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Under GateHouse:

- -- Copy editors laid off
- -- Printing press workers laid off
- -- Mailroom workers laid off
- -- Printing outsourced to Peoria
- -- Page layout outsourced to Austin, Texas
- -- Ad design outsourced to India
- -- Photographers laid off
- -- Cartoonist laid off
- -- Reporting positions left unfilled for years
- -- No raises in 7 years
- -- Health care benefits reduced

Meanwhile top executives at corporate headquarters in New York have received six-figure and seven-figure bonuses.

To stop the bleeding, and to remain Springfield's watchdog, newsroom employees voted overwhelmingly on Oct. 12, 2012, to affiliate as a unit of the St. Louisbased United Media Guild, which is part of The Newspaper Guild in Washington, D.C.

We unionized to have a formal voice in preserving quality journalism in the state capital.

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Our union represents reporters, copy editors and other dedicated employees from the newsroom of The State Journal-Register in Springfield, Illinois.