In these times when journalists are disrespected, condemned, ridiculed, assaulted and constantly face layoffs, pay cuts and worse, let it be known that we honor and support journalists and journalism. Keep at it. Your work is important to the people and essential to democracy itself. — Roger survivors

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When The Dallas Morning News staff returned from the holidays in January 2019, an ominous e-mail awoke, warning that jobs were going away. Within days, 40 DMN journalists were out of work. “It was really horrible...a very heartbreakind experience,” Morning News multimedia editor Leah Waters told a Fort Worth SPJ virtual audience Nov. 18.

The newsroom had already been disrupted by outsourcing the copy desk in a July 30-Oct. 22 span—during which test results provided to the Houston Chronicle show. During a nearly three-month span — July 30-Oct. 22 — the athletic movement began in earnest in December 2019 amid staff concerns over changes that had negatively impacted employees and readers.

“Seemed like a logical step, because McClatchy had been doing a lot of layoffs, cuts and buyouts everywhere for years, and the Star-Telegram had owned many times,” noted panelist and S-T reporter Kaley Johnson, a reporter for the Toledo Blade and communications co-chair for the new Fort Worth NewsGuild.

“A lot of those longtime reporters knew that song and dance and wanted to have something consistent, no matter who owned us.” The NewsGuild announced its formation Oct. 14, and Star-Telegram management recognized it Nov. 2.

A third panelist, Nolan Rosenkrans, a reporter for the Toledo Blade and president of the Toledo Newspaper Guild-CWA, said that, industry wide, ownership turnover the last 25 years has resulted in business decisions that “pay dividends instead of investing in the product...we all see what’s going on, and we all realize a sense of unfairness.” Rosenkrans advised the Metroplex journalists in forming their guilds.

The “galvanizing moment” came when the Los Angeles Times organized in 2018. The paper, a self-described “bastion of anti-unionization,” agreed to significant pay raises, job protections, severance pay and parental leave. Rosenkrans advised the Metropolitans journalists in forming their guilds.

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