

# GANNETT LAYS OFF JOURNALISTS AT NEWSPAPERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Joe Heller, the editorial cartoonist at Gannett's Green Bay Press-Gazette since 1985, has been laid off. "Wisconsin now has no staff editorial cartoonists left," [it's noted on Twitter](#). Press-Gazette readers [asking on Facebook](#) about Heller's departure get a cold "the Press-Gazette does not comment on personnel matters" reply. That's a nice send-off for a 28-year local newspaper legend.

Here are the layoff reports I'm getting from Gannett papers:

- \* **Lansing State Journal** — The executive editor [has been laid off](#) in "a restructuring of the top roles in our news department."
- \* **Burlington (VT) Free Press** — At least five newsroom employees were cut, [reports 7 Days](#). Two were just hired last month.
- \* **Arizona Republic** — "A pretty substantial round of layoffs." A 55-year-old staffer [says she cleaned out her desk](#) as soon as she heard about this morning's meeting, figuring – correctly – she'd be laid off.
- \* Kentucky Enquirer, an edition of the Cincinnati Enquirer.
- \* "Gannett papers in Mississippi in the middle of layoffs today. Friend at the **Hattiesburg American** canned along with others."
- \* [Indianapolis Star](#).
- \* "Just heard that some layoffs happened at **Florida Today** today."
- \* "Gannett supposedly cut a dozen people at the **Asbury Park Press** this morning, and has scheduled meetings with staff at the Courier News and Home News Tribune (based in Somerville, NJ) at 2 p.m. today."
- \* **Springfield News-Leader**. One of those laid off writes: "I worked at this paper for a little more than a year and it was my first job out of college. I'm feeling a little naive right now, because I honestly thought knowing the coding/development side as well as being a trained journalist would keep me employed. I was wrong."

**UPDATE:** Gannett Blog [counts](#) over 100 layoffs.

([Let me know](#) what's going on at your Gannett paper.)

**Here's what I asked Gannett PR:** "I'm getting reports of layoffs at Gannett papers across the country. Could you let me know how many positions are being cut this week and at how many publications?"

**Here's the full response from Jeremy Gaines:** "Some USCP [U.S. Community Publishing] sites are making cuts to align their business plans with local market conditions."

\* [Gannett CEO on July 22: "We are accelerating our transformation into the 'New Gannett' every day"](#)