

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

Congratulations to the *PR Daily Sun*! You've succeeded in resurrecting the *Star* and surviving for the better part of a year. You're delivering a wide range of news to English readers, and it is greatly appreciated. We are all waiting for you to take it to the next level and begin investigating some of the blatant abuses that our government has been inflicting upon us. It's time to do some leg work like the kind that got the *Star* a Pulitzer.

The "Why?" needs to be answered. The "So, what are you going to do about it?" needs to confront our leaders. Recurring issues that are raised on these pages daily allow readers to vent, but the words fall upon deaf ears:

- Why do the bus schedules (printed and actual) fail miserably to serve us?
- In 2008 PREPA or AEE charged a fixed fee of about 8.5 cents/ KWH for service and infrastructure and another 18 cents/KWH for fuel, while the average stateside price was 10.49 cents TOTAL. Our service and infrastructure costs alone are almost as high as the average WITH FUEL. Why is PREPA so inefficient?
- Why is medication and treatment of AIDS so criminally inadequate?
- Why do we spend millions of dollars on planning studies and never implement?
- Why do we build so many structures that we never complete or complete and never open?
- Why is the cargo ferry service to Vieques so willfully inadequate?
- Why won't so many stateside businesses ship to PR or allow the use of a credit card with a PR address?

The media get caught up in reporting the words of the politicians and are not performing the due diligence we need. Our own government is not going to police or investigate itself. The purpose of a free press goes beyond merely reporting the news that's handed to it. It must be one of the stronger checks and balances in our society. Please, pick any of the topics above and find out the "Why?" Isn't that what motivated you to get into this business in the first place?