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It is a good thing that the city government of Calbayog is into the creation and development of the public realm with earnest intent. The step will help encourage tourism as well as enliven the community and energize the local economy.

Tourism is an important sector for the economy of any place that has become a popular tourist destination. But a place does not just become an attraction merely because it has good beaches and scenic areas. Tourism is much more than that.

Making a locality interesting to people traveling for pleasure requires not just working up the infrastructure within which visitor activities take place but the involvement of local people and private investors as well.

Tourism cannot thrive in a place where local government and local people don't work well together. While tourism is dependent on government to supply the infrastructure like roads and airport, it expects local people to provide the atmosphere that creates a travel experience.

Once these sectors combine their respective resources to create that atmosphere, Tourism will flourish thereby creating new opportunities for employment and income for the population.

The Editor-in-Chief



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LBP-Samar Lending Center Moves To Calbayog

CALBAYOG CITY- The transfer of the provincial lending center of the Land Bank of the Philippines to Calbayog is now imminent after the city government agreed to have a portion of the Calbayog Convention Center's interior modified according to the structural requirements of the bank as stipulated in the terms of the lease contract entered into by the parties late last year.

In an exclusive interview, Landbank loans Department Manager Buenaventura Leyva told The Calbayog Journal that the bank is just awaiting for the completion of the structural modification in the 540 square meter portion of the convention center leased to the LBP before effecting the transfer of its facilities to that new location in Brgy. Ca-pooacan.

The Php 108,000.00 monthly rental of Landbank is expected to lessen the burden of the city government in maintaining and operating the Convention Center which, according to Calbayog City Mayor Ronald P. Aquino cost nearly half a million pesos annually. The LBP monthly rental will also help fatten the funds in the city's treasury.

The remaining fully air-conditioned space which can accommodate up to 200 is still available for use by the public as venue for conferences and other functions. Social events that require accommodation for more than 200 persons will be held at the Calbayog City Sports Center which is a much bigger building than the Convention Center.

Meanwhile, Mayor Aquino clarified once again that the Convention Center is owned by the city government. The city, he said, is just leasing a portion of it to the LBP. The bank is using the premises for the conduct of its financial transactions with local government units, business establishments and other clientele in the province.

Samar Region Concept Draws More Support

CALBAYOG CITY - The move to separate from Leyte and make the island of Samar itself an administrative division now appears to be gaining momentum as the highest-ranking government official in Calbayog City joins the heads of the three diocesan regions of the Catholic church in the island in discussions that are mainly concerned about the idea of creating a "separate region" for Samareños.

The conversation which happened at the St. Mary's College of Catbalogan in Catbalogan City in February 26 and brought together Calbayog City Mayor Ronald P. Aquino; Bishops Isabelo Abarquez of the Calbayog Diocese; Emmanuel Trance of the Catarman Diocese; Crispin Vasquez of the Borongan Diocese; and civil society representatives from the three Samar provinces, considered seriously the thought of making Samar island, the third largest in the archipelago, another region in the country.

The idea was reportedly put forward as a suggestion in August, last year, when the affiliates of the peace and development advocate called SIPPAD or Samar Island Partnership for Peace and Development assembled in Catarman, Northern Samar to exchange views on the problems that have fallen upon the island.

In the Catbalogan conference, SIPPAD affiliates supported in principle a resolution asking President Benigno Aquino III to issue an executive order creating the Samar island region consisting of three Samar provinces for administrative convenience.

The move sprang from the opinion that a "one island region" would result to better coordination in pursuing a holistic solution to the problems that beset the entire island.

At present the island of Samar is paired with Leyte island to form the eastern visayas region (Region 8) consisting of six provinces namely Biliran, Eastern Samar, Leyte, Northern Samar, Western Samar, and Southern Leyte with Tacloban City as the regional center.

Meanwhile, Mayor Aquino expressed his support for the one island region concept saying that its materialization will make the regional offices of national government agencies readily accessible to Samareños and at the same time open new employment opportunities for them.

He said that all provincial governors in the island should meet and put their heads together on making it a reality.



New Police Headquarters To Rise In Calbayog City

CALBAYOG CITY- The “PNP building project is the product of ‘Daang Matuwid,’ a testament to how good governance, under the Aquino administration, translates to tangible projects,” DILG Secretary Mel Senen Sarmiento said during the contract signing and the ground breaking ceremony last Tuesday, March 01, 2016 for the construction of a new building that will house the headquarters of the Calbayog police force.

Sarmiento added that the project is the fruit of the government’s avowed intention to prioritize the transformation and the upgrading of police facilities which is expected to help improve the morale of police personnel and to provide them an atmosphere conducive to police work.

Mayor Ronald P. Aquino who chairs the Peace and Order Council in Region 8, made statement that “what was just a dream four years ago will now become a reality.”

The Mayor also said that he made the request for the replacement of the old and dilapidated Calbayog police station to then DILG Secretary Jessie Robredo four years ago but the ascent of a Calbayognon to the top most position of that agency helped tremendously in making the wish a reality.



The new police headquarters to be constructed by the contractor, E.D. Libunao Construction and Trading, within 410 calendar days will be a two-storey-with-roof-deck-building costing Php12.2M+ in contract amount from the Php13M funds recently made available by the DILG.

With the religious rites and blessing of the ground officiated by Mnsgr. Francisco Cinco, Jr., also present during the ceremony were Police Regional Director PCSupt. Jose Erwin Villacorte, Samar OIC-Provincial Director PSSupt. Rommel Bernardo A. Cabagnet, OIC-Regional Logistics Division PSSupt Pio L. Manito, Regional Engineering Chief PCInsp. Maria Deovina G. Sevillano, Calbayog OIC-Chief PCInsp. Elmer T. Vergara, other ranking police officials, and the city’s police force.

Landbank Shelves PHP800M Prov’l. Gov’t. Loan Request

CALBAYOG CITY - The controversy over the PHP800 million loan application of the Samar provincial government at the Landbank of the Philippines seems headed for a hiatus after the said financial establishment decided to put it aside because of the unresolved loan-related cases filed against the borrower.

The bank’s decision was hailed by Samar Provincial Board Member Alma Uy-Lampasa saying that it tantamounts to victory for the population who will be the one to pay back the money plus interest. Lampasa who is the lone opposition in the provincial legislature, apparently sees the loan as a curse that will bring financial trouble to the province in the coming years.

Lampasa, who filed a petition against the proposed loan request late last year claiming that Ordinance No. 14-062-15 which authorizes the governor to obtain the loan was tainted with irregularity, obtained a 20-day Temporary Restraining Order while evidences was set for presentation

on January 06, 2016.

In an Order dated January 04, 2016, however, Catbalogan Regional Trial Court Branch 29 which heard the petition lifted the TRO thereby dismissing Lampasa’s case.

Motion for inhibition of the hearing court and reconsideration of the petition was immediately filed by Lampasa which was heard by Catbalogan Regional Trial Court Branch 27 and are awaiting resolution as of press time.

Earlier, Governor Tan reportedly issued a statement saying that her office decided to defer the signing of the loan agreement with Land Bank until after the 2016 elections. The move was reportedly meant to disprove the propaganda of the opposition that the loan proceeds will be used for the elections.

The governor’s statement was corroborated by LBP Loans Department Manager Buenaventura Leyva. In an interview, Leyva told the Calbayog Journal that the report contains a grain of truth based on the absence of any move from the provincial government to complete the process. He revealed that the province has not actually complied with the requirements for the continued processing of its loan proposal since complying with the issuance of a loan ordinance in October 29, 2015.

In the LBP letter to Lampasa dated February 29, 2016 Leyva informed her of the “terms and conditions of the loan approval” which clearly indicates that “the Bank reserves the right to withhold releases should there be a case filed against the LGU or its officials involved in the projects to be financed. ”



Japanese Employers Visit Seafarers' School In Leyte

Country representatives of the International Mariners Management Association of Japan and the Philippine-Japan Manning Consultative Council, Inc. paid a visit to the National Maritime Polytechnic (NMP) in Barangay Cabalawan in Tacloban City last month obviously to examine the facilities of that institution which is devoted to training seafarers seeking employment overseas.

The visitors- Capt. Tsutomu Harada, Capt. Yasutero Shigeta, Hisaya Higuchi, Shinsuke Ogura, Yutaka Kikuchi, Koichi Sakimura- were personally welcomed by NMP Executive Director Manuel C. Roldan and other top officials of the training center. The guests were accompanied by IMMAJ-RJMCC projects consultant Wenifredo G. Sola.

The Japanese visitors are apparently interested in knowing the proficiency of the NMP in making seafarers aware of the hazards of working on ocean-going vessels and can react aptly in an emergency.

The IMMAJ-PJMCC is an association of shipowners, ship managers, and manning agencies in Japan where many Filipino seafarers are working on board Japanese ships.

Meanwhile, the NMP which is the only maritime training and research institution in the country is reportedly upgrading its training facilities regularly in order to meet international standards.



NMP Director Manuel C. Roldan (foremost right), Administrative, Financial and Management Head Atty. Ruben Y. Maceda (first from left) and Maritime Training and Assessment Assistant Head Engr. Ponciano V. Trinidad (third from left) lead the on-site tour.

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NOTE for **Mayor**
4. Tan, Angel (NP)



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‘Arte Waraynon’ Celebrates Arts Month

The Calbayog City Visual Arts Association (CCVAA) held its first art exhibit at the Christ the King College museum in February in celebration of the National Arts Month.

The 2-day art exhibit dubbed “Arte Waraynon” showcased the works of sixteen artists- Armando Toleza, Val Villanueva, Danny Celum, Jun Salurio, Aris Ventures, Eduardo Labana, Rex Zosa, Ecal Gonzalo Ostulano, Wilmon Potente, Simeon Rodriguez, Jr., Nilo Rodriguez, Roman Rosalado, Carlos Barandino, Jerry Contridas, Melvin Roxas, and Melenio Olano, Jr.

The works of international artist and Calbayognon Raul Isidro who is acknowledged as the pride of the community in the art world were also displayed in the museum particularly his depiction of the “Stations of the Cross.”

The exhibit was formally opened with the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon by CKC administrator Bro. Ariel Manga OFM assisted by the Calbayog Journal Editor-in-Chief Josephine Mendoza.\

CCVAA is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and its current elected officers are Rostum Villamor-president, Gonzalo Ostulano-vice president, Armando Toleza, Val Villanueva, Aristotle Ventures, and Danny Celum-board directors.

Two of the association’s directors- Armando Toleza and Val Villanueva-participated in the 1992 art exhibit in Tacloban City in Leyte.



Leyte Sugarland Farmers Get Support From DAR

TACLOBAN CITY – Two sugarland farmer organizations in Leyte were recently provided by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) a shot in the arm that they need in order to remain highly productive.

The DAR donated two 10-wheeler dump trucks to two organizations of sugar farmers, the Boroc Agricultural Producers Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Ormoc City and the Libongao DAR



Farmer Beneficiaries Association in the Municipality of Kananga which are engaged in sugar block farming, a DAR agricultural-enterprise project.

The dump truck is the equipment recommended by the state universities and Colleges commissioned by the DAR to carry out a “needs assessment” for the agri-enterprise projects under the agency’s Agrarian Reform Com-



munities Connectivity and Economic Support Services (ARCCCESS).

Cesario Pulvera, the manager of the BAP-MPC in Ormoc City said that the dump trucks which is worth Php 5.7 Million each is of great help to the cooperatives particularly in the transport of sugarcane.

Pulvera added that the DAR donation spared them the trouble of renting hauling trucks which cost the cooperative over a Thousand pesos per trip.

The said coop also received two Four-wheel drive tractors from DAR in the last two years.

Sidewalk Vendors Give Up Footways

CALBAYOG CITY - Sidewalk vendors in the city’s business district gave up the pedestrian paths after they cut a deal with the city government that makes it easier for them to get a stall at the central public market in Barangay Bagacay.

The agreement was reached in the meeting of sidewalk vendors last month called by city administrator Rosario Gonzaga to talk them into heeding the government call not to use the sidewalks as their place of business. Nearly a hundred vendors attended the conference.

Gonzaga explained that the city government looks disapprovingly upon sidewalk vending in the downtown area because it worsens the traffic in that section of the city. Meanwhile, the chief of the City Enterprise Department Nida Beso said that allowing vendors to sell their articles in the sidewalks is unfair to those that are renting a booth inside the Calbayog terminal market.

To ease the vendors’ burden in operating at the public market, the city waived the required six months deposit of the Php 1,200 monthly rental for the stall. The City Administrator announced that only the Php60.00 daily rental will be collected upon resumption of the business.

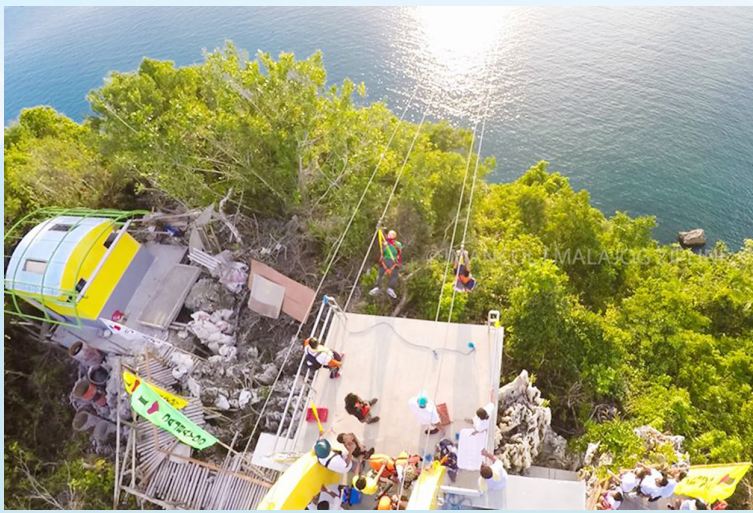
Calbayog City Mayor Ronald P. Aquino issued the order to clear the sidewalks of occupants not only to abate traffic congestion in areas affected but also to prevent the proliferation of sidewalk vendors in the city’s business district.



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CALBAYOG ZIP LINE



Calbayog City is well into the business of providing amusement and recreation not only to locals but also to outsiders traveling for pleasure.

Its new offerings include the newly inaugurated Malajog Zipline and Malajog Ridge Nature Park in Barangay Malajog some 16 kilometers north of the city proper. These recreational facilities are major components of the government-funded Malajog Tourism Development Project spearheaded by Calbayog City mayor Ronald P. Aquino himself who saw the concept's tourism potential over two years ago.

The amenities offer exciting and unusual experience never before acquirable anywhere in Eastern Visayas. The adventure starts just a few meters off the national highway in Barangay Malajog where the 915 meter-long ascending trail that snakes through a mountain ridge begins. The trail is accentuated by a 855-step stairway built of reinforced concrete with railings on both sides that cuts through the dense vegetation. There are observation decks along the



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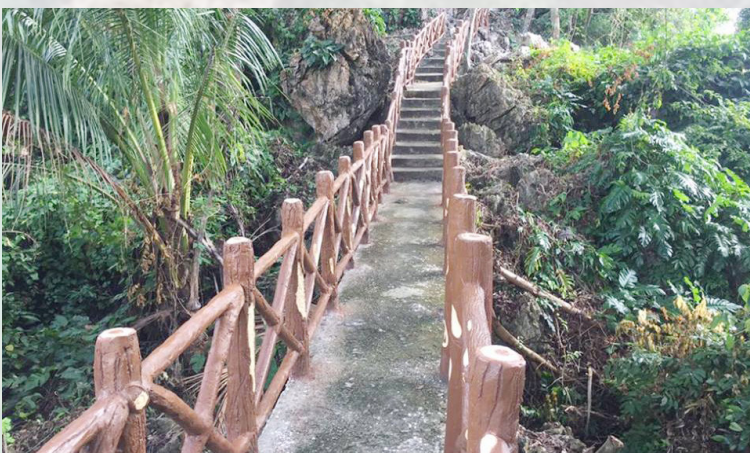
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Malajog Ridge Nature Park

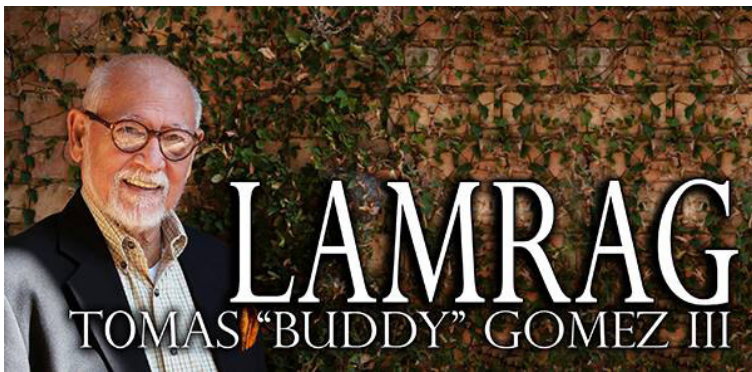
way with a broad view of the surroundings but it's the last deck located at the upper most part of the trail that affords a panoramic view of the Samar Sea and the islands beyond. It is where the launch deck of the 750 meter-long Malajog Zipline sits 60 stories above sea level. From that Platform built of steel-reinforced concrete, a thick cable extends to a landing structure on Daraga islet some 700 meters away.

The Zipline is designed to enable a user, propelled by gravity, to make its way from the top of the ridge to the small island by attaching to the pulley moving freely down the inclined cable. The average speed of users in "superman position" was determined to be 19 meters per second or about 68.4 Kilometers per hour. The 7x19 steel core aircraft wire supplied by an American company called Zipline Gear U.S.A. has a capacity of 33,000 Kilograms. It is so strong that even a 22,000 kilogram Bulldozer can zip down to the island without a problem.

The Zipline was constructed under the supervision of "experts" using equipment brought in from overseas. Its architect is himself a professional Zipline gear consultant.



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Metro Manila's Demise Enhances Calbayog's Tipping Point!

Metro Manila's overpopulation and consequent chaotic congestion will inevitably result in a shake out of many existing occupancies therein. These are the entities, enterprises and individuals with their families that can no longer tolerate a presence in a location that is teeming with every urban ill man can conceive of. Even some government entities will fall into such a category. All will have something in common: they no longer need a Metro Manila presence in order to exist. Relocation is not only attractive. Relocation becomes a logical and sensible need.

Over time, Imperial Manila has so self-strangulated herself, from which unabated and uncontrolled growth has evolved an environment that is no longer conducive to healthful and comfortable existence. Business entities, government as well as private enterprise, along with individuals who provide the manpower for these activities will very well simply opt out and move away from Metro Manila. In fact, the national government has to adapt and implement an effective policy of decongestion and population redistribution. Here is a potential opportunity for Calbayog to help the national government and Metro Manila.

Where to relocate will become a matter of competitive promotions of hosting/relocation facilities by the respective local government units who are prepared to partake of and are truly desirous of enjoying the socio-economic benefits that accompany the successful relocation of people and payroll.

While the immediate beneficiaries of these inevitable relocations will be the familiar vicinities within a hundred kilometers (or so) from the old metropolis, there are other alternative venues among the better developed areas all over the archipelago that can provide comparative advantages. One such venue for growth is our beloved Calbayog.

Calbayog is now well positioned to participate in the forthcoming reallocation of national economic growth. Therefore, she must not only be ready for the eventuality of a Metro Manila shakeout, she must proactively seek out opportunities to promote and market her assets in terms of location, geography and the availability of educated manpower as well as academic and medical facilities. Without doubt, Calbayog possesses an environment that is conducive to commercial and industrial development, an environment that is attractive for a comfortable and healthful life style. Let us therefore endeavor to share these.

The opening of the Super Metro and the forthcoming Gaisano and Robinsons Malls attests to the fact that Calbayog is attractive and good for commercial growth. Otherwise these investors would not have bothered to risk capital. Additionally, we have the blessings of Maguino-o's friendly natural depths that provide us with port works, services and its excellent potential along with the programmed completion of our Airport runway in Sabang. There, too, are several national government agencies whose regional offices will be relocating to Calbayog. It is also to be noted that the advent of the Internet has provided Calbayog with a potent tool to promote our extraordinary tourism/visitor properties. Already, there is being experienced a proliferation hotels, inns and pensiones.

All these comprise a package of assets that has brought Calbayog to this happy tipping point. It is therefore critical that this tipping point is properly, prudently managed and directed.

For starters, an unprecedented cooperation among all leading

stakeholders overseen by a good dose of political maturity, a non-partisan lynchpin for intelligent community development. A cooperation among the City administration and council, the business community and the socio-civic organizations is called for.

It is recommended that soon after the elections our elders and leaders opt, informally at first, to sit together, convene a forum and begin to craft/develop an outline of a strategy for socio-economic growth that is anchored upon attracting and inviting the spill over from Metro Manila's excess weight looking for welcoming havens. For now, let us call it the Calbayog Forum for Growth.



The Day The Crocodile Ate The Sun

A Memoir

(The June 20, 1955 total solar eclipse, lasting 7 minutes 8 seconds, is the longest total solar eclipse since the 11th century until the 22nd century. The Philippines was near the greatest eclipse during totality, meaning the darkest moment of the eclipse. I vividly remember this event.)

I was a nine-year-old third grade pupil when one Thursday in June after school I saw my father, whom we respectfully called Tatay, jabbing a stick into a pile of discarded carpentry materials at our backyard. When he saw me he nodded twice. I approached him, took his hand and planted the back of the palm on my forehead (a customary gesture to show respect for the elders), then he handed me the stick. "Look for some glass fragments," he said. "And be careful, okay? We need them next week." Then he walked to the house to cook steamed rice and long-jawed fresh bolinaw (anchovies) braised in vinegar and garlic for supper.

Our 380-square-foot house was made of bamboo posts and trusses with walls and roof made of the tropical palm leaf called nipa, which is why a house like ours was commonly called nipa hut. The absence of concrete mix and metal sheets kept the air cool most days. It was elevated to protect us from insects, except the kitchen which was an extension that used the bare soil ground as its floor. A cluster of about fifty nipa huts, bounded by the sea and the forest, was our neighborhood. It resembled a pioneering settlement: no electrical power, no water system, very few vehicles, and no telephone system. It seemed to me that we were bonded together by two factors: our faithful adherence to Catholic religious practices and the perpetuation of stories, folklores, rituals, and values handed down through the years as oral tradition.

In my scavenging I found four fragments of a glass windowpane of various geometric sizes. Time has smoothen the edges. I carefully cleaned them and gave them to Tatay who took out a wick lamp made from a candy jar, pushed the wick up to expose its tip, and lit it. He then took one of the glass fragments, held it over the black smoke produced by wick. He gently lifted it up, peeped through it, and looked satisfied at his home-made smoked glass. He must have noticed my curiosity because he turned his head towards me and said: "Oh, oh, did you know that there will be a bakunawa (eclipse) on Monday next week?" I nodded to acknowledge what he said. Feeling curious I silently counted the days. "Monday would be June 20, 1955," I told myself.

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A Little Bit More On Personality And Marriage

"We are a people caught up in our dreams of the past and/or illusions of the future." This is one striking line from a book, whose title I forgot, I could not forget. Months later, I read an article which briefly explained that, "for a marriage to work out, the relationship must be complementary and supplementary".

No offense meant, but today's proliferation of sexual immorality has led not only to broken marriages and shattered dreams but also turned good people into subtle or panicking control freaks, caused either by paranoia or trauma. Very, very, very sad!

In our constant search for perfection, because of the "void only God can fill" (Plumb in their song: GOD-SHAPED HOLE), we most oftentimes get attracted to a personality type very opposite ours. This is good, I think, since a good marriage must be complementary. The problem most probably begins when a person, already in a marriage, fails to understand his/her responsibilities in it.

Yes, as per cultural dictates there are obvious and defined responsibilities attached to a marriage - these are what we call the basic responsibilities of a husband and of a wife. The unique ones which are considered the most intricate and maybe delicate ones are discovered only little by little

when a person is inside it. This discovery is mostly where the difficulties in a marriage begin.

Thus, when a married couple's foundation is not strong, these difficulties eat their marriage up slowly but surely. And their world begins to falter. The inability or unwillingness to understand and find the probable cause/s or answer/s to the problem/s worsens the situation. Self-denial pushes a partner or both to look for new friendship/s outside of their marriage. And then one day they just find themselves already buried in their own ditch because today's effects of rampant moral degeneration has resulted different kinds of mutations out of our people, young or old.

When a marriage is supplementary, it is not easily shaken or threatened because there is always an open line communication and both partners understand each other, both in ways and language whether near or far from each other. But before all these, the bulk of the burden perhaps lies in the person's inadequacy of his/her self-knowledge or personality type, to be more specific.

Personality awareness is very important if we are to understand our self. Without it our efforts or changing for the better will be a "hit or miss" undertaking. And more often, than not, we miss. So we become desperate. Confusion sets in. Ever confused, we then become forever-changing people.. M. Scott Peck (author of THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED) has a nice description for us, "People of the Lie" (his book of the same title is very interesting).

The road map to life journey begins with my self or your self. There can never be an "us" before a "me", or a "we" before an "I". There can never be a union with another before a union with a self, because God is in each of us. Before we can commit to another (or to others) we must commit to God first by committing to our self. To begin with God always is the only right thing to do; for if we do not do the right thing from the very beginning nothing will ever be right.

But don't lose hope if you are in a not-right or a not-so-right situation right now. There is never a late with God. Start from where you are. Befriend your self so you can befriend your spouse. Pray.. Just don't quit. Hold on tight and hang in there. One day you are going to see and realize everything fell in its proper places.

I bid you goodbye, dearest friends, with my earliest (after my overhaul/transformation) reflection: "the tragedy is, we are so sick who will always seek for the same sick mate whose sickness fits ours to a T and produce more sick people." And the "sick cycle carousel (?)" continues. Lord, have mercy on us!

Sometime again...ciao.

Citizens Movement Push For Radical Change

Many people from different parts of region 8 went to Tacloban in March 14, 2016 to witness the campaign of Mayor Duterte and showed support as well of his candidacy. The assembly was held at Remedios T. Romualdez Plaza. Presidential candidate Mayor Rodrigo Roa Duterte who is known to be the first responder of Yolanda victims who went to help with a heart and mind full of vigor. He brought with him, as reported, 911 with 10 doctors and nurses after the typhoon hit Leyte in November 8, 2013. More than ten thousand region 8 residents were in attendance hailing his name.

Mayor Duterte without dilly dallies laid his plans once elected as President of the Philippines. Contractualization will be abolished. The advantages of this system were found to be weak as far as for the well being of the employee is concerned. The benefits are less to zero. In addition, TESDA programs will be noted senseless due to lack of work availability for those who are on common grounds.

He showed concern of how illegal drugs have become so rampant and easy to be obtained, that even rural areas are now saturated with these illegal drugs; that both from the economically advantaged and economically scarce are already chained of these harmful elements. He cited a solution; to first go after the financier of this illegal trade. Doubling the salary of the police and military, he believe, could give these men enough enthusiasm to do their work efficiently.

Duterte again vowed to stop criminality in 3 to 6 months. He made clarity of this time frame by explaining how external pressures push him to do the work that needs to be done drastically. He loves his people, and therefore if the people themselves would show desperation, he would be inspired enough to be more dedicated to his duties and fulfill what he has promised.

With regards to the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program or 4P's, he promised to continue the said program with a revision by adding 1 sack of rice per beneficiary.

Merging these two major government insurance namely SSS (Social Security System) and GSIS (Government services Insurance System) is part of



his platform that would address corruption issues. Ensuring that the money is invested at real high yielding business investments

To make health services accessible to the people, he promised to establish heart center, lung center and kidney centers in Visayas and Mindanao and have a free operation for major illnesses such as cancer using the money of PAGCOR which has 35 billion pesos income per year.

He also emphasized his commitment to protect the indigenous people and the promotion of peace in Mindanao. Davao City where he presently serves as Mayor is the only place in the Philippines where there is a school for Muslims .This institution helps these Muslim brothers of ours learn Arabic language and study their doctrine called "Koran"

The campaign in Leyte is supported by all the basic sectors of the society which includes the Farmer and Fisherfolk Groups, Women and Youth Sector, Transport Groups, Businesses, Faith Based Organizations and individuals who believe in his advocacy for Federalism.

The sole proponent for a Federal Government ,Mayor Rodrigo Roa Duterte, is not alone in his journey ;the people from Tacloban's support was apparent during the said campaign; the Citizens Movement for Radical Change (CMRC) with strong network of Civil Society Organizations and individual volunteers in Eastern Visayas were as well rooted as he is for a radical change .

"Duterte" is the only name they know among the five presidential candidates who has the moral authority to transpire what the people of the Philippines desperately longed for; good governance and peace.

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 nagi-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-iya 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 pangabuhin 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.



Magsohong Aims High

Calbayog City - "Magsohong" now known as the Municipality of Sta. Margarita in Western Samar has made progress in many things since its current mayor-Gemma Parente Zosa- took office in July 1,2013.

The Garbage collection system in the municipality which was a big problem in the past has improved resulting from the introduction of solid waste management measures by the 48 year-old mayor barely two months after she assumed office.

Sta. Margarita made strides in among others budget planning; strategic performance management; land use; safety and security; Health and Sanitation; Culture and Arts promotion; poverty alleviation; livelihood of disadvantaged inhabitant, and in the fields of Agriculture and Fishery which are the backbones of the town's food security.

The town's dependence on the bounty of the sea in meeting its food requirements prompted the local government to participate actively in efforts to protect Samar Sea from the destructive fishing methods employed by unscrupulous marine merchants. The municipality established its own Bantay Dagat which will work closely with other similar organizations from neighboring coastal communities.

Other food-related programs were also given impetus by mayor Zosa-Food Processing wherein 37 recipients were given technical and financial support as well as Swine dispersal wherein qualified residents were each given a piglet and feeds.

The improvements did not escape the notice of private investors. Recently EON Petroleum, Inc. put up a gasoline station in Monbon. More private investments are expected in the coming years as the Sta. Margarita municipal government strives to lure investors into the community and to transform itself into a first class municipality

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MANACOL
Board Member

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Vice Mayor

RE-ELECT

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"Oripun san Gugma."

BOARD MEMBER
SAMAR FIRST DISTRICT

AKSYON PADAYON

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

"Hingyap mapauswag an Panginabuhian san mga Negosyante nga Gugti."

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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.

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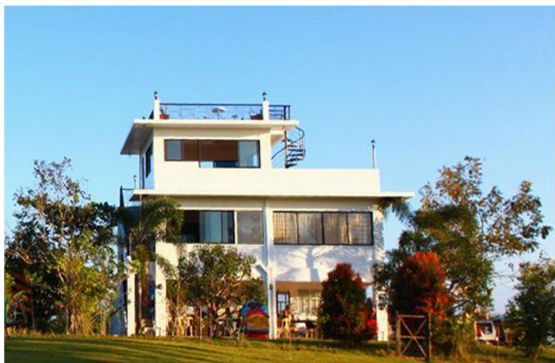
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