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San Jose Mercury News names Jeff Kiel as Publisher

San Ramon, CA - California Newspapers Partnership (CNP) today announced that Jeff Kiel has been appointed as publisher of the San Jose Mercury News. George Riggs, President and CEO of CNP and current Publisher of the San Jose Mercury News announced the appointment.

Kiel, 48, joined the Mercury News as vice president of advertising in February of 2002. Before working at the Mercury News Kiel was chief financial officer at The Miami Herald and on the Knight Ridder corporate staff. Prior to that Kiel was a certified public accountant in the accounting firms of Kaufman, Rossin and Company and Ernst & Young. He is a graduate of the University of Florida.

"We are fortunate to be able to place someone of Jeff's caliber and experience in the San Jose Mercury News publisher's position," said Riggs. "Jeff has a strong track record in the newspaper business and already knows most of the local business community leaders throughout Silicon Valley and San Jose," Riggs added.

Jeff and his wife, Gayle, have two children, Ryan, aged 20 and Alexa, aged 16.

California Newspapers Partnership (CNP), owned by MediaNews Group, Gannett and Stephens Media, is the largest publisher of daily newspapers in California, with a combined daily circulation of more than 900,000. CNP publishes 34 daily newspapers and 57 weeklies in California. Its newspapers include: the San Jose Mercury News, Contra Costa Times and Oakland Tribune, in the Bay Area. Media News publishes the Los Angeles Daily News and the Long Beach Press Telegram in Southern CA.

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