



The Los Angeles Times' app is available for download in the Android market, seen here on the Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1.

## STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Media giant Tribune is developing an Android tablet device, said people familiar with the matter
- Tribune hopes to offer the tablet for free or at subsidized price to subscribers, these people said
- Another newspaper publisher, the Philadelphia Media Network, has a similar initiative



**(CNN)** -- Hoping to take a small slice from Apple's big pie, newspaper publishers are developing tablet computers of their own.



The Tribune Co., one of the largest U.S. news enterprises, is working on a touchscreen tablet that it plans to offer to newspaper subscribers, according to people briefed on the plans.



The Chicago company owns a handful of major daily newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune and The Baltimore Sun, along with 23 television stations. Tribune also owns the Los Angeles Times, which is my former employer.



The tablet is expected to run a modified version of Google's Android operating system and prominently feature software for the owner's hometown newspaper, according to interviews with more than half a dozen current and former Tribune employees. They requested anonymity for fear of losing their jobs or of souring relations with a former employer.

