**Opinion: Disappearance of Public Papers Hurts Local News**

The number of publicly-owned newspapers has shrunk dramatically in the last two decades, and potential Tribune and McClatchy acquisitions this week would diminish that figure further. The increasing control profit-driven hedge funds wield over the newspaper industry is contributing to the downfall of local outlets, Rick Edmonds contends.

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