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AsianWeek Publishes Last Print Edition

SAN FRANCISCO (AP/KCBS) -- San Francisco-based AsianWeek—the long-running English-language Asian-American newspaper—published its last print edition Friday after 30 years of circulation.

Like mainstream newspapers, AsianWeek has seen readership and advertising revenue fall in a softening economy.

Angela Pang, the community editor for the paper, says that the company will continue to publish its work online.



[KCBS' Chris Filippi reports](#)

“There isn’t anything like this and I’m so sad to see that it’s going to be gone. There’s going to be such a void in the Asian-American community,” said Pang.

Pang says AsianWeek will maintain its history of community involvement by continuing to sponsor major events.

Editor and publisher of AsianWeek, Ted Fang, said Thursday that the paper's last regular issue is scheduled for Jan. 2. But he says special editions may be considered.

The paper was established in 1979. It had a circulation of 60,000 and served as a platform for issues that affected Asian-Americans.

Community advocates credit the English-language paper with playing a unifying role in a community divided by ethnicity and language.

They say the paper’s closing leaves a gap that will be hard to fill.

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