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Downsizing Update

Final Count: ProJo Cuts 31 Workers

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A total of 31 Journal works will lose their jobs October 10, as the company continues the most significant downsizing in its history.

The count includes 28 Guild-represented employees and three managers. Two workers, originally slated for layoff were spared. One by the resignation of a more senior reporter, and the other by transferring into an open job in advertising.

In making the cuts, the Journal is eliminating the news department's entire part-time workforce.

These cuts come on top of the 22 positions eliminated in September through buy-outs, which included 12 from the newsroom.

Meanwhile, most remaining employees await word as to how their assignments and the newspaper itself will change as a result of the cuts.

"The newspaper we have known will disappear October 10," said Guild President John Hill. "Next week, we will begin work for what is effectively an entirely new company."

Reception Scheduled

To honor our departing colleagues and their contribution to the newspaper, the Guild will hold a reception Friday October 17, from 5 until 8 p.m. at Blake's Tavern, located at the Corner of Washington and Matthewson streets in Providence.

The reception is open to all Journal workers, regardless of Guild membership or management status.