

# news matters

A NEWSGUILD PROJECT FOR

**DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA WORKERS**

## + NEW

Today marks the beginning of a national, coordinated campaign to win raises for nearly 1,000 Guild-covered employees who work for Digital First Media.

## ✓ ONGOING

By the end of February, nearly every Guild contract with DFM will be expired. From New York to California, a dozen different bargaining units will be negotiating for new contracts at the same time.

## ✗ EXTRA

Local Guild leaders in each city where we have a DFM contract joined together to start this campaign, with the full support of the Guild's top elected officers. And the leaders of our parent union, the Communications Workers of America, approved a sizable grant to back the effort.

## now it's up to us

DFM workers have gone far too long without a raise — in some cases, more than eight years. Alden Global Capital, the New York hedge fund that calls the shots at DFM, has no apparent business strategy for our newspapers other than to slash the workforce and siphon off the profits for its investors.

So it's time for us to mobilize to win the raises we deserve.

Today, your brothers and sisters in every one of those 13 bargaining units is reading this same bulletin, which also is posted on our website, [www.dfmworkers.org](http://www.dfmworkers.org), and on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/dfmworkers](https://facebook.com/dfmworkers). Please take a moment to visit and like the page.

- San Jose Mercury News (CA) - Karen de Sá & Lisa Krieger
- Bay Area News Group-East Bay (CA) - George Kelly
- Monterey County Herald (CA) - Claudia Melendez
- Long Beach Press-Telegram (CA) - Vicki Di Paolo
- Denver Post Newsroom (CO) - Kieran Nicholson
- Denver Post Non-Newsroom (CO) - Paulette Shrefler
- Macomb Daily and The Daily Tribune (MI) - Norb Franz
- St. Paul Pioneer Press (MN) - Janet Moore
- Pottstown Mercury (PA) - Dave Levengood
- The Trentonian (NJ) - Judy Mauro
- Delaware County Times (PA) - Kathleen Carey
- Norristown Times Herald (PA) - Linda Brady
- Kingston Freeman (NY) - Patricia Doxsey

It's the first of many things we'll be doing together in the coming weeks to make sure that DFM hears our message: **The time for a raise is now.**

