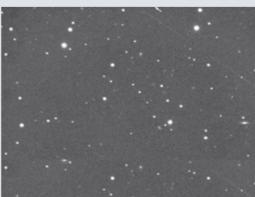


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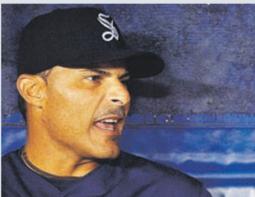
Photogenic asteroid

■ Though the original forecast predicted it would be seen at 9:26 a.m., the asteroid discovered last June 22 was at its closest point on Monday at 1:00 p.m., the Society of Astronomy in the Caribbean (SAC) informed, clarifying that due to bright sunlight the astronomical body wouldn't be visible from Puerto Rico. Nevertheless, Efraim Morales, an astrophotographer, was able to take some snapshots from his residence in Aguadilla during its speedy passage on Sunday night.



Las Cascadas with lodging

■ Aguadilla City Enterprises Corp. is planning to include Las Cascadas Hotel within its premises, which has been operational for years under the municipality's management. Governor Luis Fortuño made the announcement together with the Aguadilla mayor Carlos Méndez and Tourism Company director Mario González Lafuente, in the presence of mayors and legislators from the west.



Leaving the Crabbers

■ The three-year tenure of Tony Valentin as owner of the Santurce Crabbers ended last Monday, following two seasons of inactivity. The former Major Leaguer left his position during a Puerto Rico Pro Baseball League (LBPPR) board of directors meeting. LBPPR president Sadi Antonmatei noted they are carefully seeking for a new team owner, as they have established that next season they plan to have five teams—reason for which the reintegration of the Crabbers wouldn't take place until the 2012-2013 winter season.



By El Nuevo Dia

Reimbursement: The multimillionaire allotment is the first injection for the Green Energy Fund (FEV).

\$290 million in favor of green energy

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Starting this Friday, the government would set aside from \$20 million to \$40 million a year in order to reimburse consumers and businesses who invested in renewable energy equipment or appliances installed in their homes, businesses, or industries.

The multimillionaire allotment is the first injection for the Green Energy Fund (FEV, for its Spanish acronym)—a subsidies program expected to create a new paradigm regarding energy production on the island, Department of Economic Development and Commerce secretary José R. Pérez-Riera, and the Energy Affairs administrator Luis Bernal Jiménez confirmed.

The FEV would become effective on July 1, pursuant to the new energy reform act. On said date, the government would transfer \$20 million from the excise tax on motor vehicles

The government would reimburse money invested by consumers and businesses

—that goes straight into the General Fund—to the FEV, a transaction that would create 280 direct, indirect, and induced jobs over FY 2011-2012. The latter would only take place if the estimated 150 energy-producing projects materialize.

“This is about using tax dollars in a better way for the people's benefit,” said Pérez-Riera insisting that the FEV allocation does not entail additional taxes for taxpayers.

The government's goal is to transfer \$290 million to the FEV over the next ten years, so Puerto Rico is able to produce more energy from renewable sources. The annual allotment would increase to \$25 million in FY 2014; to \$30 million in FY 2015; and to \$35 million in FY 2016. And from then on, \$40 million would be allocated each year.

In 2012, the production of

energy from renewable sources should be 12 percent of the total energy production, and 15 percent in 2015.

Pérez-Riera assured that with said initiative energy costs would decrease, thus eliminating one of the most significant hurdles in entrepreneurial activity, enabling the creation of a new industrial sector focused on manufacturing and the installation of this type of equipment and appliances.

Bernal Jiménez explained that the government would reimburse up to 60 percent of the acquisition and equipment installation costs for wind turbines and photovoltaic panels, when it comes to smaller scale projects. According to the government, individuals or small businesses could develop these projects because they would generate up to 100 kilowatts of energy.

Governor turns it on

Fortuño sends letter to federal government to expedite permit granting to EcoEléctrica

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WASHINGTON — Due to complications the gas pipeline project is facing, governor Luis Fortuño has intervened on behalf of the project before the federal government with the purpose of expediting the permit granting for renovations to EcoEléctrica company to give at least some follow up to the delayed natural gas project at the Costa Sur plant.

EcoEléctrica has a pending request before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to authorize renovations to the plant and increase its capacity to convert natural gas into gas.

So far, the company hasn't been able to supply the demand for natural gas for its plant and for Costa Sur —the main plant of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA)— that should've been under way last December according to plan.

“The Modification Project (at EcoEléctrica) is of utmost importance for the Government of Puerto Rico,” the governor said in his communication dated June 9 to FERC chairman Jon Wellenighoff.

Without these modifications to EcoEléctrica's capacity not even the Costa Sur project would have access to enough gas.

According to the local Senate's Urbanism and Infrastructure Commission chairman Larry Sellhammer, who is against the way in which the “temporary” transition to natural gas would be implemented, the authorization to carry out modifications at EcoEléctrica could be delayed until the year's end.

“Puerto Rico needs the Modification Project works to begin promptly so that the liquefied natural gas terminal at EcoEléctrica can provide service as soon as possible and Puerto Rico can move toward its economic recovery and a cleaner environment,” said the governor in his letter, which advises he would contact Wellenighoff as well and notes that resident commissioner Pedro Pierluisi and secretary of State Kenneth McClintock have exerted some pressure on the commission as well.

What to do? Where to go?



By El Nuevo Dia

Agricultural event: The Great National Agriculture Fair features farm animal exhibits over the weekend at the Western Hay Farm, attached to the Great Agricultural National Reserve located on Road PR-305, Km. 2 in Lajas.

Pure fun at the National Agriculture Fair

By USA Toda Puerto Rico Edition

The awaited event will take place at the Valley of Lajas

From July 1 through July 4 the Great National Agriculture Fair —the largest and most comprehensive agricultural event in Puerto Rico— will take place on the grounds of Western Hay Farm, attached to the Great Agricultural National Reserve located on Road PR-305, Km. 2 in Lajas. The musical lineup includes, El Molusco, Buchi, Yoyo Ferrán, Yo Canto El Tour, Mongui and Pescuezo, Siete, and Puppy Santiago y la Descarga Cubana, among others.

Expected to attract thousands, the event features the largest itinerant marketplace in Puerto Rico, which in turn features the participation of the Department of Agriculture, the ADEA Farmers Market, (WIC /OPEA) Agro-Business Market, an organic market, an urban market, nursing and growing markets, the Department of Natural and Environmental Services, Wild Life, the dairy industry and the Federation of Farming and Livestock Associations, among others.

The National Agriculture Fair at the Valley of Lajas also offers the most spectacular summer program, featuring a farm and exotic animals exhibit second to none in Puerto Rico, among which there are bison, watussi bulls, zebras, deer, black mavericks, llamas, goats and hermaphrodite mares, pigs, the smallest horse in the world, birds (from the Puerto Rico Exotic Birds and Breeders Association), reptiles; native and ornamental fish; ornamental, exotic and carnivore plants; fruit trees; healing plants and orchids. The event also features antique and modern agricultural machinery exhibits, educational conferences on home gardens, organic and hydroponic growing techniques, land plowing and milking demonstrations, rides by calash, ponies, oxen yokes, traditional children games (piggy race and greasy pole events), artisans, cockfight boots, troubadours competition, rides, food and beverage kiosks, free parking and the best

musical lineup for family enjoyment in the evenings.

The National Agriculture Fair of the Valley of Lajas creates 525 temporary jobs and should have an economic impact of \$2 million. The awaited event starts every morning at 10:00 a.m. and continues until midnight. The entrance is \$6. Children under 10 and over 65 come in for free.

The musical lineup from 7:00 p.m. is as follows:

- Friday, July 1 - Karaoke Night, Grupo SEVA, Molusco/Buchi/Yoyo Ferrán and Cultura Profética
- Saturday, July 2 - Karaoke Night, Yo Canto El Tour, J-King and Maximán
- Sunday, July 3 - Karaoke Night, El Guitarrero, Mongui y Pescuezo and Siete
- Monday, July 4 - Karaoke Night, Trio Ebchu and Puppy Santiago y la Descarga Cubana

Hot spots



Flowers Festival

■ Like every year, Albonito is hosting the largest flower market on the island and an impressive musical lineup. Starting today at 8:00 a.m., the 43rd Flowers Festival continues until July 4. There will be music, gift raffles for all, and beautiful flower and plant exhibitions.



Merengue Festival

■ This tropical music festival kicks off tomorrow at Plaza del Caribe shopping mall in Ponce, featuring dance competitions, musical performances and other fun events. In addition, attendees will be able to learn more about handicrafts and artwork from the Dominican Republic.

For further information, please call 787-259-8989.



Handicrafts Fair

■ The 29th Annual Handicrafts Fair is taking place at Plaza Las Américas shopping mall. This would be the first time that this event lasts two weeks and unites more than 200 artisans at the main atrium. There will be art workshops, live music and the 1st Miniature Boat Contest in tribute to Our Lady of Carmen—patron saint of fishermen.

For more details, please visit www.plazalasericas.com.

Restaurants

Fern inspired 4th of July

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Located at the Plantation House of the St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort in Rio Grande, Fern Restaurant celebrates the 4th of July with an innovative barbeque menu that pairs well with the annual tradition. Inaugurated under Chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten's culinary concept, Fern will present a unique experience for guests, as its dishes will be prepared on the grill, out on the terrace and in the kitchen.

The lunch menu will include exquisite Nova Scotia salmon, grouper, lobster, organic chicken, pork loin and red snapper fit for two people. The brunch will offer light alternatives, such as fresh bakery-inspired treats; organic yogurt served with bananas, cherries and crunchy granola; French toast with sautéed apples and bacon; a black truffle and fontina cheese pizza prepared with a sunny side up egg; and the delicious grilled short rib burger with chili and Asian pears.

In order to commemorate the celebration, the restaurant will serve festive cocktails, like the Lychee Raspberry Bellini, Encanto Bloody Mary and the Pineapple Mojito. “The fusion of fresh tropical flavors will create a Fern-style experience for those who will accompany us on this traditional American holiday,” expressed Chef Maycoll Calderon.

For more information or to make reservations, please call 787-993-3500 or visit www.fernrestaurant.com.



By El Nuevo Dia

Unique experience: On occasion of this holiday, Fern will open its doors from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for brunch and lunch and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for dinner.

Special Events

Joy in the streets

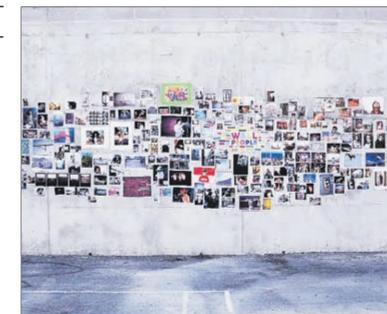
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The most written-on walls where so many emotions are expressed are the digital ones featured in social networks. Today, this type of social interaction, in which no one sees, touches or listens to each other, takes place on a digital format, ranging from birthday wishes to heated debates on any subject.

From the human behavior mindset much has been said about the effect of these new socialization experiences. However, this is not the only outcome. Urban art, city walls used as creative spaces, have also been displaced gradually—digital walls have taken the place of concrete walls.

From said concern —among others— the Wallpeople Project, also known as “El mural de la felicidad” (The happiness mural) came to be last year in Barcelona. We are referring to a large photographic exhibit spontaneously created by citizens and artists from all over the world. People from all sorts of backgrounds create a collaborative artistic piece on the street for an established period of time, making it an irreplaceable piece with several authors. Last year ten cities took part in the large outdoor gallery concept created by artists Pablo and David.

The opening is scheduled for Saturday, July 2, 2011 from noon to 4:00 p.m. on the front wall of the San Juan Art Students League, located across the street from the south wing of the Plaza del Quinto Centenario in the walled city.



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The happiness mural: The final outcome of the exhibit on the wall in Barcelona, where the Wallpeople Project began in 2010 with 10 participating cities from around the world.

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