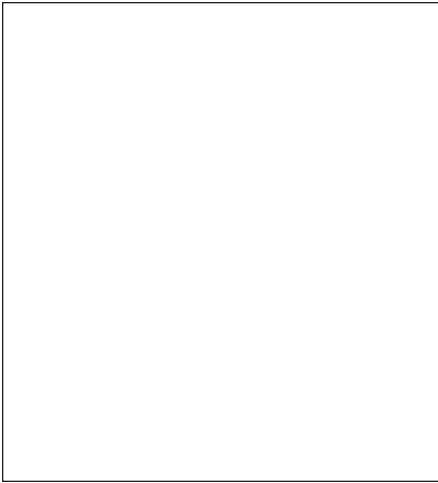
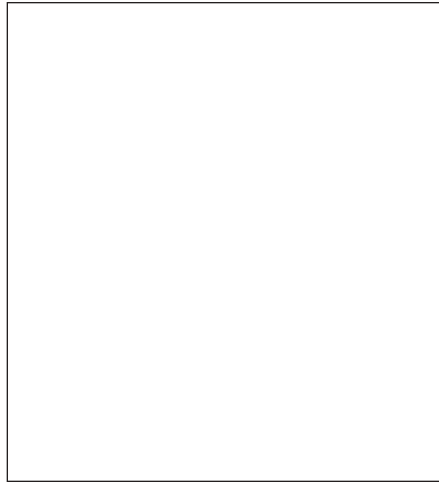


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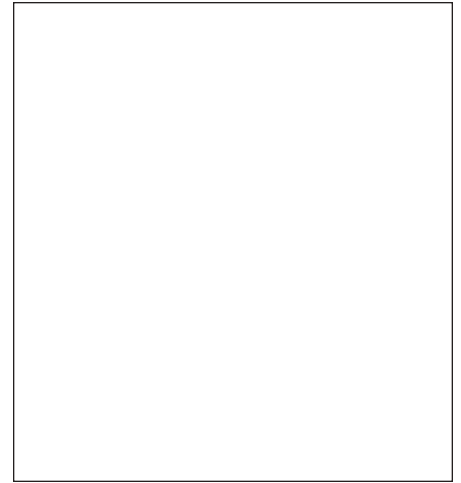
Fort Worth Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists October 1992



Ralph Langer



Jim Witt



Michael Blackman

Next meeting: October 6

Battle of the boundaries

In this corner, wearing Cap-Cities cocoa trunks and waving countless East Coast millions is the Star-Telegram.

And in the opposing corner, wearing Belo blue and bankrolled by Texas millions, is The Dallas Morning News.

The prize: Arlington's relatively untapped news market.

In this battle for the boundaries will be Michael Blackman, vice president and executive editor of the Star-Telegram; Jim Witt, new S-T Arlington editor, and Ralph Langer, senior vice president and executive editor of The Dallas Morning News.

The editors will take verbal

jabs at each other and then answer questions concerning the competition for coverage at the October 6 meeting.

The fun begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Ryan's Family Steak House, 3517 South Cooper in Arlington. The program starts at 7:30. Since alcohol is not permitted on the premises, those who would like a libation before dinner are welcome at any of the fine establishments that serve it.

Ryan's features cafeteria-style dining, so guests should go through the line and decide on the megabar — soup, pasta, vegetables, salads and more — or the steak and megabar. And don't

forget the out-of-this-world dessert bar.

Pay upfront with an added 15 percent gratuity for an all-you-can-eat event. Prices range from \$6 to \$10 depending on how hungry you are. Students eat for half price.

Reservations are requested by October 1 to Anne Miller's answering machine, 731-1199.

To get to Ryan's Family Steak House, take the Cooper exit off I20 and go north about one mile. The steak house is on the east side of the street.

Michael Blackman, a West

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Texas native and Baylor University graduate, began his newspaper career as a Star-Telegram carrier in his hometown of Anson, near Abilene.

After a year as a Star-Telegram reporter, he became assistant city editor of The Cincinnati Post and later a copy editor on The New York Times sports desk. Before returning to the Star-Telegram, he served as foreign editor of The Philadelphia Inquirer.

He was named executive editor of the Star-Telegram in 1986. He previously was special projects editor, assistant managing editor and deputy managing editor of the Star-Telegram.

Ralph Langer is a journalism graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. His first journalism management post was as managing editor of the Port Angeles Daily News, Washington.

He is a former copy editor of the Detroit Free Press; managing editor of the Dayton Journal Herald, Ohio, and editor of the Everett Herald, Washington. He joined The Dallas Morning News in June 1981 as managing editor.

In January 1983, he was named executive editor; in February of 1986, he became vice president and executive editor, and in January of 1991 was named senior vice president and executive editor.

Langer is president of the Associated Press Managing Editors Association Foundation.

Jim Witt, a native of Fort Worth, earned a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Southwest Texas State, San Marcos.

His newspaper career began in 1974 as a reporter for the Waco Tribune-Herald. For the next 10 years, Witt worked as news editor for the San Antonio News, city editor for the Abilene Reporter-News, news editor for the Miami News and assistant managing editor for the Miami News.

Since 1986, Witt has worked for the Star-Telegram as assistant managing editor for local news, the morning and the afternoon Star-Telegram.