

*Dahil sa dami ng ani*

# Mindoreños di magugutom

Kami rin!



Ni Jerry Alcayde



**CATICLAN JETTYPORT.** Dumami ang mga tao at sasakyang gumagamit sa jettyport ng Caticlan sa bayan ng Malay, Aklan mula nang buksan ang Strong Republic Nautical Highway noong 2003 na nag-uugnay sa mainland Luzon at mga island provinces sa Visaya. Sa puerto ring ito pumapasok ang mga tao at turista bago makarating sa sikat na Boracay Island Resort na ilang minuto lamang ang layo kapag sumakay ng bangka.

Larawang kuha ni Jerry Alcayde

SINIGURADO ng manager ng National Food Authority (NFA) ng lalawigan ito na hindi magugutom ang mga taga-Mindoro sakaling magkaroon ng krisis sa bigas bunga ng pinangangambahang resesyon sa bansa.

Ayon kay Jaime Hadlocon, NFA provincial manager, umabot sa 431,000 kaban ng bigas ang reserba nila sa kanilang mga bodega sa iba't ibang bayan bukod pa sa libu-libong kaban na nakaimbak sa mga bodega ng mga

accredited commercial ricemillers.

Ibinida ni Hadlocon na nalampasan na nila ang kanilang target na 350,000 kaban ng bigas ngayong taon at itinuring niyang pinakamataas ito sa rekord ng NFA sa Region 4-B Mimaropa region (Mindoro Marinduque Romblon Palawan).

Sinabi ng NFA manager na isa sa mga pamamaaraan kung bakit mataas ang bilang ng supply ng bigas ay ang incentive fee na ibinibigay sa lahat ng mga

(Sundan sa Pahina 3)

## Or. Mindoro nagsisikap din maging fruit producer

BUKOD sa pagiging rice producer, pinagtutuunan din ng Oriental Mindoro ang fruit production.

Ito ang binigyang diin ni Gobernador Arnan C. Panaligan nang siya'y maging panauhing pandangal sa general membership meeting ng Oriental Mindoro Mango Growers Association, Inc. sa Brgy. Bulaklakan, bayan ng Gloria, kamakailan.

Ayon kay Sonny Moncada, pangulo ng asosasyon, lubos silang nagpapasalamat sa mga naitulong na ng gobernador sa kanilang samahan.

Aniya, nawa'y magpatuloy pa ang suporta ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan sa kanila sapagkat nasa panimulang yugto pa lamang sila ng pagsasaayos ng kanilang grupo. Dalawang taon pa lang na naitatag ang samahan.

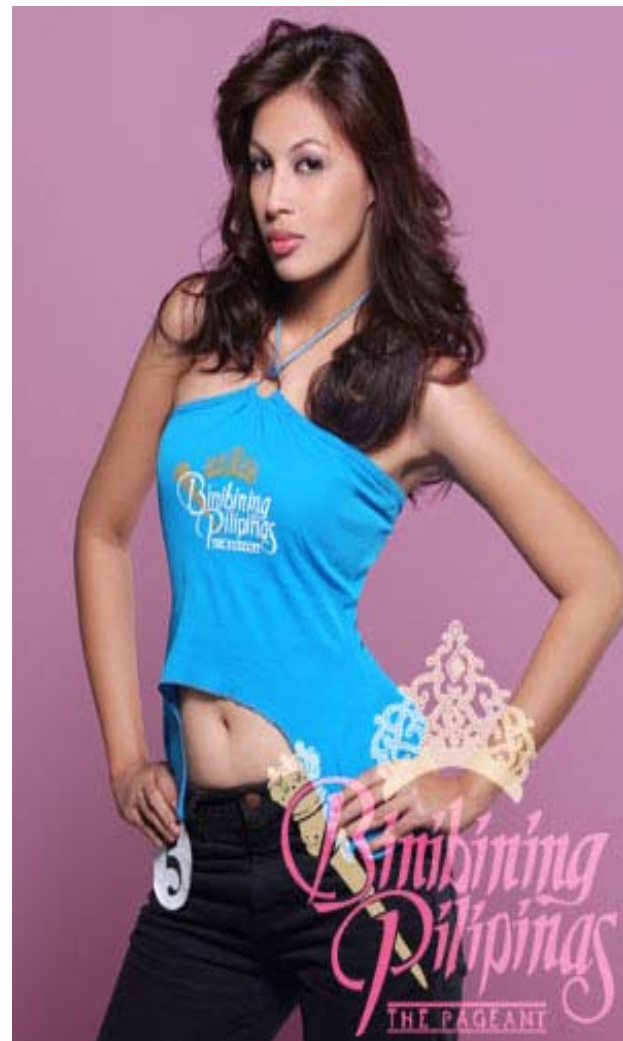
(Sundan sa Pahina 2)

## 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.



Diane B. Arevalo

## Calapeña vies for ‘Bb. Pilipinas’ title

by Don Stepherson V. Calda

OUR very own marked a new history in DWCC and the province of Oriental Mindoro as she was chosen one of the 24 finalists vying for the most coveted title of Bb. Pilipinas 2009 this coming March 7, 2009 at the Araneta Coliseum.

Diane, DWCC's beauty queen, was the 3<sup>rd</sup> runner in Ms. DWCC 2006 and former Ms. Oriental Mindoro 2007.

She is currently taking up BSC-Economics in Divine Word College of Calapan. With her beauty, wits and overall personality, Diana stood out from over 180 aspiring ladies during the Bb. Pilipinas 2009 screening process.

In preparation for the upcoming coronation night, her photos along with the 23 other candidates' were exhibited last February

22-27 at Gateway Mall, Araneta Center.

Bb. Pilipinas Charities, Incorporated (BPCI) is the longest-running and most prestigious beauty pageant that chooses deserving Filipinas to be carriers of humanitarian causes and goodwill.

It is also a non-stock, non-profit organization that envisions fund-raising activity for projects that would benefit orphans, indigent families and less fortunate members of Philippine society.

With much pride, Mindoreños and DWCC students strongly believe Diana will bag the title. The DWCC family greatly supports Diane in her endeavor and is rooting as well for her success.

(With Joan Catherina A. Perez)

# JAM, ayusin n'yo naman

(Basahin sa Sige!, Pahina 2)

“BAKIT mo siya mahal?” Ito ang karaniwang tanong sa mga interviews ng pari bago ikasal ang magkasintahan. Ngiti at bulol na sagot ang karaniwang tugon. Mahirap daw ipaliwanag. Basta natagpuan na lamang nila ang isa’t-isang nagmamahalan.

Matapos mapadaan at manalangin sa isang kapilya, tanong ko sa isang kaibigan, “ano ang iyong panalangin?” “Wala,” tugon niya, “sapat na sa aking lasapin ang kakaibang damdamin tuwing ako ay nasa loob ng isang banal na lugar kagaya ng kapilya”.

Ano ang napapala mo sa ganoong gawain na di ka naman kumikita ng malaki, tugon ng isang Mangyan

## May kulay ang buhay pag may pag-ibig

Mission Worker na halos buong buhay niya ay iginugol na sa paglilingkod sa mga katutubo, “kaligayahang di ko maipaliwanag, Father.”

Isa sa mga kasiyahan ng umibig ay ang katotohanang ito ay walang kapalihan. Kapag nabulol ang isang tao sa katanungan bakit ka umiibig, nakatitiyak kang tutoo ang kanyang pagmamahal. Mas maraming salita... mas kaduda-duda.

Alam ba ninyong sa tuwing tayo ay umibig, may nangyayaring pagbabago sa ating sarili? Sabi nga ng isang binata, “Magmula nang makilala ko siya at ibigin, umiba ang takbo ng aking buhay. Naging mas makulay, inspirado at punong-puno ng



Ni Fr. Bar Fabella, SVD

## Sa Maikling Salita

sigasig sa lahat ng aking gawain”. Sabi ng naman ng isa, “Magmula nang makilala ko ang Diyos, naging mas malinaw sa akin ang direksyon ng aking buhay.” Ang ng isa naman, “Magmula nang makita ko ang kahalagahan ng pagmamahal sa buhay ng tao, naging kasiya-siya ang

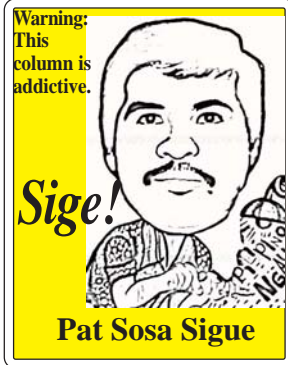
paglilingkod ko sa kapwa, lalo na sa mga mahihirap.”

Kung ang kakaibang damdaming dulot ng pag-ibig kagaya ng nakalahad ay nagbunsod upang magkaroon ng panibagong inspirasyon at sigla, paano na lamang kaya kung ang karanasan ay kagaya ng kina Pedro, Santiago at Juan nang

makita nila mismo si Hesus sa isang bundok sa kanyang pagbabagong-ano? Di man nila maipaliwanag ang buong pangyayari, ito ang nagbigay sa kanila ng isang di pangkaraniwang sigla upang ipagpatuloy nila ang pagsunod kay Hesus at ialay ang buhay sa kanyang misyon hanggang kamatayan. Sila mismo ay nakaranas ng isa ring uri ng pagbabagong-ano sa sarili.

Nawawalan na ba ng kahulugan ang iyong buhay? Damhin mo ang pag-ibig ng Diyos, magmahal ka sa kapwa... mag-babagong anyo ka at tiyak na muling magkakakulay ang iyong buhay.

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## JAM, ayusin 'nyo naman

TALAMAK na naman ang tupada sa mga barangay sa Or. Mindoro. Ito'y dahilan sa darating na eleksiyon (kung mayroon) sa 2010.

Ang pagkonsente ng mga pinunong lokal sa tupada ay isang paraan ng panunuyo sa mga barangay captain. At pangilingilak na rin ng pondo.

Ewan kung kakayanin ng Kapulisan ang init at pressure nito ngayong ang pamunuang pangrehiyon ng Mimaropa PNP ay inilipat na sa Calapan City.

Magandang Araw, General Palmera, sir!

Konektado raw ang JAM Transit (bus) sa Supercat.

“Basta dumating ang Supercat, puno man o hindi ay aalis agad ito patungong Metro Manila,” ang kanilang pang-akit. Kaya naman tinatangkilik ito ng mga pasaherong Supercat.

Bago sumakay o habang sakay ng barko ay kumukuha na sila ng ticket ng JAM puntang LRT-Buendia o Cubao.

Ngayon sa mismong ticketing booth na ng Supercat makakakuha ng ticket ng JAM. At ang maganda rito, may “Seat Number” na rin katulad ng sa Supercat. Kaya hindi ka man magmadali sa pagbaba, lalo kung may edad ka na o kapansanan, nakatitiyak ka sa upuan sa bus.

Pero ang masakit, hindi ito nasusunod katulad ng sa Supercat.

Pagdating mo sa paradahan, hindi sinasabi kung saan sa dalawang bus na nakaparada dapat sumakay ang mga may ticket.

Nakaupo na rin sa iyong upuan ang mga pasaherong galing lang ng Batangas at iyong malalapit lang ang patutunguhang katulad ng sa Turbina at Alabang.

At ikaw na may ticket na dapat prioridad at may reserbadong upuan ang siyang pinalilipat at nagmumukhang tanga.

Sa management ng JAM, ayusin 'nyo naman.

## Congressional candidates

MILITANTS and opposition groups were reported to be desirous in kicking out President Gloria Macapagal in Malacañang now rather than allow her to walk out of the Palace in 2010. This is all political

noise.

One thing is sure – they can never succeed unless they are united. And we take note that because of political interest, there is no way that they can unite and succeed.

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House Speaker Prospero

Nogralas is one of the big investors of the Legacy Group, a rouge bank associated with notorious characters headed by Mayor Celso de los Angeles .

His investment is P20 Million, according to De los Angeles . This is a big investment in a single company. We wonder if this big amount is listed in the Statement of Asset and Network.

This need to be checked or investigated. Nogralas is influential and a big fish. We always do this to government officials of lesser stature. We don't have any reason not to do

the same to Nogralas.

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Introducing businessman Anthony Yap, Customs Commissioner Rey Umali, Securities and Exchange Commissioner Tady Venturanza, former student leader/lawyer Benrome Abao and former TV reporter Margauz Salcedo.

One of them will be the next congressman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> district of Oriental Mindoro.

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Feb. 24, 2009 is the Death Anniversary of our beloved son, Ray, but popularly known as “Choy” in the Traffic Control Center (TCC) where he is planning engineer.



## Publisher's View

By Mario S. Romero

He died at age 45, at the prime of his life. But his family – parents, brothers, sister and in laws are happy with the thought that Ray is at least safe at his home in heaven, in the Kingdom of God.

Ray, we love you.

## ‘Ang Bagong Calapan,’ sa ika-11 anibersaryo ng siyudad

“ANG Bagong Calapan” – Isa lamang ito sa mga aktibidades na ilulunsad ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Calapan sa pangunguna ni City Mayor Doy C. Leachon sa pagdiriwang ng 11th Founding Anniversary ng Calapan City ngayong buwan ng Marso.

Nagsimula na ang mga aktibidad para sa nasabing pagdiriwang sa pangunguna ni

### OR MINDORO.... (Buhat sa Pahina 1)

Sinabi ng gobernador na hindi na natin kailangang sumubok ng iba pang produkto na tuturuan pa natin ang magsasaka ng panibagong pamamaraan. Mula syudad ng Calapan hangang Bulalacao, aniya, ay maraming taniman ng mangga kaya kabilang na rin ito sa mga produktong inaani ng ating mga magsasaka.

Sa naturang pulong,

Executive Committee chairman at City Mayor Doy C. Leachon.

Una rito ang paglulunsad ng programang “Ang Bagong Calapan” bilang hudyat sa mangyayaring malaking pagbabago sa lungsod bilang isang premyadong *tourist destination* sa bansa.

Sa ilalim nito, ilulunsad ang Calapan Recreational and Zoological Park at ng 17

ipinaabot ng samahan sa gobernador ang kanilang mungkahi hinggil sa pagtatayo ng mango nursery sa lalawigan na anila'y higit pang makatutulong sa pagpapataas ng produksyon.

Hindi lamang isa kundi dalawang nursery ang tinugunan ng gobernador para sa una at ikalawang distrito. Bukod dito, ipagkakaloob din ang dalawang unit ng power sprayer na kahilingan ng asosasyon.

*Historical Sites Landmark.* Magkakaroon din ng *Water Sports Fest* sa Caluagan Lake, idedeklara ang Kalapfest bilang opisyal na *festival* ng Calapan at bibigyan na din ng pormal na pagkakakilanlan ang syudad bilang *The Discipline City*.

Bukod sa paglulunsad ng “Ang Bagong Calapan,” marami pang nakalinyang aktibidades para sa selebrasyon:

Kinilala ng gobernador ang pagsusumikap ng grupo na mapaunlad ang nabanggit na sub-sector ng agrikultura at aniya'y buo ang suporta sa kanila ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan.

Dumalo rin dito sina Bulaklakan Brgy. Capt. Eleuterio Roldan, Dr. Ernesto Manalo, vice-president ng 2<sup>nd</sup> District at Provincial Agriculturist Rodolfo Valdez, vice-president ng 1<sup>st</sup> District.

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MINDORO...  
(Buhat sa Pahina 1)



**Hadlocon**

kooperatiba ng mga magsasaka. Dati-rati, aniya, nagbibigay sila ng halagang P1,800 para pambili ng abono subalit ito ay pinalitan na nila upang mapakinabangan ng higit na nakararaming benepisyaryo lalo na ang mga miyembro ng kooperatiba.

Hindi na rin umano siya nagpapapasok ng imported rice sa Mindoro upang pangalagaan ang negosyo ng mga magsasaka at may-ari ng mga gilingan.

Sa kasalukuyan ay nagtitinda pa rin sila ng highly subsidized rice na nagkakahalaga ng P18.25 per kilo lalo na sa mga liblib na lugar na pinangangasiwaan ng Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Sa rekord ng Department of Agriculture, ang Oriental Mindoro ay isa sa mga lalawigan na itinuturing na rice granary ng South Luzon dahil sa malawak at magandang lupain nito na angkop din sa pagtatanim ng mga gulay at iba pang pagkaing halaman.

# Processing plant by-product Mindoro Nickel to become major RP fertilizer producer

NICKEL processing plant by-products Intex Resources Phils., Inc. last week disclosed that the design of the processing plant for the Mindoro Nickel Project has been reconfigured that would allow it to produce fertilizer as a by-product and possibly help meet the Philippines' fertilizer requirements.

"The Project has been reconfigured to become not only the Philippines' largest and most modern nickel plant with a target production of 40,000 tons per annum of nickel metal but also its largest fertilizer plant with a production of as much as 200,000 tons a year of ammonium sulphate – a commonly used fertilizer.

In a real sense then, the Mindoro Nickel can substantially support Philippine agriculture by providing a reliable and local source for its most commonly used fertilizer," according to Atty. Leo Cleto Gamolo, president of Intex Resources Phils, Inc.

Even as the ammonium

sulphate fertilizer by-product can be a boon to Philippine agriculture, it can pave the way for significant foreign exchange savings in terms of fertilizer that will no longer have to be imported.

Based on latest data available from the National Statistics Office, the Philippines imported some US\$524.02 million worth of fertilizers for the period January-November 2008. Of this total, US\$182.1 million represented importations of urea fertilizer while the balance of US\$341.92 million were for non-urea fertilizers, which is the grouping that ammonium sulphates are categorized.

"As we move the project forward, we are beginning to realize unexpected but certainly most welcome developments. In addition to ammonium sulphate, the reconfigured Mindoro Nickel Project will be able to produce another by-product – cobalt compounds in the form of sulphates, carbonates, hydroxides and oxides," Gamolo said.

Among others, a consumer

application of cobalt compounds is their use in the production of rechargeable batteries for cellular phones – a consumer product that has been growing by leaps and bounds not only worldwide but particularly in the Philippines where about half the population has a cellphone.

In the field of agriculture, cobalt compounds can also be blended with fertilizer or can be used as a dietary supplement for livestock.

"Even better is the fact that we will be mostly utilizing carbon-free energy in producing nickel and by-products such as fertilizer and cobalt compounds. The high-pressure acid leach (HPAL) technology for our nickel processing plant is such that we will 2 be generating our own power in a most environmentally-friendly manner.

We will not be using fossil fuels nor will we be emitting carbon dioxide greenhouse gases," he pointed out. Gamolo said that the plant will not be dependent on

Mindoro's power grid for its requirements. "In fact, there is the possibility that we will be generating more power than we actually would need.

The excess can be passed on Mindoro's power grid," he added. Mindoro Nickel is the flagship project of Intex Resources ASA of Norway, a dynamic emerging mining company focused on non-precious and mineral projects.

The Norwegian company is in the Philippines through its subsidiary Intex Resources Phils., Inc. Initial estimates of the capital cost for the project is estimated at around US\$2 billion. Intex's Philippine partners in the Mindoro Nickel Project are Aglubang Mining Corporation and Alag-ag Mining, Inc.

The nickel project is located in the island of Mindoro, straddling the mountain ranges of both Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro. A full feasibility study of the Mindoro Nickel Project is currently underway

with Aker Solutions of Australia and is expected to be completed in December 2009.

Earlier, a positive pre-feasibility study undertaken in 2007 indicated that the project has robust economics. Mindoro Nickel promises to be one of the world's major discoveries of nickel.

The project has become possible after the discovery of a large nickel deposit in Mindoro – estimated to hold over 200 million tonnes of nickel laterites.

The project is expected to bring a new and unexpected opportunity for economic and industrial development in Mindoro.

At present, Mindoro's economy is based on traditional farming and fishing, both of which are highly vulnerable to seasonal typhoons and floods which regularly cause massive destruction to crops and infrastructure.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**From the City Youth and Sports Development Department:**

THERE will be an Inter-Office (Men and Women) Volleyball Tournament open to different offices/agencies in Calapan.

*Eligibility of Players:* 1. must be a **permanent** (full-time) employee of the office he/she represents 2. no age limit

*Deadline for Submission of Line-up:* March 2, 2009

*Date of Opening:* March 11, 2009

**From the City PESO:**

A **Job Fair** catering for local and overseas employment will be conducted on March 12, 2009, 8:00AM – 4:00PM at the City Hall, Brgy. Guinobatan.

Interested applicants are advised to bring along copies of their bio-data/resumes, ID photos, and other documents as may be necessary in your application.

The Inter-Office Volleyball Tournament and the Job Fair are activities being

implemented in line with the celebration of the 11<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary of the City of Calapan. For inquiries and additional information, please visit the CYSDD and the City PESO at the City Hall in Brgy. Guinobatan or contact them at telefax number 288-2232.

**City Environment and Natural Resources Department Advisory**

NAIS po naming ipabatid sa inyo na ang pabag-bago ng ating klima ay dulot ng pagdami ng **greenhouse gases** sa ating himpapawid. Bunga ito ng ating araw araw na paggamit ng enerhiya tulad ng kuryente, makina at iba pa.

Dahil dito, sa Marso 28, araw ng Biyernes, ganap na 8:30 ng gabi, makikiisa ang Lungsod ng Calapan sa pagdiriwang ng **"Earth Hour."**

Sa oras na ito, isang bilyong mamamayan mula sa 1,000 siyudad sa buong mundo ang sabay-sabay na magpapatay ng ilaw sa kanilang mga tahanan, opisina at negosyo.

Inaanyayahan naming ang lahat ng may-ari ng tahanan, tindahan, negosyo at lahat ng establisyemento na gumagamit ng de-kuryenteng ilaw na simula 8:30 hanggang 9:30 ng gabi sa Marso 28 ay magpatay ng ilaw upang iparating sa mga kinaaukulan ang ating masidhing pagsuporta sa programang ito.

Kasabay na rin nito ang ating panawagan upang kahit paano ay mabawasan ang **greenhouse gas emission** na nakakasira sa **ozone layer** at siyang dahilan ng pagbabago-bago ng klima ng ating mundo.

Sa isang oras nating pakikiisa, malaki ang maibabahagi nito upang kahit paano ay maibsan ang lubhang nakakatakot sa pagkasira ng ozone layer na sa takdang araw ay maaaring magdulot sa ating lahat ng iba't ibang uri ng panganib.

Inaasahan po ang inyong aktibong pakikiisa sa gawaing ito alang-alang sa ating Inang Kalikasan at sa darating pang henerasyon.

Maraming Salamat Po.

**SAGOT SA SUDOKU**

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**MESSAGE OF THANKS**

*We, the family of the late*

**MARIETTA MEDINA-TOLENTINO**

*Who passed away in the Grace of*

*our Lord on February 27, 2009*

*wish to express our heartfelt gratitude*

*and appreciation to those who offered*

*masses and prayers, sent flowers and*

*message of sympathy and who in countless*

*ways, condoled with and comforted us*

*in our hour of bereavement.*

**Husband - Atty. Herminio V. Tolentino  
Children - Nelson and Lucy Norman and  
Rhodora Noel and Nimfa - Hermarie and Jun**



**BAREFOOT EXECS.** President Arryo, Vice-President Noli de Castro and members of the cabinet, walk barefoot on the beach of Boracay. The President made a call to visit the country's tourist spots to boost tourism this summer months.

## Tawa-Tawa Bulaklak ng Saya

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

### Bagong Estudyante

IT was the first day of school and a new student named Juan, the son of a Filipino immigrant, entered the sixth grade.

The teacher said, "Let's begin by reviewing some American history. Who said "Give me Liberty, or give me Death?"

She saw a sea of blank faces, except for Juan, who had his hand up. "Patrick Henry, 1775."

"Very good! Who said 'Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth?'"

Again, no response except from Tomas:

"Abraham Lincoln, 1863," said Juan.

The teacher snapped at the class, "Class, you should be ashamed.

Juan, who is new to our country, knows more about its history than you do."

She heard a loud whisper: "Screw the Filipinos."

"Who said that?" she demanded. Juan put his hand up.

"John Pershing, 1836."

At that point, a student in the back said, "I'm gonna puke."

The teacher glares and asks "All right! Now, who said that?"

Again, Juan says, "George Bush to the Japanese Prime Minister, 1991."

Now furious, another student yells, "Oh yeah? Suck this!"

Juan jumps out of his chair waving his hand and shouts to the teacher, "Bill Clinton, to Monica Lewinsky, 1997!"

Now with almost mob hysteria someone said, "You little shit. If you say anything else, I'll kill you."

Juan frantically yells at the top of his voice, "Gary Condit to Chandra Levy 2001." The teacher fainted.

And as the class gathered around the teacher on the floor, someone said, "Oh shit, we're in BIG trouble!"

Juan said, "Saddam Hussein, 2003."

One quipped, "We are on the wrong side of history!"

Juan readily answered, "First African-American president Barack Obama, 2009."

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

# Team Calapan, namayagpag sa Romblon Mimaropa Meet

ISANG maliit ngunit malakas na delgasyon ang ipinadala ng Lungsod ng Calapan sa 2009 Mimaroparaa Athletic Meet sa Odiongan, Romblon noong Pebrero 22-26.

Nag-uwi ito ng maraming medalya at dahil sa magandang performance, maraming player buhat dito ang pipiliin para sa darating na Southern Tagalog Regional Athletic Association (STRAA) upang kumatawan sa lalawigan ng Mindoro, ayon sa mga organizer.

May 187 manlalaro at 86 na mga opisyal sa pangunguna ni City Administrator Antonio Perez Jr., na kumatawan kay City Mayor Doy Leachon at City Schools Division Superintendent Veneranda

Atienza, ang ipinadala ng lunsod

Kasama rin ng delagasyon si City Youth and Sports Development Officer Marvin Panahon, Rural Health Physician Dr. Ronald Jeffery Gines at iba pang mga *technical and support crew* mula sa Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Calapan at DepEd Calapan City Division.

Tumulak ang delgasyon patungong Romblon noong Pebrero 19. Sa San Andres Central School sa bayan ng San Andres, Romblon nahimpil ang delgasyon.

Nagsimula ang paligsahan sa pamamagitan ng isang magarbang parada sa kabayanan ng Odiongan na nagtapos sa Romblon National High School Oval.

## Thai rider rules Puerto Princesa Asian Motocross

THAI ace rider Thanarat Penjan unveiled a ferocious show of force, pulling a big sweep to capture the crown in the 2009 Motocross Masters of Asia - Puerto Princesa International Motocross Grand Prix at the challenging Sta. Monica International Racetrack in Puerto Princesa City.

Living up to his tag, the 19-year-old Penjan was simply unstoppable aboard his Yamaha JAW Thai DID team bike as he controlled the tempo coast-to-coast to claim the coveted silver Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn Cup in this event sanctioned by National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (NAMSSA).

His feat brought the championship belt back to Thailand after Arnon Theplib won the crown two years back the said event which is part of the festivities for Puerto Princesa's 137th Foundation anniversary and the 5th Balayong Festival celebrated on March 4.

Even at the start, Thanarat showed he came for nothing but the crown as he topped the qualifying time trials with a time of 1:21.67. And as soon as the green flag was hoisted, the Thai rider quickly pulled away fast from the rest of the 24-man pack to the delight of the 30,000 Puerto Princesa spectators.

First turn had a massive pile up with eight riders going down which included Aep Dadang Indonesian Champ and Iran National Champion Mojtaba.

That set the stage for Thanarat's dominance, winner of the Asian Supercross Championships in Jember Stadium, Indonesia last November 2008, as he gained distance after every lap to secure an unblemished lead at the halfway mark over veteran Japanese champion Shinichi Kaga, whom gave freestyle exhibition in the opening ceremonies and the Asian Motorcycle Sports Academy

Coach and reigning titlist Erdenbileg Khaliunbold.

Kaga, parading his Suzuki, checked in second while Khaliunbold took third place honors with his Kawasaki.

Another Thai Honda entry Kriangkrai Thiannok made it fourth while Iran's Amirreza Sabetfar ended fifth.

RP's top bet Kenneth San Andres gave a good fight as he was consistently second in the first few laps of the race but the foreign challenge proved tough as he slipped down to sixth overall.

Completing the top 10 finishers were Indonesia's Yusuf Irawan and three Filipinos - Ted Conde, former 11-time champion Jolet Jao and young Cebuano ace Jon Eleazar Adlawan.

But the Philippines dominated International 12-14 year- old Juniors 85cc class via a 1-2-3 finish behind champion Jean Erick Mitra, Renato Mangosong and Patrick North Orbe, beating highly-favored Iranian young ace Hamedrel Adlelgo.

The said event will be beamed to over 600 million viewers worldwide through the ESPN and Star TV in two weeks time that they will be here to cover the largest ongoing motorsports event in Philippine history now on it's 5th year.

Humigit kumulang sa 4,000 mga delegado ang lumahok sa taunang *athletic competition* ng rehiyon. Sinalubong ang mga delegado nina Romblon Governor Natalio Beltran III, Rep. Eleandro Madrona at Odiongan Mayor Baltazar Firmalo.

Si DepEd Secretary Jesli Lapuz ang naging panauhing pangdangal sa nasabing *sports meet*.

Sa lahat ng delgasyon, ang Lungsod ng Calapan ang may pinakamaliit na delgasyon pero kinilalang *powerhouse* sa *taekwondo*, *swimming* at *chess*.

Naglaan ng humigit kumulang Php. 1.5 milyon ang administrasyon ni Mayor Leachon para sa uniporme at iba pang mga pangangailangan ng mga manlalarong Calapeño mula sa sekondarya at elementarya.

Narito ang mga nakuha nilang medalya:

### Basketball

3<sup>rd</sup> placer

### Soccer

3<sup>rd</sup> placer

### Chess Team

### Elementary –boys

Champion:

Nezel Arj Merilles ( Calapan Central School )

John Luigi Umali (Divine Word College of Calapan)

### Elementary –girls

Champion:

Cylliz Kaessa Merilles ( Calapan Central School )

3<sup>rd</sup> placer:

Shayxanthe Lois Guico ( M. Condez Learning Center )

### Secondary level – boys

Champion:

Zejih Angelo M. Merilles (Canubing National High School )

Alexis Ortiz (Lemnahis)

### Champion Team Category:

Zejih Angelo M. Merilles (Canubing National High School )

Alexis Ortiz (Lemnahis)

### Secondary level – girls

Champion:

Ivy Raquel Casao ( Lemnahis )

3<sup>rd</sup> placer:

Reichelyn Villan (Divine Word College of Calapan)

### Athletics Team

Champion: (800 meter run, 500 meter run and 5,000 meter run)

Marvin Guarte (Lemnahis)

2<sup>nd</sup> placer: (Long Jump-boys)

Michael Domingo

2<sup>nd</sup> placer: (200 meter run boys)

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