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EDITOR'S NOTE



The violent incidents that occur time after time in Calbayog City show that there are people operating in the area who are willingly disposed to do harmful acts in order to attain their objectives.

The employment of foul means like causing the death of a person in the pursuit of their end which is most probably either financial gain or political power as these are the objects of desire that commonly breed violence in this country, is not only creating an image of Calbayog that terrifies Calbayognons now living elsewhere but also calls into question the capability of the current administration to solve the problem.

Perhaps that is actually what the perpetrator or perpetrators of the "killings" want to happen- to picture Calbayog officials as impotents, leaders that are unable to take effective action against crime.

The contention that the administration itself is the one behind the violent crimes is implausible in the light of the Calbayog City officials' religious persuasion and their conspicuous efforts to bring in more investors from other places in line with the city's aspiration to become the entire island's central hub.

The current crop of leaders in Calbayog know that it would be difficult to entice investors to come in while the crime rate is up.

No sane person will build a house and at the same time destroy its foundation while the construction is in progress. The possibility of an outsider-programmed killings should be looked into seriously.

The Editor-in-Chief

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Roxas Backs Samar Island Region Plan

Liberal Party presidential aspirant Manuel A. Roxas II vowed to work on the materialization of the desire of Samarenios to separate from Leyte through the creation of a Samar Island Region.

Roxas made the statement during the press conference at the Ciriaco Hotel in Calbayog City shortly



after the Liberal Party assemblage at the Calbayog City Sports Center which was attended by President Benigno S. Aquino III, presidential sister and TV personality Kris Aquino, and DILG Secretary Mel Senen S. Sarmiento.

Roxas explained that the creation of a Samar Island Region like what was done in Negros island will make it much easier for the inhabitants of Samar to partake of the social services being extended by government to citizens of the republic.

He said that it will be one of the most important administrative actions his government will carry out in response to the needs of people in the island which is still categorized as one of the poorest in the archipelago. He also pledged to open more roads in the island as these are the instruments of development.

Civilians Join Police Clampdown Versus Criminals

CALBAYOG CITY- The collaboration with the Police of nearly a hundred civilians in the fight against crime in Calbayog City is the shot in the arm that the anti-crime strategy called Oplan-Lambat Sibat of the Philippine National Police so badly needs.

The participation of the citizenry in the war against in Calbayog City was implored by the Police because it is the inhabitants which are closely acquainted with everyday occurrence in their respective neighborhoods.

The information they will provide will be of great help to law enforcers in their Lambat Sibat operations in the community. The positive response of almost a hundred residents prompted the PNP to hold a simple oath-taking ceremony for Lambat Sibat volunteers coming from different barangays in the city. The volunteers took their oath before PNP Regional Director PCSupt. Jose Erwin T. Villacorte at the Calbayog City Police Station.

Meanwhile, the officials of the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the PNP held a close-door conference during the official introduction of the so-called "Managing Police Operation Lambat Sibat program" at the Ciriaco Hotel and Resort in Calbayog City recently.

The meeting which was attended by DILG Secretary Mel Senen Sarmiento discussed various crime-related issues- a prelude to the launching by Police of a no-nonsense crackdown against lawless elements operating in the locality.



3 Illicit Drug traders Nabbed By Police

CALBAYOG CITY - Three men suspected of being involved with the illicit drug trade in Calbayog City were nabbed by Police in two separate buy-bust operations carried out by law enforcers early this month.

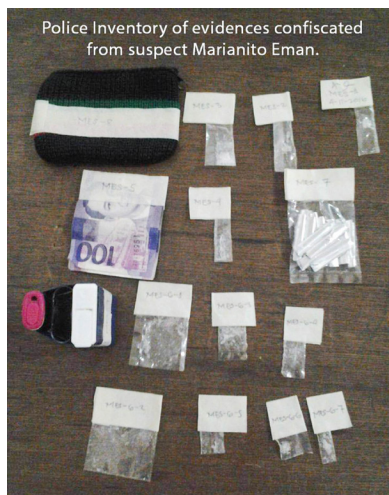
The three suspects were identified in the April 11, 2016 police spot report as Marlon C. Aquino, 40 years old; Norvel A. Lacatango, 44 years old; and Marianito S. Eman, 32 years old.

Aquino, a resident of Brgy. Payahan, this city, was apprehended by police and PDEA operatives right in his own residence while allegedly selling "Shabu" to an undercover agent. Lacatango who hails from Brgy. Cagmanipis Norte in the district of Tinambacan was in the house of Aquino during the buy-bust operation in the area.

Confiscated from the suspects were a 45 Caliber pistol, a 22 caliber revolver, ammunitions, cellular phones, drug paraphernalia, and a five hundred peso bill said to be the marked money used by the undercover agent in the purchase of the prohibited substance from the suspects.

Eman, on the other hand, who is from Brgy. San Policarpo was not in possession of a firearm when he was arrested by law enforcers in Brgy. Central, this city. Confiscated from him were drug paraphernalias and the five hundred peso bill marked money.

The three suspects are all in police custody.



The PRC Is Still At It

TACLOBAN CITY- Over two years after typhoon Yolanda brought to ruin many communities in Eastern Visayas, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) remains active in its rehabilitation of disaster-affected places in Samar and Leyte.

The humanitarian organization recently turned to the beneficiaries over 5,627 residential houses, 3 health facilities, and 7 school classrooms in separate ceremonies held in Tacloban City and in the municipalities of San Miguel and Dagami in Leyte.

The ceremonies were attended by Red Cross chairman Richard J. Gordon. The PRC Chairman was assisted by PRC secretary general Gwendolyn Pang in the symbolic handing over of keys and in the distribution of certificates of occupancy to recipients in the presence of PRC-Leyte chapter chairman Miguel Tezon and board director Edwin Pumanog, and the delegates of the international federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies as well as the mayors of some towns in Leyte and the city of Tacloban.

In his speech Gordon said that the PRC will see to that the communities it is helping under the "build back better strategy" become more disaster-resistant. The PRC chief also explained that the organization's Shelter Recovery Program ensures that families have adequate, appropriate, and safer shelter. The families, he added, get support from the transition to making permanent and durable housing.

He announced that as of this month 26,573 houses have been built, 6 health facilities rehabilitated, and 263 classrooms completed. More houses, health facilities, and classrooms will be built by the PRC in Leyte in the coming months, he revealed.

Toyota Motors To Open Showroom In Calbayog City

Toyota's Presence Evinces Growing Calbayog Economy

Calbayog City- The influx of investors like the Toyota Motors Philippines Corporation to Calbayog is the index of the city's improving economy, said Calbayog City Mayor Ronald P. Aquino.

The mayor made the statement following the breaking of the ground for the soon-to-be built Toyota Motors large shop in Barangay Bagacay, this city, where the said company's automobiles of various models will be displayed for public viewing.

Toyota Motors Philippines Corporation is an automotive manufacturing company. It is the biggest car maker and market leader in the country with over 40 showrooms nationwide. Its manufacturing plant in Santa Rosa City in Laguna produced the best-selling Innova and Vios cars..

Mayor Aquino said he is elated with the entry of big investors to Calbayog as it is the realization of the dream of Calbayogons to see the elegant showplaces of big business right in their own city.

Aquino expressed confidence that other big car companies like Isuzu and Hyundai will follow suit as market tests are now being carried out in the locality by these firms.

Meanwhile, Toyota-Tacloban chairman and president Jimmy Yaokasin told everyone present in the Toyota Motors showroom ground breaking and laying of the time capsule in Barangay Ba-

gacay that what they are doing is in recognition of the market potential of Samar where Calbayog City, he said, is becoming the center of development.

The Toyota Motors showroom in the city is expected to be operational before the year ends.



12 E. Samar Towns Now “Insurgency Free”

Catbalogan City - Twelve towns in Eastern Samar are now categorized by government security forces as insurgency-free areas after 24 guerillas and supporters of the communist-led New People's Army in that province decided to stop fighting in February.

The rebel returnees were led by a certain Arturo Pajanustan alias Ka Pugoy, a member of the NPA front guerilla unit operating in Eastern Samar. He turned over his M1 Garand rifle to the commander of the 801st Army Infantry Brigade in Hinabangan, Samar - Col. Perfecto Rimando. Some relatives of the rebels who reportedly aided the underground movement as couriers and organizers also yielded themselves to the authorities. They were presented to the Press in Caybalogan City last month.

Meanwhile, a 39 year-old guerilla leader named Jackson Noble told reporters that the difficult life they experienced while hiding in the hinterland and the desire of their children to get formal education and have a peaceful life prompted him and his comrades to give up the armed struggle.

The returnees pledged allegiance to the government in the presence of 8th Infantry Division commander Maj.Gen. Jet Velarmino, Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Samar manager Imelda Bonifacio, and some local officials.

The group can now avail themselves of the government's comprehensive social integration program which include cash assistance and livelihood support.



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14 New School Buildings To Rise In Calbayog In 2016

CALBAYOG CITY- Fourteen new school buildings are slated to be constructed in Calbayog City this year. The construction of the new buildings is anticipated as the Department of Education has already released the 2016 BEFF or the Basic Educational Facilities Fund for that purpose amounting to more than Php 24 million.



Eleven of the buildings are one-storey structures for young children. They will be built in Ten places- Cag-olango Elementary School; Canjumadac Elementary School; Cogon Elementary School (2 units); Dawo Integrated School; Higasaan Primary School; Himalandrog Elementary School; Loooc Elementary School; Malaga Elementary School; San Antonio Primary School; and Seven Hills NHS.

The Hibuhatan Elementary School will be the beneficiary of a two-storey school building while the Calbayog National High School and the San Policarpo National High School will each get a three-storey structure.

The DEPED also made provisions for site development and other incidental expenses amounting to more than Php 263 Million.

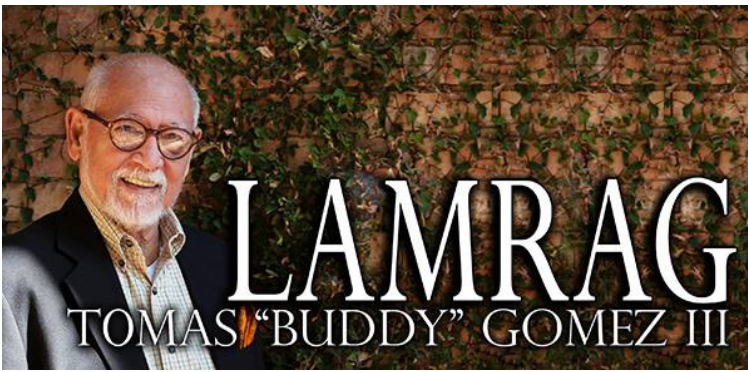
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The Cacao Club of Calbayog!

Calbayog should not rest upon its laurels—the modicum of acknowledged prominence she has earned from its best known culinary delicacy. That is our now famous Matobato tinapa! Handcrafted smoked fish, fresh caught from the local seas. (I still have some in the freezer. They keep well, you know.) But Calbayog must strive for more. There is space and opportunity in our hospitality table worth exploring. So, here is a thought.

I have just ran out of my supply of 'tableas de tsokolate.' Home-town-grown and made. Going through US Customs is always a breeze. I underestimated my rate of consumption. Happily, winter is over. Hot, thick choco ('tsokolate eh...') in the morning is a blissful blessing of Calbayog memories, with every dainty sip!

Of course we all know that 'tsokolate' comes from Cacao. Beyond that there is really scant that we consumers know about it. But I think I possess a little more information about the matter than most. I would like to share these.

First, the 'frailes' introduced them to the islands following Christian evangelization, maybe as early as the close of the 16th Century, not too long after Legaspi settled Cebu, Iloilo and Manila. From Mexico. For the archipelago, Cacao was originally indigenous to Meso-America and brought over by Spanish galleons. In a manner of speaking, cacao and 'tsokolate' having such an illustrious background can claim to be almost as old as Christianity in the Philippines! (No, Intro. Jesus Christ and the Apostles did not sip 'tsokolate' during the Last Supper!)

Cacao is tropical. Its geographic source is mostly third world and developing. That's where we belong. That's us. Yet the Philippines produces a near infinitesimal amount, not even ample to meet local demand for 'tablea.' We produce less than 6,000 tons of cacao beans annually, 90% of which come very small scale farmers. Indonesia produces a hundred times more! Nigeria and Ghana together produce nearly a million tons. The largest supplier is an African nation, the Republic of Ivory Coast with a land area slightly larger than the Philippines, produces 1.65 million tons a year accounting for 33% of the world supply! Are we green with envy yet?

The third world remains the supplier of unrefined cacao beans. The raw materials of romantic notions, its universal symbol being the heart-shaped box of brown sweetness, calory-packed with potent healthful anti-oxidants! Yet, the best chocolate confections come from Europe. And in fact the consuming world is in constantly recurring shortage of supply needed to satisfy demand and cravings of the universal 'sweet tooth.'

But let us perish the romantic notions promoted by chocolatiers in their mouth-watering ballyhooed incarnations. Let us just talk 'tablea.' Why am I dwelling on this? Because I have run out of 'tsokolate!' And I bet you Calbayog does not even produce enough to satisfy every "sinakugan and barol" feast that we throw every so often.

Levity aside, how about the Calbayog commune meeting our own domestic 'tablea' challenge.

The propagation of Cacao trees in every available shady backyard space. Or thinking slightly bolder and a little bigger, what about intercropping our humble holdings of coconut hectarage with the goodness of cacao. Is this so wild a dream? I think not. Calbayog, both urban and rural, has the available spaces for these plants. We have mostly idle tablea makers. Idle because they often have no beans to grind. Nothing much between ground space and human skill!

I am certainly not qualified to be the ultimate arbiter on the economics of cacao culture but what do we have a Department of Agriculture (City Agriculturist and staff) for? They can be equipped with the relevant scientific knowledge. They are mandated to jumpstart and nurture community movements such as this. In terms of available assistance, we also elect community promoters of economic progress (aside from maintaining peace and order) except that these individuals may not even know that they are. I

mean, Barangay level officials. They can prove themselves, where appropriate, more useful with the simple promotion of cacao consciousness in their respective communities.

For starters, there is already an existing supply of viable seedlings of effective cacao varieties from Bohol, Cagayan de Oro, Davao and Los Banos. The Mayor and the Council ought to mull this over and sanction it officially. Eventually, Calbayog ought to have its own Cacao nursery. It can be an economically viable business and so will growing cacao in the backyard. A dozen of these trees, when fully productive, can be sufficient additional
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The Day The Crocodile Ate The Sun

(Continuation)

Bakunawa seemed to be the hot topic that day. My friends and I were playing hide-and-seek at sunset when Man Miang, the laundrywoman and our proximate neighbor, called us from her window. We stopped playing and looked up at her as if we were in church looking up the pulpit. She stretched her neck so that her head and shoulders were out of the window frame and asked us in a high-pitched voice: "Do you know what bakunawa is?" She did not wait for our response and proceeded to answer her own question: "There is a big crocodile in the sky watching how we behave, especially children like you. When he is displeased he eats the sun to bring darkness to earth. That's bakunawa." As we stood respectfully motionless waiting for the rest of her homily she pulled her head back, turned around and disappeared from view. I felt something was missing with Man Miang's story so I hurried home to ask my mother, whom we respectfully called Nanay, about this crocodile eating the sun.

Nanay was a school teacher. Still captivatingly charming at forty-four she was the model of many school teachers because she went to church almost daily and she was industrious. Although she was a practicing Catholic, still she adhered to folk beliefs and practices. At home I found Nanay at the dining table writing her class lesson plan. I sat beside her, held her right hand and planted it on my forehead. I glanced at her lesson plan and a line caught my eye: "Explain total solar eclipse." I felt lucky to have found an appropriate opening to inquire about the crocodile.

"Nanay, is it true that during an eclipse a crocodile in the sky eats the sun to create darkness?" Nanay nonchalantly asked, without looking at me: "Who told you?" I told her it was Man Miang. Nanay said: "A total solar eclipse will happen soon. You know it's like this – the moon passes between the sun and the earth. When it blocks the sunlight it will be dark like a moonless night here on earth." Her hand gestures helped clarify her answer. "Yes, but what about the crocodile? Is it true?" I insisted. Nanay glanced at me and in a subdued voice said: "Many people believe that. I do not know if it is true. But I am sure that an eclipse is a sign that war is near. I remember there was an eclipse just before the war broke out in 1940." She stopped, stared misty-eyed towards the window, and continued writing her lesson plan.

Nanay glanced at me and in a subdued voice said: "Many people believe that. I do not know if it is true. But I am sure that an eclipse is a sign that war is near. I remember there was an eclipse just before the war broke out in 1940."

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Friendship In The Family

As I wrote this, it has been three consecutive nights already that I have been following, in the ABS-CBN nightly newscast, a featured story of the unfortunate fate of the wife and mother named Marilou Jorge, whose lifeless body had been discovered in the trunk of her own car. I am sure I am only one among the many who became interested to find out what lies beneath the probable lies.

As part of my humanity, I have also formed my own opinion on the matter. But I am wont as yet to nail it since we are not made for judging others. However, it is of my opinion that maybe there was a lack or absence of honest friendships in the house (house, because dreadful things can never occur in a Home). Honest friendships constitute honesty, acceptance, and respect. The failure of observance of these in a family will spill over outside of it. This is the reason why every family member must consider seriously his or her own duties and responsibilities as part of and being in it.

Part of the video clips from people who personally know Marilou Jorge attested to her being a good and religious person, being even a member of a religious organization. Well taken. Most often though, the problem is when what we see externally seems to be taken seriously blown out of proportion.

In one of the lines of a TV soap, I heard: "Lahat tayo ay may sekreto." ["Each of us has secrets"] The thing is we are not exactly in any position to comment perfectly about others because we are not with them 24/7. That is one thing. The other is we do not know what is going on inside every mind. Regardless of age, people keep secrets for many various reasons unique to each one. When Marilou discovered the love letters belonging to

his son in his room, all hell probably broke loose (her relentless scolding to her son, as told by her daughter in her affidavit proved that).

Freedom is a most cherished possession one could ever have. When it is taken away from us, we are prone to go berserk, desperate or lonely because, just like Love, Freedom is greatly misunderstood and thus, abused. *Sanglit masamok an tagsa-tagsa naton nga kalibutan.* [That's why our own worlds are so chaotic.] There is nothing that cannot be solved in honest communications. But most would rather not talk things over, again for many various reasons. But reasons, however numerous they may be, are but alibis. The truth to the matter is simple: many of us do not exactly know what and how to convey matters important to save what is important to us and our freedom. We are so consumed by fear. It is fear that lead people to wrongfully decide and do things the wrong way. Ug danay sa aton la liwat nabalik an epekto san mali naton nga desisyon.

For all the wrongdoings of the youth, please pardon me for saying this, but we, parents/elders, are most often to be blamed. So much is expected of us because, *una sa ngatanan: nahimugso sira sini nga kalibutan pinaagi san aton desisyon nga mahimo sira; ug tungod kay kita an kag-anak, kinahanglanon gud kaupay nga mas may buot kit kaysa sa ira.* [...first of all, they came into this world through our decision to make them; and because we are the parents, there is a need for us to possess a high level maturity.] We cannot be less than what is expected of us. Our children, in fact, have all the rights to expect from us. Unless, of course, their expectations are beyond our set limits which importantly must be based on our realities as a family which is unique from other families. *Dida naman liwat dapat i-impuner naton an sinisiring nga disiplina. Kaparte dapat, tikang sa tinikangan, nga klaro sa aton mga anak nga kon mayda sira expectations sa aton, mayda man kit nga mga kag-anak, in turn, expectations sa ira.* [With that, we should also impose discipline. From the start, it is important to make it clear to our children that if they have expectations from us, we as parents also have expectations from them.] But for all of these, it must be clearly also emphasized to the children that we are no different from them. That we also have human frailties, like they do. This is where assurance, on a case to case basis, must be stressed to enable our children to grow in security and maturity eventually. This should be highly given priority as "expectation is the root of all heartaches."

It is my hope and prayer that the Marilou Jorge story does not end up in actually the father sending a wrong message to his own children. We all have the obligation to give justice where justice is due because "Justice is the Divine correction for injustice.(A COURSE IN MIRACLES)" That is, if we really believe that we have a Supreme Being up there.

Pleasant greetings everyone!

ICCO continues Yolanda rehabilitation efforts

"Uswag Este" a Waray term means Progress Eastern Samar is a federation of nine fisherfolks organization in the province of Eastern Samar which members benefited from rehabilitation the livelihood that is being supported by ICCO (Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation) & Kerk in Actie (Church in Action) an ACT Alliance member in partnership with RIGHTS Network by having received boats which are designed for fishing in the pacific ocean.

ICCO through Rights network distributed boats and fishing gears for fisherfolks in the towns of Hernani, Maydolong and Mac Arthur in the province of Eastern Samar. Fisherfolks here in these towns are always faced with difficulty fishing in the pacific ocean due to the big waves which is dangerous to them but they have no choice but to risk their lives so they can provide food for their families. According to Jojo the president of the federation that the boats to make sure that no one died in fishing in the very dangerous ocean they will fish as a group and will go home together and make sure no one is left or



everyone is safe.

Fishing is seasonal. Sometimes they are able to catch more than 50 kilos and sold for Php 120.00 (2 Euro) per kilo of Yellow Pin but when there is over supply of fish the price goes down to Php 40.00 to 60.00 per kilo and they could hardly market the fish because Tacloban City the potential market is far and cost a lot in terms of transportation. When there is bad weather they go home with nothing.

To sustain the livelihood project the fisherfolk would contribute to the organization part of their income for boat maintenance and part of it is also intended to buy another boat so that more fisherfolks will be served.

Commercial fishing boats entering the municipal waters compete with the local fisherfolks that is why they are having a shortage of their catch. According to Jojo in order to solve their problem on the lack of fish catch they would like to have "payaw" or an artificial fish sanctuary established in different part of the fishing area. There were 70 payaw in the area but due to typhoon only 10 was left. There are privately owned payaw but only for commercial fishing which means small fisherfolks are not allowed to fish there.

Rights Network is committed to helping Yolanda survivors in the province of Eastern Samar by assisting Uswag Este in their dialogues with the government agencies for their land rights claims and permanent shelter promised by the government to ensure build back better.

Lamrag . . .

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stipend for a college diploma! How nice!

Whether a property owner plants a solitary tree or a dozen, or even a hundred—concerned citizens can organize and belong to the "Cacao Club of Calbayog," a cooperative devoted to the virtues of chocolate. Non-political, non-partisan! "Tableas de Calbayog" is a destination. Let us begin the journey.

By the way, let me not forget. The fruit source of our 'tsokolate' is referred to in textbooks to as "t.cacao." The scientific name is "Theobroma cacao." Theo, deo, dei. Sounds familiar? Broma in Greek means 'food.' So, next time you sip 'tsokolate,' you must meditate. You are enjoying the "food of the gods." Be godly, plant a cacao tree!

President Aquino Fires

The visit of President Benigno S. Aquino III to Calbayog City this month did not only give a bounce to the presidential campaign of Liberal Party standard bearer Manuel A. Roxas II but also inspired party members and its supporters to move with gusto in the midst of all the hoopla over the purported strength of the opposition,



The enlivening influence of President Aquino's presence in the LP assembly at the Calbayog City Sports Center was very conspicuous in the festive atmosphere that developed as soon as he stepped inside the stadium packed with thousands of people.

Speaking before city and provincial officials as well as party members and supporters, President Aquino urged Calbayogons as well as civic and political leaders of other communities in Samar not to allow the gains of the administration to go to waste. The president asked everyone to support presidential aspirant Mar Roxas and vice-presidential candidate Leni Robredo who both agreed to promote the "Daang Matuwid" advocacy of the president and the party.

President Aquino said that the Roxas-Robredo tandem is the team that has the firm determination to fight corruption in government which he identified in his early speeches as the root cause of the hardships being experienced by the poor in this country.

The president enumerated the achievements of his administration including the Php 12.29 Billion agriculture-related projects implemented in Samar, and the inclusion of over 780,000 Samarenios in the national Phil-health program of the government.

Present in the Calbayog City Liberal Party assembly were reelectionist Mayor Ronald P. Aquino and members of the city council as well as heads of local government departments; political hopefuls Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, the LP candidate for Samar first district congressman; Retired army Col. Emil Zosa, the LP gubernatorial bet in western Samar province; and Aika Uy-Delgado, the LP candidate for provincial vice governor in western Samar.

Also present were LP presidential candidate Mar Roxas, presidential sister and TV personality Kris Aquino, DILG secretary Mel Senen S. Sarmiento, and the three senatorial candidates under the Daang Matuwid coalition- Mariman Ambolodto, Risa Hontiveros, and Cresente Paez.

LP vice-presidential candidate Leni Robredo who was in a campaign sortie elsewhere was represented in the assembly by her eldest daughter Aika Robredo.

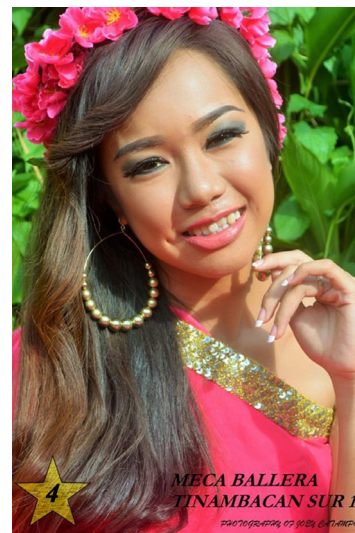
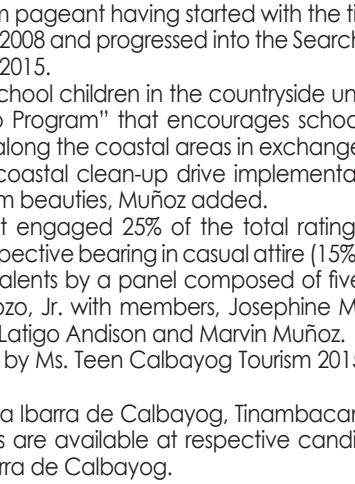
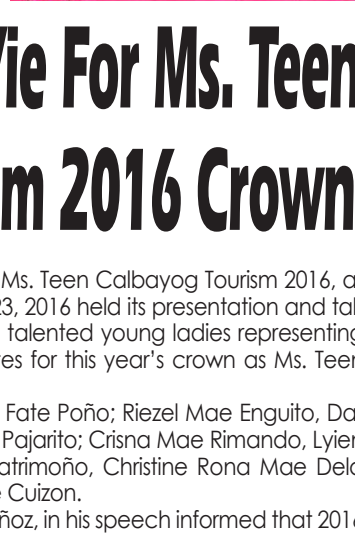
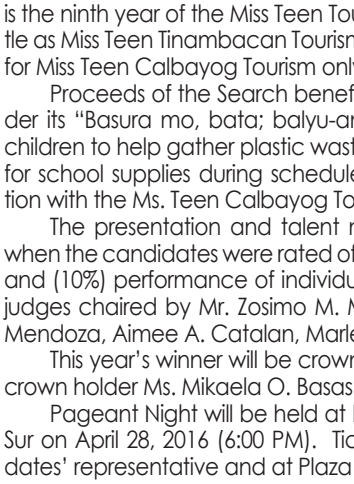
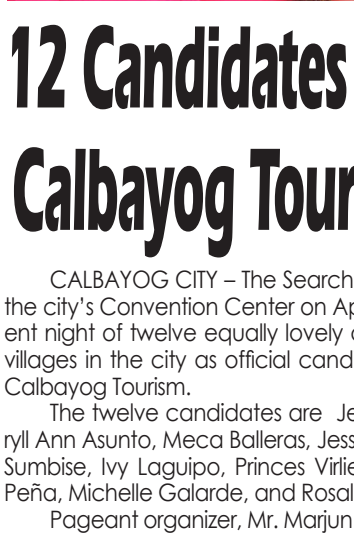
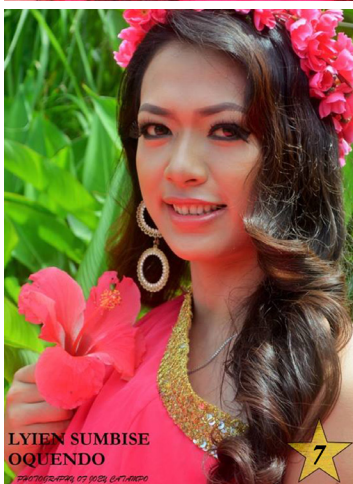
In that gathering Roxas explained that the Daang Matuwid transcends him and the president. "It is a Filipino ideal that has been there long before we were born and will remain long after we are gone," he said.

Roxas vowed to fight corruption in government which is now a big issue in the Philippines.

The visit of the president dispelled all doubts about the security situation in Calbayog City.

Up The LPs In Samar





12 Candidates Vie For Ms. Teen Calbayog Tourism 2016 Crown

CALBAYOG CITY – The Search for Ms. Teen Calbayog Tourism 2016, at the city’s Convention Center on April 23, 2016 held its presentation and talent night of twelve equally lovely and talented young ladies representing villages in the city as official candidates for this year’s crown as Ms. Teen Calbayog Tourism.

The twelve candidates are Jeelee Fate Poño; Riezel Mae Enguito, Daryll Ann Asunto, Meca Balleras, Jessica Pajarito; Crisna Mae Rimando, Lyien Sumbise, Ivy Laguipo, Princes Virlie Matrimonio, Christine Rona Mae Dela Peña, Michelle Galarde, and Rosalene Cuizon.

Pageant organizer, Mr. Marjun Muñoz, in his speech informed that 2016 is the ninth year of the Miss Teen Tourism pageant having started with the title as Miss Teen Tinambacan Tourism in 2008 and progressed into the Search for Miss Teen Calbayog Tourism only in 2015.

Proceeds of the Search benefits school children in the countryside under its “Basura mo, bata; balyu-an ko Program” that encourages school children to help gather plastic wastes along the coastal areas in exchange for school supplies during scheduled coastal clean-up drive implementation with the Ms. Teen Calbayog Tourism beauties, Muñoz added.

The presentation and talent night engaged 25% of the total ratings when the candidates were rated of respective bearing in casual attire (15%) and (10%) performance of individual talents by a panel composed of five judges chaired by Mr. Zosimo M. Miñoza, Jr. with members, Josephine M. Mendoza, Aimee A. Catalan, Marleta Latigo Andison and Marvin Muñoz.

This year’s winner will be crowned by Ms. Teen Calbayog Tourism 2015 crown holder Ms. Mikaela O. Basas.

Pageant Night will be held at Plaza Ibarra de Calbayog, Tinambacan Sur on April 28, 2016 (6:00 PM). Tickets are available at respective candidates’ representative and at Plaza Ibarra de Calbayog.

CALBAYOG ARTIST IS ACCLAIMED IN CALIFORNIA



Edwin C. Tuazon, a Calbayognon who is renowned in the State of California in the United States of America for his remarkable ability to produce exemplary works of art hails from Barangay San Policarpo in Calbayog City. He is the son of lawyer Alejandro Lozano Tuazon and elementary school teacher Felisa Rebosura Cagoco Tuazon.

Ed as he is fondly called by kins and friends is a self-taught artist who started painting at the age of 7. Ed is actually a holder of a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics but painting is what he always wanted to do. His style is said to be "modern figurative" and deals with surrealist subject matter.

In 1997 Ed held his first solo art exhibit in San Francisco. Four years later he won the much coveted Mayor's Award at the 27th Annual Juried Art Competition and Exhibition in Cypress, California and opened his own gallery in Banning. In 2008 his design was selected from among several materials submitted to be painted on a 1000 square feet mural for the "Best Children's Healing Garden" at the Parkview Community Hospital in the city of Riverside in California. On that same year Ed was chosen to be one of the judges in the Quick Draw Competition sponsored by the Plain Air Artists of Riverside in the city of Riverside, California. In 2011 he won the People's Choice Award during a juried show sponsored by the San Diego Water Color Society.



**SAMAR BAG-OHON,
PAGBUROBLIGAN NATON**

BOTOSI!

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BOARD MEMBER**



DPWH Strengthens Pact With DILG

Officials of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) met in Manila recently to tone up their partnership capacity in the preparation and in the implementation of devolved government infrastructure projects.

The representatives of the two government departments reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement entered into by DPWH secretary Rogelio Singson and DILG secretary Mel Senen S. Sarmiento.

The group examined the stipulations in the MOA particularly the provisions on the roles and responsibilities of the said departments

in order to institute changes required by the realities on the ground.

In the agreement the DPWH provides the technical support required by the DILG in the formulation of development programs for local governments. The DILG on the other hand takes the lead in the undertaking and provides support to DPWH in the creation of an accreditation system for city and municipal engineers.

The tie-up is aimed at delivering quality infrastructures, facilities, and services to the general public.

The meeting was held at the DPWH central office in Manila in March 31, 2016 and was presided by DPWH undersecretary for regional operations Romeo S. Momo.

Diego P. Rivera Ungod Nga Ka-Akbay Pag Alsa San Calbayog

Dida san mga gi-us pag duso san kauswagan san Ciudad san Calbayog dire mababali-waray an nahi-amot ni Vice-Mayor Diego Prudenciano Rivera. Komo taga mani-obra san lakat san kanan ciudad lehislatura, na aghat ni Rivera an mga ka-api san konseho pag pasa sin mga balaudhon nga nasubay ngan na suporta san mga burohaton pan-kauswagan san magkalain-lain nga mga sanga san gobyerno lokal. Upod sine an mga ordinansa ngan mga resolusyon para sa lado san negosyo, panlawas san mga molupyo, pag balay ngan pag gamit san mga tuna sa comunidad, pag palakat san merkadohan, pag kolekta san buhis, mga pasilidadades pan-publiko, ngan pag profihir san kalibungan san bungto.

Tinotukan ni Rivera an mga butang nga makakabulig dida san pag kab-ot san inop san mga Calbayognon nga an ciudad magin sentro liwat san turismo nga naka tungtong sa ekonomiya ngan agrikultura. Sa pagka yana umabot na sa kadamo-on nga 106 an mga ordinansa samtang 259 naman nga mga resolusyon an nahi pasa san Sangguniang Panglungsod. Tungos san kan Rivera hinimo nga mga pitad pag bulig san ehekutiba para mapauswag an kahintang san Calbayog, dako an higayon nga matutuman an mga hingyap san kadam-an sa dire ma-iba nga panahon.

Si Rivera in natawo sa Almagro, Samar san tuig 1948. Nag eskuwela siya sa elementarya didto sa La Milagrosa Academy sa Calbayog ngan kahuman san iya pag-aram sa high school sa Christ the King College kumadto siya sa Cebu agud mag-aram sa University of San Carlos sa Kurso nga Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Accounting. Antes si Rivera sumolod sa politika, siya in usa anay nga ka-api san audit team san opisina sa Calbayog san Commission on Audit. Si Rivra in asawa ni Patricia Septo Bayog san Barangay San Joaquin sa Tinambacan kanay may ada siya tulo nga anak.

An Tawo Nga Nag Decidir Pag Pas-an San Ungara San Mga Samareño

An hingyap ni Emilio “Emil” Zosa nga mak-ag-serbe sa publiko in makikita dida san iya pinamili nga mga dalan sa kinabuhi. Sadton panahon san iya pagka-bata karuyag na ni Emil nga sumulod sa pagka padi pero tungod san kon anano nga rason nahingadto siya san dalan di-in kinahanglan niya depensahan an kalibrihan san katawhan ngan protihiran an teritoryo san san nasud imbes nga depensahan an pag tu-o sa Diyos ngan protihiran an simabahan. Pero bisan hain san duha nga dalan an iya mahingadto-an, magpapabilin la gihapon nga siya in magseserbe san ngatanan.

Sadto nga katuigan san 1990 kahuman san iya military training didto sa kanan Philippine Army Officers’ Candidates School, sumulod si Emil sa serbisyo sa Armado Nga Fuerza San Pilipinas ngan dida san sumunod nga 25 años nag serbe siya pag protihir san nasud kontra sadton mga nag-i-us pag bungkag san republika.

Nag pakita si Emil sin dire ordinaryo nga ka-isog dire la sa pakig-away kontra san armado nga mga rebelde ngan mga bandido kundi pati san tinatawag nga “political corruption”. Sadto nga tuig 2004 nagin matunog an ngaran ni Emil tungod san iya pag testigo kontra kan anay presidente Gloria Macapagal Arroyo nga gin akusar sin pan limbong sa eleksyon tungod san iya pakig-hampang sa telepono sa usa nga election commissioner nga gin bunyagan “Hello Garci Scandal.”

May tigaman san iya kina-ya pag oponer san mga opisyales san gobyerno nga gin gagamit an ira poder para maka-pamintaha ngan maka-ganansya, nanawagan si Emil ngadto sa mga Samareño nga bumulig sa iya pag utod san pira na ka tuig nga pag-hadi hadi san pamilya Tan sa Samar nga kilala sa pa-atras nga pama-agi dida san pag palakat san gobyerno san



probinsya.

Pag retiro ni Emil sa serbisyo sa army sadto nga naglabay nga tuig nag pasamwak siya san iya panuyo pag pas-an san inop ngan ungara san mga Samareño nga maka-tilaw na sin ma-uro-upay nga kahimtang sa kinabuhi ngan pangabuhi ngan nag pasaka san iya kandidatora sa COMELEC pagka-gobernador san Samar.

Sadto nga Oktubre 29, 2015 egin pagawas ni Emil an iya tinatawag nga “9-Point People’s Agenda” para san bag-o nga Samar di-in iya egin platar an mga pitad nga iya bubohaton para an probinsya in tumabas sin dalan tipakadto sa tinu-od nga nga kauswagan kon diin dire la adton mga a-ada sa politika ngan pipira nga mga tawo an mag pupolos kundi an kabug-usan nga mulopyo san probinsya.

Si Emil Zosa in taga bungto san Sta. Margarita sa Western Samar.

Police Chief Says Calbayog Peace And Order Under Control

Shooting incidents are Isolated Cases

CALBAYOG CITY – The peace and order situation in Calbayog City is under control in spite of the killing of a Carayman village councilor in Brgy. Rawis early this month. That is what City Police Chief P/Cln-sp. Elmer Vergara said about the state of affairs in the locality.

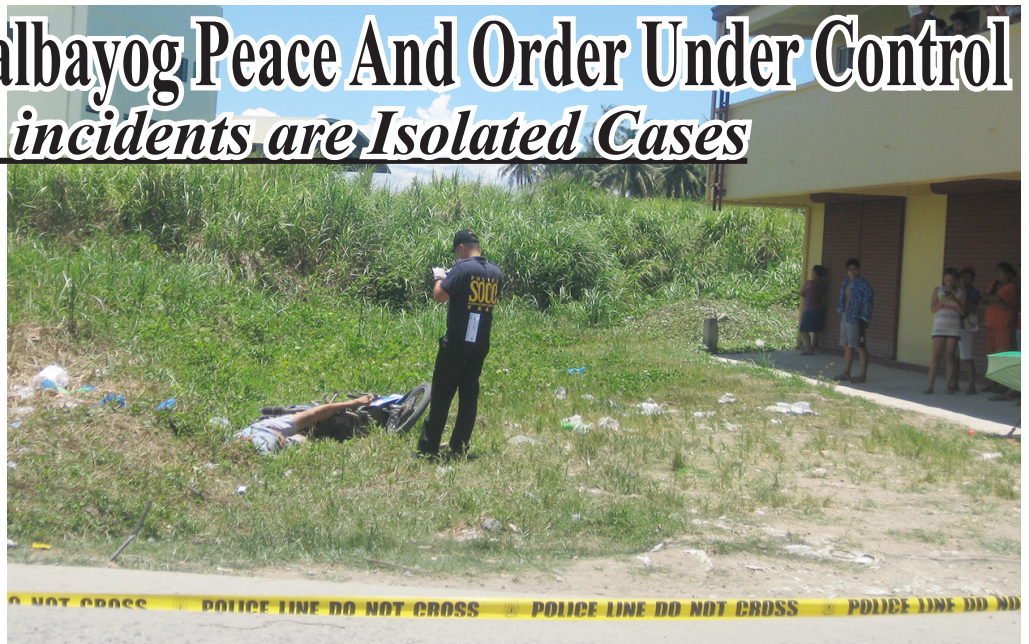
Vergara said the Rawis incident which also resulted to the wounding of two others is an isolated case based on the facts of the case gathered during police investigation.

Carayman village councilman Lopez Pedreza was shot and killed in the morning of April 13, 2016 while riding his motorcycle together with a certain Jeric Ybañez who was also hit by a bullet fired by the gunman. Another motorist identified as Marilyn Latorre was also hit by a stray bullet.

Police records reveal that Lopez is listed as number 40 in the list of suspected members of a private armed group under the so-called Montedalto group. On the other hand the suspects- Richard Tamidles and Genesis Oquendo- who were once believed to be members of that group as well now reportedly belong to another group.

That circumstance where both victim and suspects once belong to the group that split in 2013 is being examined closely by the authorities in trying to determine the motive of the killing. It is theorized that personal grudge could be the reason behind the incident.

The family of suspect Oquendo sent photos to Calbayog Journal to show that he was not in Calbayog at the time and



day when victim Pedreza was gunned down.

Another shooting incident in Purok 2 of Barangay Rawis killing Edwin Legera that ensued about thirty-six hours after the previous case is believed to be a case of love-triangle after investigation and statements were adduced from the common-law wife, neighbors, parents and other relatives of the victim.

The common-law wife of the victim, Melba Dealagdon who admitted being a previous paramour of suspect Mael Roxas, stated further during the investigation that his common-law husband, victim Legera is also a lover of the suspect's live-in partner.

The suspect is a pedicab driver who, according to his 21-year old live-in partner, has not been home since April 06, 2016 up to the time when Legera was

found with twelve gunshot wounds several minutes after the victim was seen as passenger of the pedicab driven by the suspect.

Witnesses within the vicinity said that two men, riding-in-tandem were, seen suddenly approaching the pedicab and who, after firing at the victim, fled with suspect Mael Roxas to the south towards the direction of Barangay Bagacay.

COP Vergara said that speculations of people about the recent incidents being politically motivated are baseless and are intended to create chaos and confusion among the residents as well as destroy the image of the city's police force.

Cases are being filed against the suspects based on investigation results as corroborated by statements of witnesses, Vergara added.

LP Youth Samar Named Country's Most Active Youth Chapter

CALBAYOG CITY – LP Youth Samar Chapter has been named the most Active Youth Chapter in the country by Undersecretary Herminio Bagro III of the Presidential Management Office during the Convention of Provincial Liberal Party Youth of the Philippines – Samar Chapter, on April 16, 2016 at the city's convention center where he was guest speaker.

The convention was attended by over 300 unit leaders and officers of cities and municipalities in the province of Samar led by Provincial Chapter President Francis Joseph M. Grey and other provincial chapter officers.

Usec. Bagro said that the dynamic and effective leadership of Francis Joseph "Ipe" M. Grey as the provincial chapter president may have been the key to the strong support that the presidential administration team lead by Mar Roxas and Leni Robredo is gaining a lot of ground towards victory in the May 09, 2016 polls.

Grey, in his message, said that the support of his fellow youth who believes in

Daang Matuwid has been a great factor in making the Chapter effective in the implementation of its programs in the province.

LP's Samar gubernatorial candidate Emil J. Zosa, who was also one of the guests during the convention imparted insights and inspiration to the youth as the future development managers of the province.

Continuation of Daang Matuwid,

Strengthening performance-base in government service, sustained economic growth through revitalization of key sectors such as manufacturing, Improving resilience against climate risks, health, education, employment and social services were among the subjects that the youth chapter talked about with Usec. Bagro during the convention.



22 Farmers Now Certified Organic Vegetable Producers

INOPACAN, LEYTE – Twenty-two farmers from two high-land barangays of this town are now certified organic vegetable producers after completing the five months training on High Value Vegetable Production Using Technology on Natural Farming System last month.

Regional Director Sheila Enciso of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) disclosed that her office tapped the East-West Seed Company for the conduct of the said training under the Agricultural Enterprise Development component of the second phase of the Agrarian Reform Community Project (ARCP-II). Participants of the said training were members of the Hinabay Upland Farmers Association (HUFA) and the Cabulisan Multi-Purpose Upland Farmers Association (CAMUFA), who all expressed happiness for having been trained on organic vegetable production.

According to Edelito Merano Sr., 51, though organic farming is more tedious than the traditional way of growing vegetables which uses hazardous chemicals, the former is environment-friendly and the products are good for our health. In organic farming, Merano added, they also can save more for they no longer use pesticides and expensive fertilizers. The farmers instead used the vermicast produced by the CAMAFU sold at ₱350 per sack of 50 kilos only.

Merchant Cristeta Abenoja disclosed that there are more buyers of organic vegetables than those grown the



The 22 farmers who completed the five-month training on High-Value Vegetable Production Using Technology on Natural Farming pose with officials from the Department of Agrarian Reform and the East-West Seed Company

traditional way. Her vegetables from barangays Hinabay and Cabulisan are easily sold out for consumers already know that products from these villages are grown organically, Abenoja said. Various organic vegetables abounded during the farmers' graduation for it coincided with the harvest festival.

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"Oripun san Gugma."



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EDGAR MARY S. SARMIENTO, DE KALIDAD NGA LIDER

May ada gud abilidad pag santop bisan sadton gudti na kaupay nga mga detalye si Edgar Mery S. Sarmiento basi sadton iya mga nakab-ot dida sa industriya san panhimo ngan pangayad mga edipisyo, kalsada, ngan mga tulay kon diin panalagsa adton nag i-iba dida sine nga klase sin pakabuhi nga putos in mg aka delikadohan.

Si Edgae nga yana ma-o an president ngan chief executive officer san kompaniya nga Oscar Sarmiento Construction, Inc. nga naka-basi didto sa Metro Manila in nahi-usbong dida san tinatawag sa ingles nga construction business sa temprano pa san iya kinabuhi tungod kay iton nga klase sin pangabuhi ma-o an siyahan nga egin kabuhi san iya mga kag-anak.

Ma-o ada ine an rason kay kon anano nga nag aram siya ka enhinyero didto sa Cebu Institute of Technology sadton tuig 1976 kahuman gud niya mag graduar sa high school sa University of San Carlos sa Cebu City. Pakahaman niya sa kolehiyo sadton tuig 1981 bitbit an diploma san Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, egin pahilarom pa ni Edgar an iya pag aram siton nga linya pina-agi san pag enroll sa UP Engineering Construction Management of the Philippines kon diin iya egin andam an kalugaringon dida san pangatubang tawo ngan mag bug-at nga mga kahimtang para mahibaro siya pag mani-obra san lakat sa negosyo san kanan iya kalugaringon nga familia kompaniya nga sadto siton nga takna sumolod na pangontrata mga proyekto sa magkalain-lain nga dapit sa Pilipinas.

An iya temprano kaupay nga pag sulod sa industriya nga nag kikinahanglan sin tawo nga desidido, may isog,



Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

ngan may rig-on adton pan huna-huna in nakahatag kan Edgar sin higayon nga maka-atubang adton magkuri nga mga situwasyon nga nakinahanglan sin malaksi nga desisyon- kalidad nga ma-o an tigaman san tawo nga may kapas pag kapot san liderato sa kadam-an nga mga buruhaton san katawhan.

Si Edgar in natawo sa Ciudad san Calbayog sadto nga tuig 1957 ngan umeskwela sa elementarya sa Christ the King College san tuig 1996. Nag asawa siya kan Helen W. Sarmiento kanay may ada siya tulu nga anak.

AIKA UY-DELGADO

An pag sulod ha politika han suhag nga anak han nawara nga sanhi anay mayor han Calbayog ngan representante han primero nga distrito han Samar ngadto ha Kongreso han Pilipinas nga hi Reynaldo "Ining" Uy in dire ada masesering nga bunga la han pag ungara poder ha gobyerno kon kikita-on an gin halaran han kinabuhi han iya amay. Waray duda nga ine nga pitad han anak in sanga han mga inop han amay para han Calbayog nga iya natawhan ngan kabug-usan nga probinsya han Samar.

Hi Rosa Jessica Uy Delgado nga mas kilala sa agnay nga "Aika" an pinaka-magurang han upat nga anak ni Ining in nahimata ha politika tikang han iya pagkabata tungod kay haros ha bug-os nga panahon han iya pag tubo' waray hiya iba nga nakikita ha iya amay kundi an pag serbisyo ha mga tawo como usa nga doktor ha medisina ngan como amay han ciudad han Calbayog.

Durante hiton nga mga panahon dako an higayon nga tumorok ha huna-huna ngan kasing-kasing ni Aika an kamarasa han pag serbisyo ha igkasi-tawo labi na ha mga mulopyo han bungto ngan probinsya nga minayuyo han iya amay.

Kon sisiplatan an kan Aika ti-agi tikang han iya pag sulod ha eskuwela ngada yana, makikita an dagaw han amay nga, ma-aram man hiya o kon dire, kanay mga pitad iya gin sisinonod-sunod. Sugad kan, Ining gin pili liwat ni Aika an mag-serbi igkasi-tawo pina-agi han lado medikal. Gin pili ni Aika an pag-aram "Nursing" kay ma-aram hiya nga pina-agi hine magkakamay-ada hiya higayon nga mag-serbi hadton mga nagsasakit nga mga tawo.

Nahuman ni Aika an iya kurso nga Bachelor of Science in Nursing hadto nga tuig 2005. Kahuman han iya pag-aram nag-trabaho hi Aika komo Clinical Nurse ha sulod han walo ka-tuig. Naka-angkon hiya experiencia ha magkalain-lain nga mga burohaton ha hospital ngan pag timangno ha magkalain-lain nga klase hin mga tawo ha magkalain-lain nga dapit han Estados Unidos han Amerika ngan dinhe ha Pilipinas.

Naka-karawat hi Aika hin mga pagkilala hadton iya mga mag-upay nga binuhatan ngan iya abilidad tikang ha magkalain-lain nga mga organisasyon dinhe ngan gawas han Pilipinas. Usa hi Aika nga registered nurse didto ha Amerika ha mga lugar han Maryland ngan Illinois, pati na dinhe mismo ha Pilipinas. Han nakadto hiya ha Amerika, hi Aika in nagin Gold Star Awardee ha Mercy Medical Center ha lugar han Baltimore.

Dire urosahon nga hi Aika magin kandidata para Cum Laude ha kurso nga medical technology han umiskuwela hiya ha Far Eastern University-NRMF ha Quezon City kay han nakada pa hiya ha elementarya nakatapos hiya komo usa nga Valedictorian.

Kandidato hi Aika yana ka Bise-Gobernador ha probinsya han Samar ngan a-ada iton ha mga kamot han mga tawo hine nga lugar kon tutugotan nira nga pag-pulsan an mga inop nga egin bilin ni Ining ha huna-huna ngan kasing-kasing hine nga iya anak.



NAKAPOT SAN MONOBELA SAN CIUDAD, USA NGA PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Kadam-an sadton sobra 170 Mil nga mga mulupyo san Calbayog an dire ma-aram nga an ira mayor usa nga "Certified Public Accountant" ngan ma-aram kaupay dida san panhimo mga palisiya san gobyerno san ciudad sa mga butang nga may kalabutan sa pangapital ngan pag hurma mga regulasyones para sa mga nag u-ungara nga mag pundar ngan magpalakat negosyo sa ciudad.

Si Mayor Ronaldo P. Aquino in nagin bihasa dida san pag enterpretar san tinatawag sa ingles nga "language of business" kay ma-ine an iya gin ianaraman san na-eskuwela pa siya Accountancy didto sa University of the East sa Manila- klase sin kinaadman nga kinahanglanon yana san bungto para niya makab-ot an ungara nga magin sentro san ekonomiya dire la san probensya kundi san kabug-usan nga isla san Samar. Kinaadman nga iya gud gin tuyo pag kadto sa Manila kahuman niya pag graduar sa high school sa Christ the King College sa Calbayog City.

Sa sulod san pira katuig antes siya umentra sa politika komo konsehal sa ciudad sadton 1992, Si Aquino in nagtirok anay sin dugang pa nga kina-adman sa negosyo pina-agi san pag kapot responsibilidad pag palakat san kanan



**Asenso nga aton nakab-ot,
kanan Calbayognon paningkamot!
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**2 AQUINO
RONALDO P.
CITY MAYOR**

iya kag-anak kalugaringon nga kompaniya- an MBA Trading- nga sadto siton nga panahon namamalit ngan namamaligya magkalain lain nga mga produkto ngan kopras.

Tikanf siya umentra sa serbisyo publikosan tuig 1992 hasta ngada yana wgin halad ni Aquino an iya bug-os nga panahon dida san pamiling mga pama-agi para dire ma diskarel an lakat san ciudad tipakadto sa kauswagan nga gin hingyap dire la niya kundi pati sadton nanhi-una sa iya pag serbe san Calbayog labi na an pag kab-ot san ungara nga an ciudad san Calbayog magin "economic center" san bug-os nga isla san Samar- inop nga hinay-hinay nga nakikita sadton mga tag obserbar san lakat san ciudad.



CALBAYOG ZIPLINE



CALBAYOG'S NEW OFFERING



Malajog Ridge Nature Park

