



BLETHEN MAINE TO LAY OFF 22 NON-UNION WORKERS, SHUT PAPERS

The Seattle Times

The Seattle Times will sell Blethen Maine Newspapers, and 22 Blethen Maine employees will be laid off. Those affected are non-union employees. Top executives have also been targeted. Blethen Maine Newspapers was formed when Seattle Times bought all the newspapers formerly published by Guy Gannett Communications. Guy Gannett was a family-owned business consisting of newspapers in Maine and a handful of television stations in the eastern United States. The company was founded by its namesake, Guy P. Gannett, in 1921. Holdings include the *Portland Press Herald*, the *Kennebec Journal* in Augusta and the *Morning Sentinel* in Waterville, all of which could close next week.

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