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Bits



Right to bail

■ The Puerto Rico Bar Association will host this week two forums on two subjects. Today, at 6:30 p.m. the forum in Spanish entitled, "The right to bail that we need: an insight from a law and human rights perspective" will take place, whereas tomorrow, Thursday, at 7:15 p.m. the forum in Spanish entitled, "The referendum on Legislative Reform and Unicameral Legislature" will take place at the headquarters on Ponce de León Avenue in Miramar in San Juan.



CentroBasket

■ The much-awaited basketball tournament that kicked off yesterday continues until Sunday with Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Puerto Rico as participating countries. Tickets range from \$5.66 to \$32.13 and are available at www.ticketpop.com. For more details, call 787-294-0001.



End of hot streak for DR

■ With a victory in five sets, the Puerto Rico Women's Volleyball National Team defeated the Dominican Republic Sunday putting an end to their winning streak and finishing third in the Group F of the World Tournament taking place in Japan. The final score was 25-19, 21-25, 25-23, 21-25 and 15-12. The Boricuas hadn't defeated the Dominicans in seven years.



By El Nuevo Día

What's next?: Yousef García and Daniel Pagán from Asesores Ambientales y Educativos, Inc. said that their contracts were renewed even when the gas pipeline project had been killed.

Three-month wait to learn about gas pipeline susbtitute

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Despite the alternatives that were revealed last week, the decision on which project would substitute the gas pipeline project would be disclosed in three months, the Puerto Rico Power Authority (PREPA) government board chairman José Ortiz said.

According to him, his intention is to put the three options presented by the Environmental Compliance and Energy Alternatives Inter-sectoral Committee (CICAAE, for its Spanish acronym) to governor Luis Fortuño "to compete".

The three options are, a floating terminal at Aguirre from which small barges would supply liquefied natural gas to the thermal power generating plants on the north and

The government advocates for a formal competitive process

eventually to Mayagüez; a buoy with a supertanker on the north of Toa Baja that would be connected to a pipeline that supplies natural gas to the power plants; and bringing compressed natural gas through a terminal on the north coast.

"All the alternatives have attracted potential companies to the island. They have already carried out preliminary assessments. Companies from all over the world have come here," Ortiz said. For the time being, the name of the corporations will remain a secret. "I understand that a three-month period is more than enough to decide which is the most attractive option," the engineer said.

Meanwhile, governor Fortuño made a statement via his press secretary Edward Zayas that he will soon convene with federal agencies

to show them the report with the alternatives presented by CICAAE.

When asked for his comment on the matter, Ortiz said that it's a "healthy" move that aims to speed up the processes, especially the permit granting one. "We have to make federal agencies aware of why we are replacing one alternative for the other. Let's see how they can help us accelerate the permit (granting) or amendments to the current permit," Ortiz said predicting that the gas pipeline options could also require new environmental assessments (EA).

Expecting an apology

After the news broke regarding the report submitted by CICAAE, leaders from the Casa Pueblo de Adjuntas environmental advocacy

group, who have led the strong community opposition to the gas pipeline project, demanded an apology from Fortuño to the people and to revert all the damages caused to the families that were expropriated as well as to PREPA customers.

"The government admitted that the proposed 92-mile pipeline was never feasible, and most importantly, they never justified the deceit to PREPA customers regarding its financing against their will; the farce of a tube that was always empty and never had gas to operate," said Arturo Massol Deyá.

Massol urged Fortuño and the PREPA to discuss the alternatives presented by CICAAE not only with federal agencies, but also with community groups.

Politics

Colonial status case of the island to be discussed at the UN

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WASHINGTON - The United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization was scheduled to discuss yesterday a new resolution favoring the right of Puerto Rico to self-determination and independence.

The measure was presented by the Cuban government, with the endorsement of the governments that comprise the Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas (ALBA, for its Spanish acronym) headed by Venezuela.

At this time, the United States recognizes the colonial situation of Puerto Rico, but "doesn't give way to promote decolonization," says in his speech the Puerto Rican Independence Party secretary general and governor candidate Juan Dalmau.

Therefore, he said, it is imperative to re-speak "a cooperative action among Latin American and Caribbean countries with the purpose of promoting a great Pan American political initiative through which the Americas can express their unconditional solidarity with the achievement of our national independence; and claims the decolonization of Puerto Rico before the United Nations General Assembly and the government of the United



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Decolonization: Expected to be approved yesterday, the resolution states the inalienable right of the Latin American and Caribbean countries to self-determination and independence," according to Dalmau.

States of America."

Dalmau will be one of the tens of speakers who will make statements before the so-called Committee of 24, which has kept the case of Puerto Rico open since the 1970s.

The pressure from political groups, especially those pro independence, and governments from the Americas, like those of countries like Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua, are aimed at getting the UN General Assembly to review the political situation of Puerto Rico.

What to do? Where to go?

At the Garden in Palmas

A hotel with benefits, that is the Wyndham Garden, located in the middle of the most complete resort on the island

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The Wyndham Garden is now renovated and enhanced with amenities that many hotels in the Caribbean wish they had. The investment speaks for itself. They dedicated \$4.2 million to create the dream hotel on the eastern part of the island. The purpose is clear: leisure, corporate and family tourism as well as catering to the wedding, special event and conventions segment. Next to nothing.

The truth is that Empresas Santana is doing everything within its reach to transform the new Wyndham Garden Hotel and Casino at Palmas del Mar into the "ideal spot" to spend luxury vacation without having to fly away.

From relaxing to entertaining moments, the amenities include tennis courts, swimming pools, horseback riding tours, golf courses, casinos, spas and restaurants - everything encircled by an immense garden from where one can appreciate every morning a spectacular sunrise featuring a beach strip on which one can feel the sweet caress of the ocean waves.

Spacious rooms

The renovations at the Wyndham Garden aimed to freshen up the hotel, make its spaces more modern with light colors that highlight the openness to nice areas for nice gatherings,

with tropical furniture, wicker chairs, plants that contribute to the greenness of the paradisiacal Humacao community. The high ceilings give continuity to other spaces creating a strategic lighting and an intimate ambience in a boutique hotel atmosphere.

And though we would like to avoid the impossible, - absolute seclusion - all the rooms have unlimited high-speed Internet access, LED screen TVs, cable and much more. The Wyndham Garden also provides service at its Business Center, with computers, printers and other office equipment guests may need to use. It must be noted that the presence of Amalgama, the main restaurant at the resort, opens for breakfast and dinner.



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Dream hotel: The Wyndham Garden & Casino @ Palmas del Mar is steps away from the Candelero Beach in Humacao.

Sports



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Hobby: Orro Tennis Academy offers two initial lessons free of charge, gear included.

Miniature hobby, great results

Mini-tennis, another amusing game for kids to learn the sport

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In order to promote the sport of tennis as a hobby for kids and youngsters, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) is working hard to promote mini-tennis around the world.

Mini-tennis is a miniature version of the sport, played on smaller courts with less bouncing balls to make volleying easier for smaller children.

"The main benefit of mini-tennis is that it adapts the

modality of the sport to the characteristics and skills of the players," explained the veteran coach Jorge Orro, who is heading a mini-tennis program at the Orro Tennis Academy, at the Honda Tennis Center in Bayamón.

"The court dimensions are smaller, they use smaller rackets and lighter tennis balls. Moreover, it's easier to make the sport appeal to the masses, as it guarantees immediate success for participants and assures prolonged participation practicing the sport." For details, please visit the Orro Tennis Academy Facebook page.

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