwing sasapit pagdiriwang ng anibersaryo ng pagkakatatag ng Calapan bilang ganap na lungsod.

Para sa taong ito, ang mga kandidatang kalahok ay sina Janine Cajayon at Marcia Dela Roca ng Brgy. Lumangbayan, Kristie A. Ramos ng Brgy.

KAMPO... (Buhat sa Pahina 1)

Nakuha ng mga sundalo ang isang cellphone charger at hose ng tubig.

Mainit pa umano ang mga nakatiwang-wang na kanin at ulam na naratnan nila, ayon sa brigade commander na dagliang nagpadala ng reinforcement troops at helicopter sa naturang lugar.

Ayon kay Capt.De Guzman, spokesman ng 203rd Brigade, operation pinangunahan nina 2Lt Paano at 2Lt. Andaya.

PUBLISHER'S (From Page 2)

Lorybelle M. Tanyag, told Publishers View in an interview over the phone that she will file before the court in a week or two the province opposition to an illegal collection of terminal fee by the PPA. She said there was no publicized public hearing and the collection of fees was assigned to a private agency without public bidding as required by law.

When asked why the delay in filing charges against PPA, she said it is because of the delay on the part of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to authorized the provincial legal office to file the case in court. She gave the assurance that her office is ready to file an appropriate legal action against PPA once the authority from the SP is received.

She did not mention anything with regard to filing an anti-graft case against PPA for awarding the collection of the terminal fee to a private agency without conducting a public bidding. All that she mentioned is that it is an interim arrangement. The term

ng Suqui, Rhonalene B. Sanchez ng Ilaya at Kristina Celestia Layante ng Brgy. Sto.

Mula naman sa Brgy. Tibag ay si Hanna Z. Mendoza, si Nikka E. Villanueva ng Calero at Carmina B. Villamar ng Salong.

Tulad noong nakaraang muling taon. pinangungunahan ngayong taon ni First Lady Rhona Leachon, ang butihing maybahay ni Mayor Doy Leachon, ang komite ng nasabing patimpalak.

"Ang programang ito ay nagsisilbing patuloy nating pagkilala sa mahalagang papel na ginagampanan ng mga kabataan at kababaihan sa Lungsod ng Calapan." -

Balite, Cristina C. Quialquial banggit ni Mrs. Leachon sa swimsuit competition.

Dagdag pa niya, ang mga magwawagi sa pageant night na gaganapin sa ng Marso 20 sa Lemnahis Gymnasium ay magsisilbing inspirasyon at modelo ng mga kabataan upang pagbutihin ang kanilang sarili at maging kaagapay ng pamahalaan pagpapaunlad ng syudad.

Liban sa pictorial at swimsuit competition, ginanap din noong Marso 9 sa New City Hall ang screening and presentation of candidates ganun din ang press conference dinaluhan ng mga kilalang mamamahayag sa lungsod.

Sa naturang *prescon*, pinili ng mga media people ang Darling of the Press mula sa mga kandidata na igagawad sa gabi ng pageant.

Kasama rin ni Gng. Leachon sa komite ng Mutya ng Lungsod ng Calapan 2009 sina City Education Officer Marilyn E. Manigbas, Ms. Wilnor Perez, Ms. Keith Panahon, Ms. Minda Brucal, Ms. Zeny Garcia, Mr. Peter Cabailo, Kon. Joey Leynes, Mr. Ruben Zalameda, Acting City Accountant Boyet Basilan, City Arch. Elmer C. Villas, Ms. Rhodora Barojabo, Mr. Angel Ahorro, Mr. Max Closa, Ms. Sol Luna at mga staff ng City Education Department at si City Information Officer Marvie D. Mañibo.

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destruction, socio-economic dislocation and the irreparable damage to the environment, human lives, health and livelihood of farmers and fisher folks and ultimately endanger food security in the province.

"The whole province is facing a great danger since the mining exploration site encroaches on the 'Mag-asawang Tubig' watershed, the largest source of irrigation water for the 40,000 hectares of rice lands in Calapan City," Ocampo said.

Ocampo said residents of Naujan, Baco and Victoria in Oriental Mindoro, and the Alangan and Tadyawan

indigenous Mangyan communities have complained that mining activities of Intex Resource and Aglubang Mining would mean an eight million-ton mine waste annually.

"This would be environmentally unsafe since erosion and unwanted displacement of the materials as a result of typhoons will beset any tailings dam as seen in the mining disaster of Marinduque and Rapurapu in the past," Ocampo said.

The solon also noted that the Intex/Aglubang plans to construct land-base tailings dams in the municipalities of Pola, San Teodoro, Pinamalayan and Calapan

"The economic thrust of the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro is anchored on the food sustainability, eco-tourism and the development of agriculture. The entry of mining operations is detrimental to the provinces' sustainable development agenda," Ocampo said.

Ocampo also cited the World Bank in its Extractive Industry Review report, which revealed "countries relying primarily on extractive industries tended to have higher levels of poverty, conflict and corruption than countries that had more diversified economies".

interim arrangement, is beyond our comprehension.

Just a bit of family. Our daughter Raquel, former provincial information officer in Mindoro is arriving from Rome on March 19 at MIA (March 20 in Calapan) after an absence of four years.

Her two sons, Gabriel Thomas and Michael Luis, will accompany their grandfather to NAIA to meet their mother and father, Tomas Garcia. Upon arrival, they will immediately proceed to Batangas then to home sweet home in Calapan.

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