

PREPARING FOR EARTHQUAKE

SCIENCE WEEK. Provincial science fair at the Christ the King College in San Fernando, La Union. The fair featured seminars and lectures on geologic disasters. Mr. Louie Dabao, a seismologist was among those invited to talk about earthquake.

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PROVINCIAL SCIENCE FAIR
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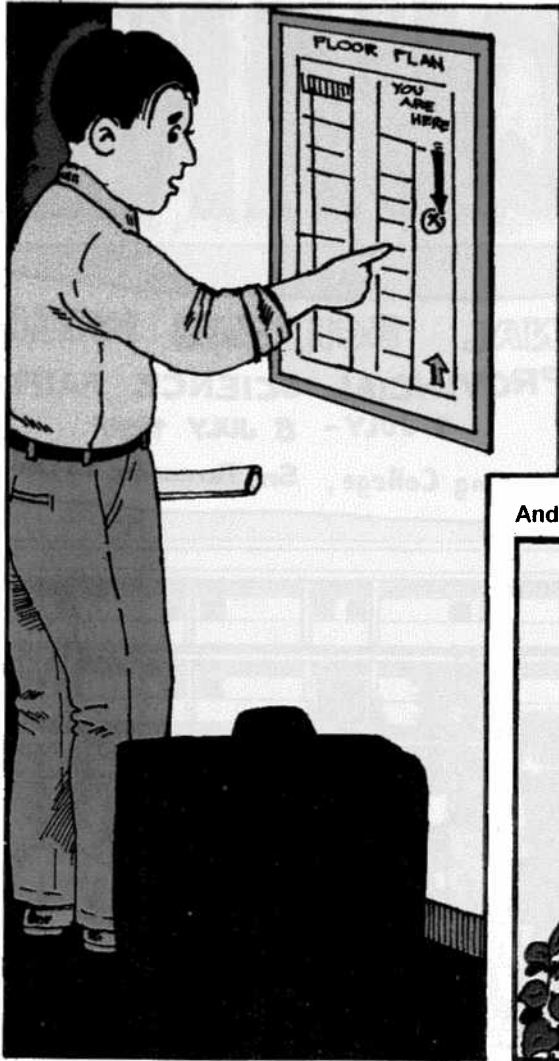
Christ the King College, Sn. Fernando, La Uni



Delegates from various elementary schools in the province were present. Pepito and Nardo, Grade V students, attended as representatives of their school.



Mr. Dabao's move was by habit as he entered the school. He checked the floor plan.



He inspected the fire extinguishers.

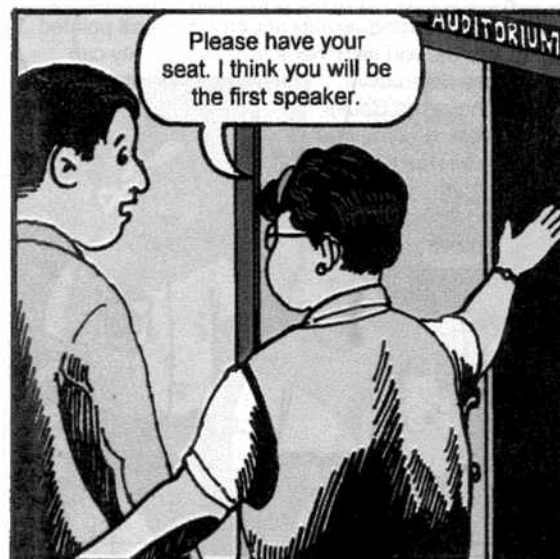
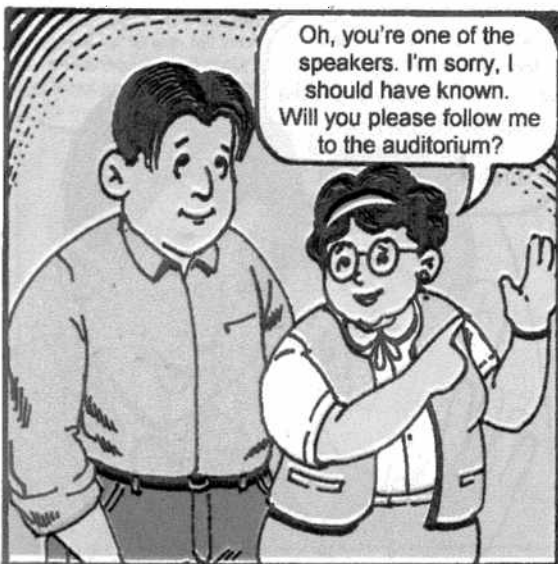
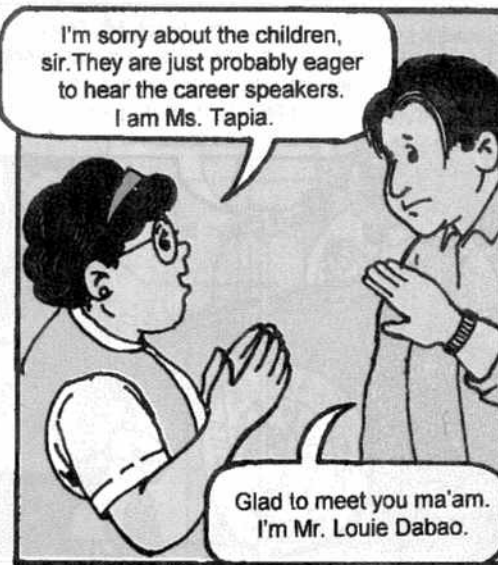
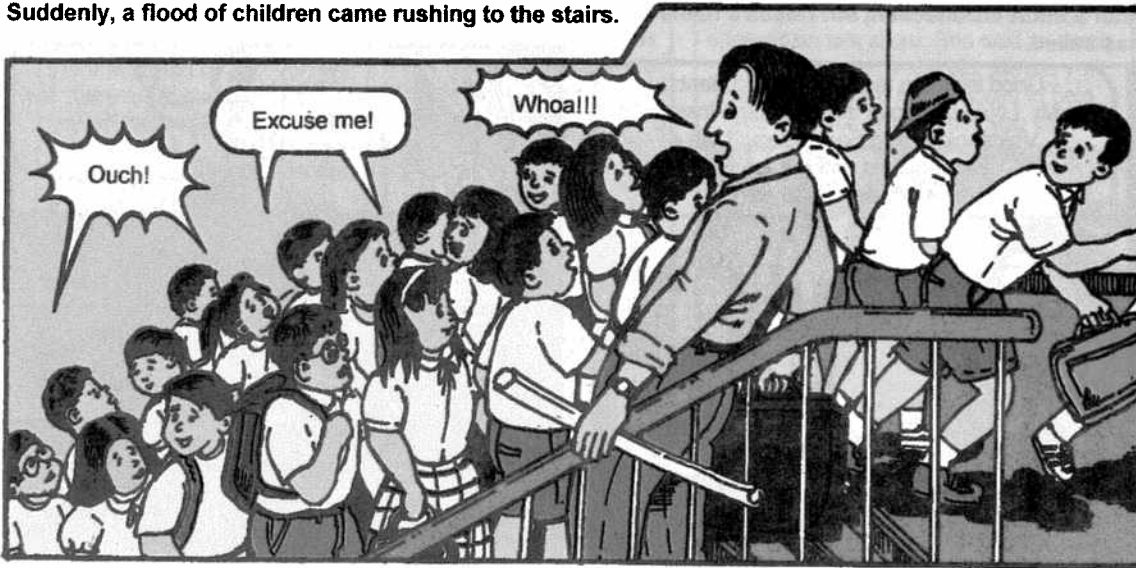


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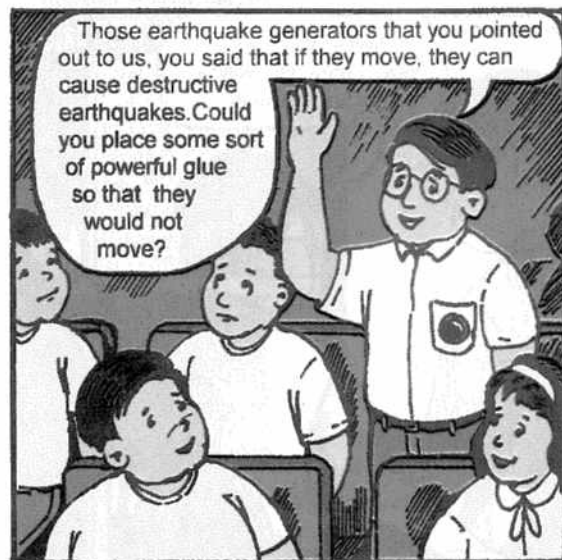
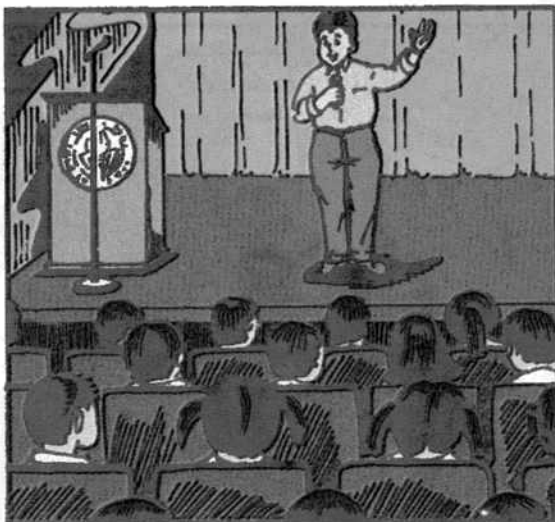
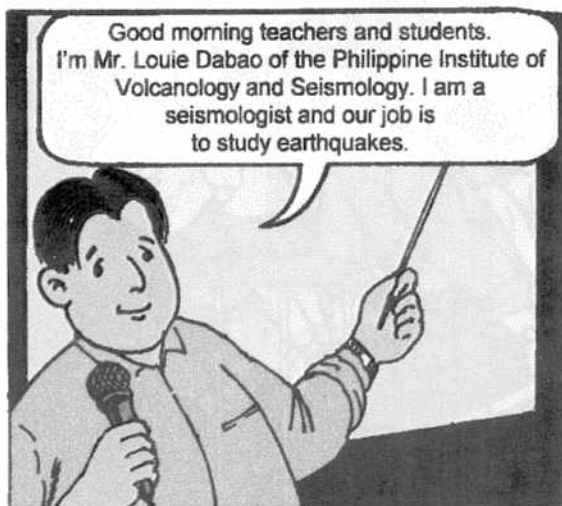
An alarm rang. He went upstairs where the auditorium is.

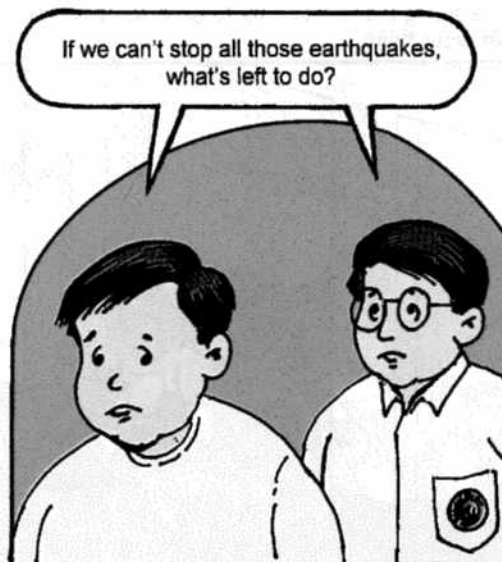
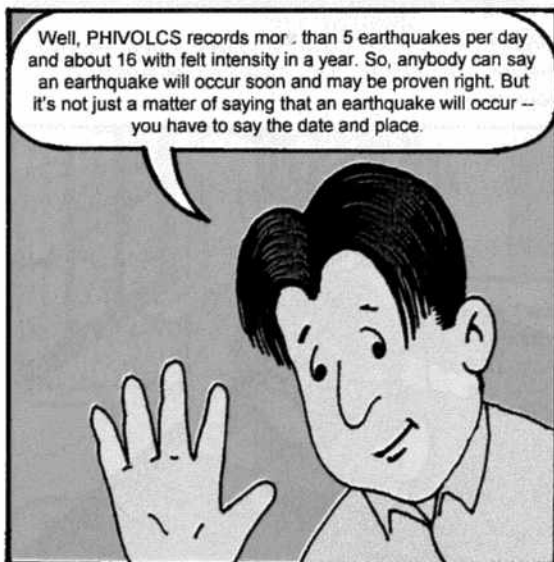
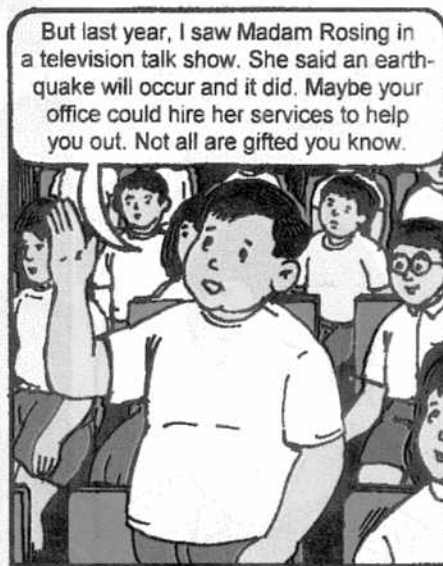
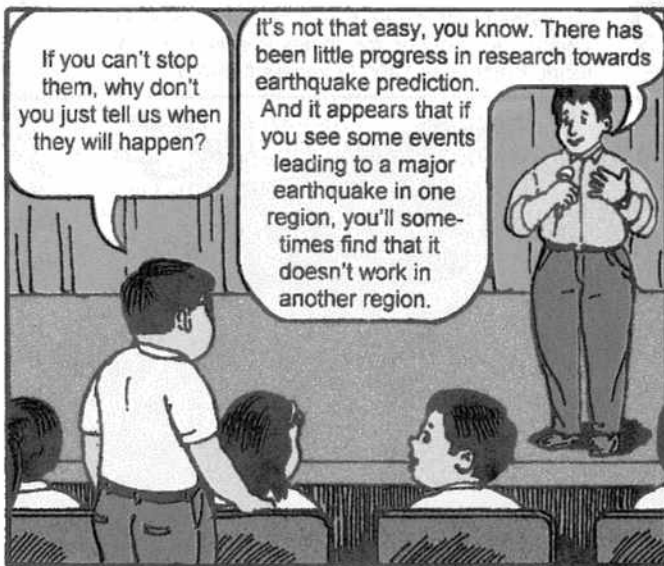
Suddenly, a flood of children came rushing to the stairs.



After a short introduction, Mr. Dabao's name was called.

His talk took thirty minutes.





Well, we are relatively safe with very small earthquakes because they rarely do much damage.



"It's those big ones we have to be very careful with. We have to be prepared for things like the ones that occurred during the 16 July 1990 Luzon earthquake."

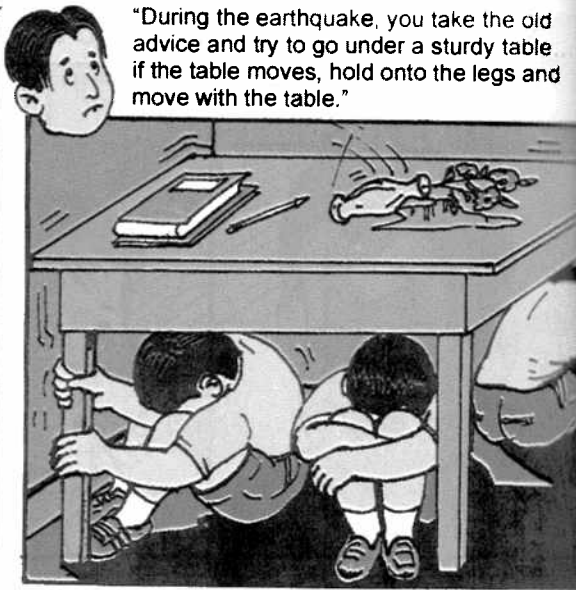


So, sir, do we need to build an earthquake shelter in the basement?

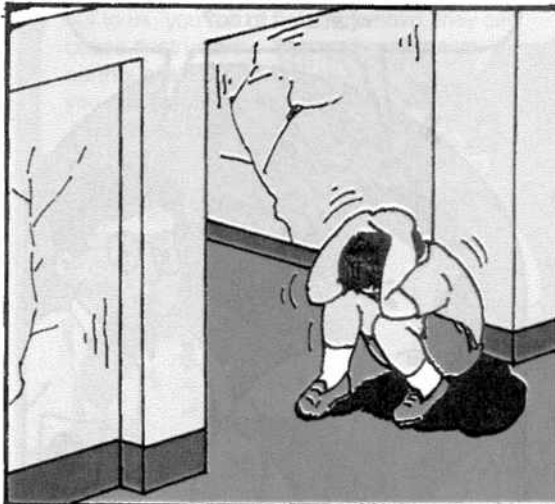


Oh, no, you don't need that... all you need to do is to prepare.

"During the earthquake, you take the old advice and try to go under a sturdy table if the table moves, hold onto the legs and move with the table."



"But tables are not always there to protect you. So if you're along the corridor, try to go under posts and cover your head."



"Don't try to go near glass windows or near heavy shelves. Remember, most fatal injuries are head wounds."

