

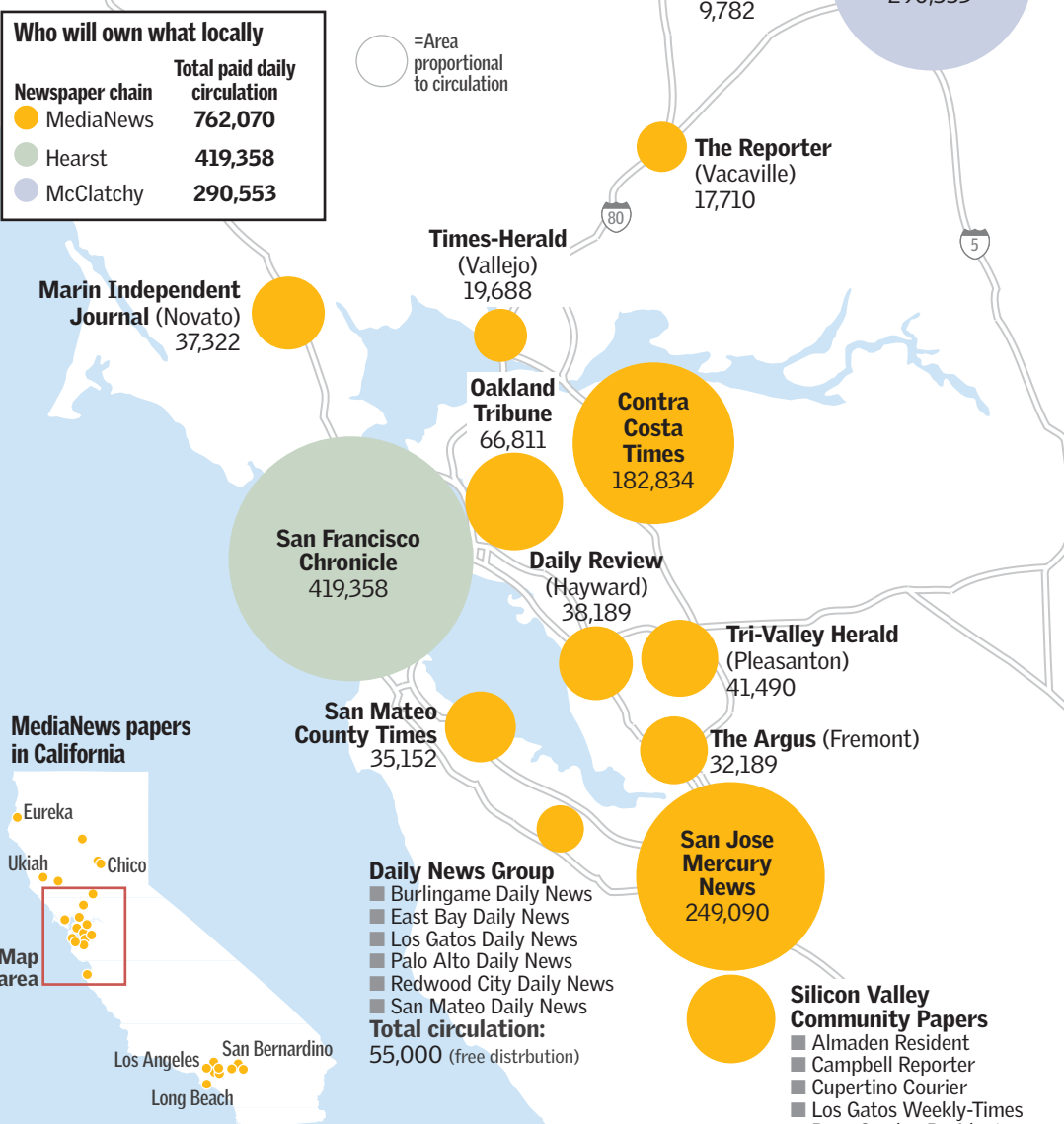
DOMINATING THE BAY AREA...

The MediaNews newspaper chain will acquire the San Jose Mercury News, Contra Costa Times, Monterey Herald*, Daily News Group and Silicon Valley Community Papers from McClatchy, which is selling them as part of its purchase of Knight Ridder. A comparison of Bay Area and local papers by highest paid circulation size:

Who will own what locally

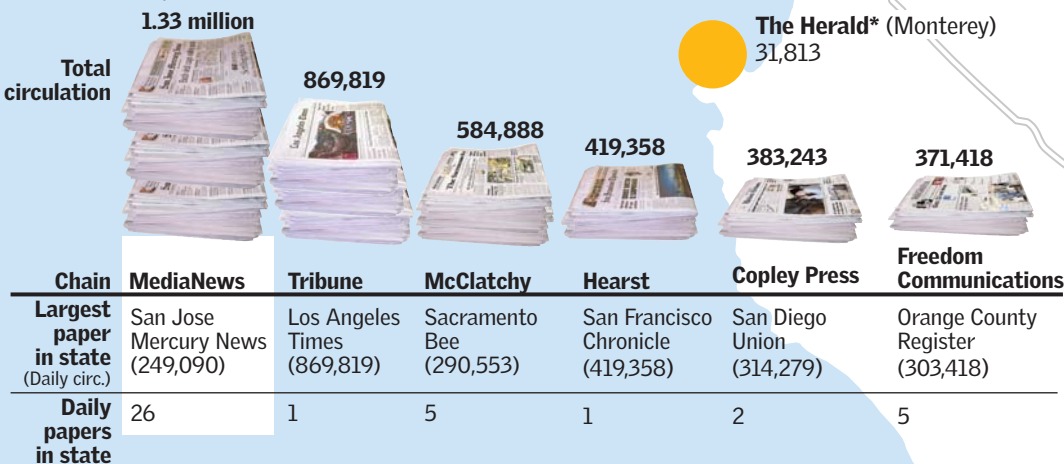
Newspaper chain	Total paid daily circulation
MediaNews	762,070
Hearst	419,358
McClatchy	290,553

○ = Area proportional to circulation



...AND CALIFORNIA

With the purchase, MediaNews will become the largest newspaper chain in terms of circulation in the Bay Area and the rest of California. How MediaNews compares with other chains in this state alone.



Note: All circulation numbers are highest average daily paid circulation for six months ending Sept. 30, 2005

*Hearst will acquire The Herald, and then exchange it to MediaNews for investments in other MediaNews newspapers outside the Bay Area.

Source: Audit Bureau of Circulations

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