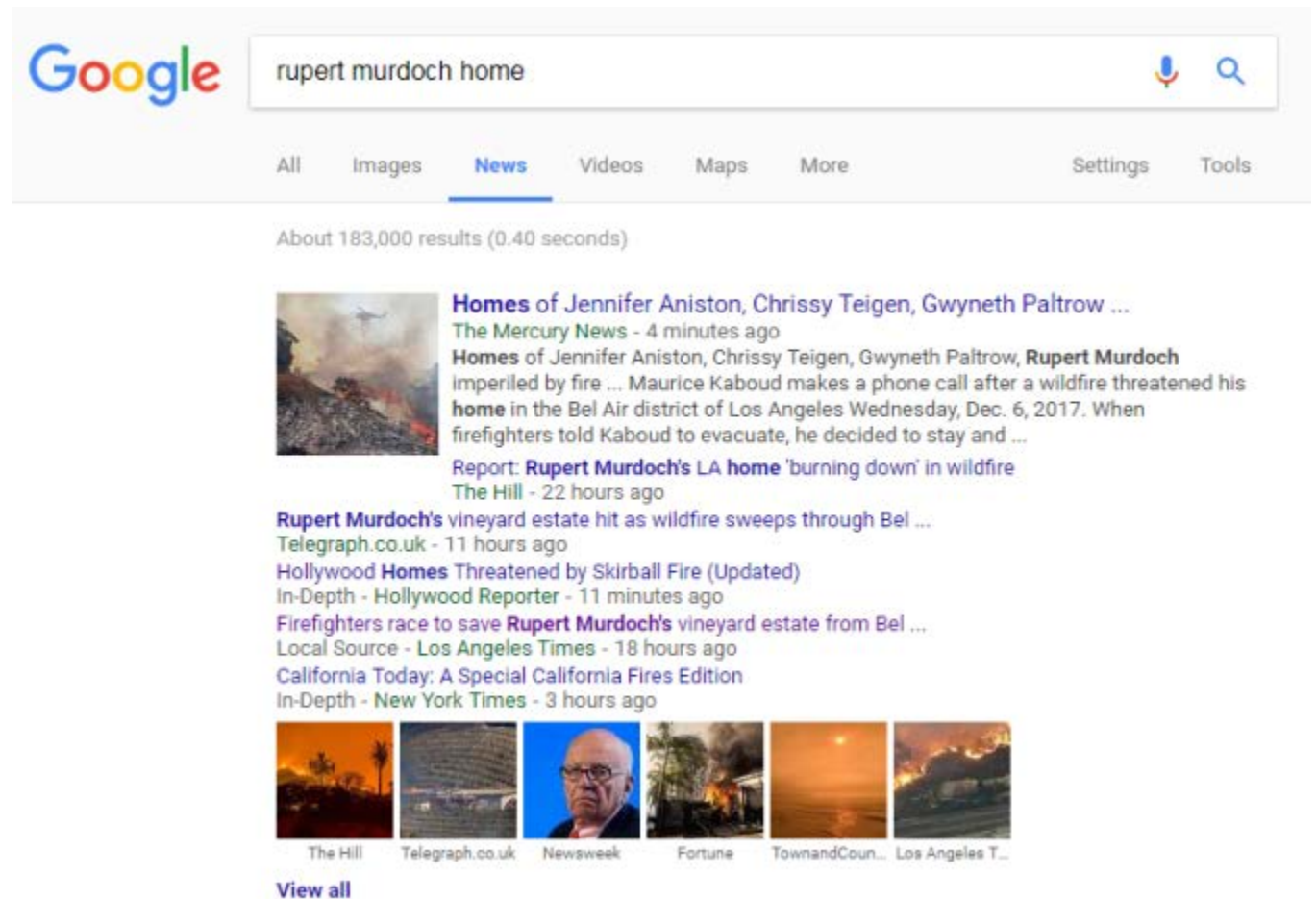


The Two Faces of Google News

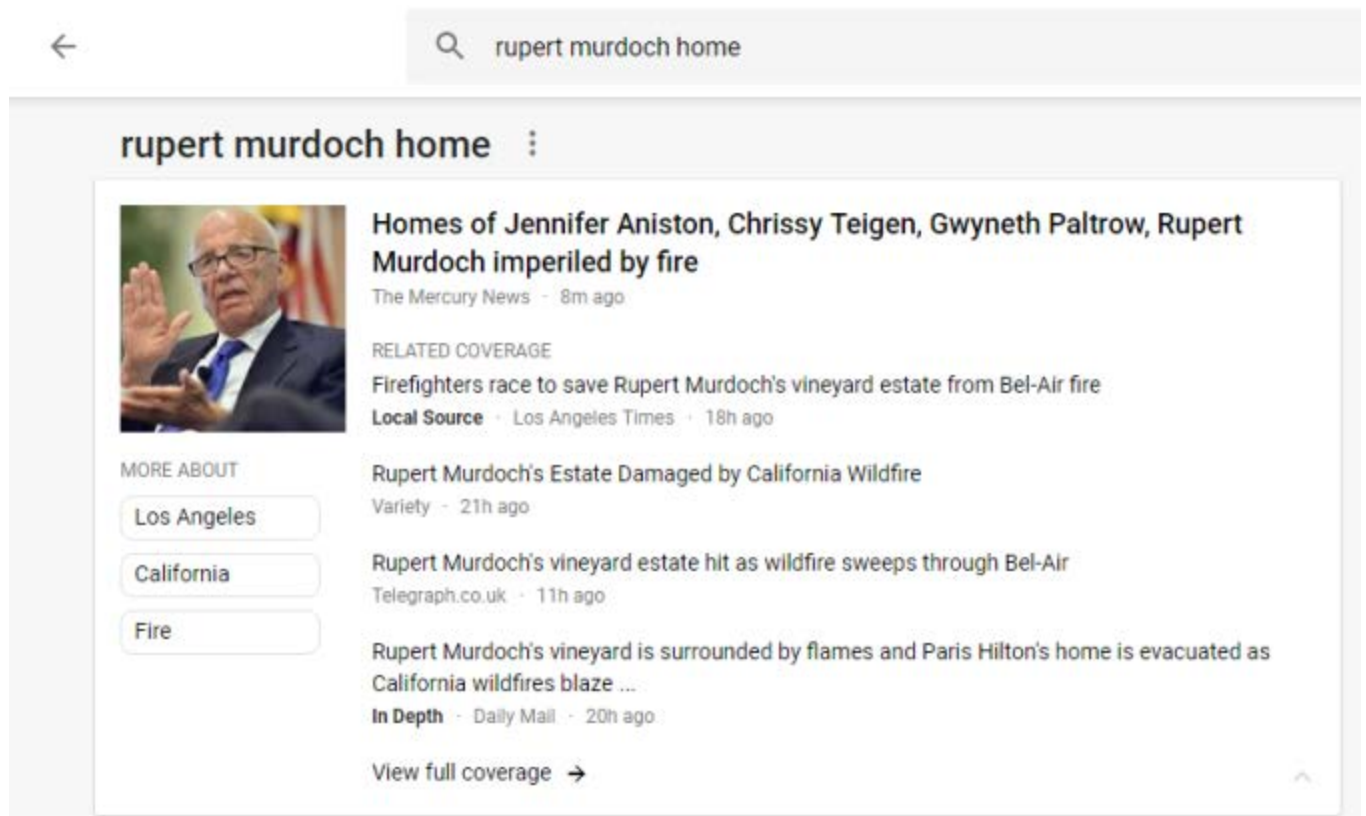
The desktop version of Google news has two interfaces: an older “News Search” version and a newer “Breaking News” interface. Here’s what they look like.

The “News Search” view:



(Pictured: The News Search view of Google News. The search returns many articles in along with snippets of the search words in context)

The new “Reader” view, rolled out in July 2017:

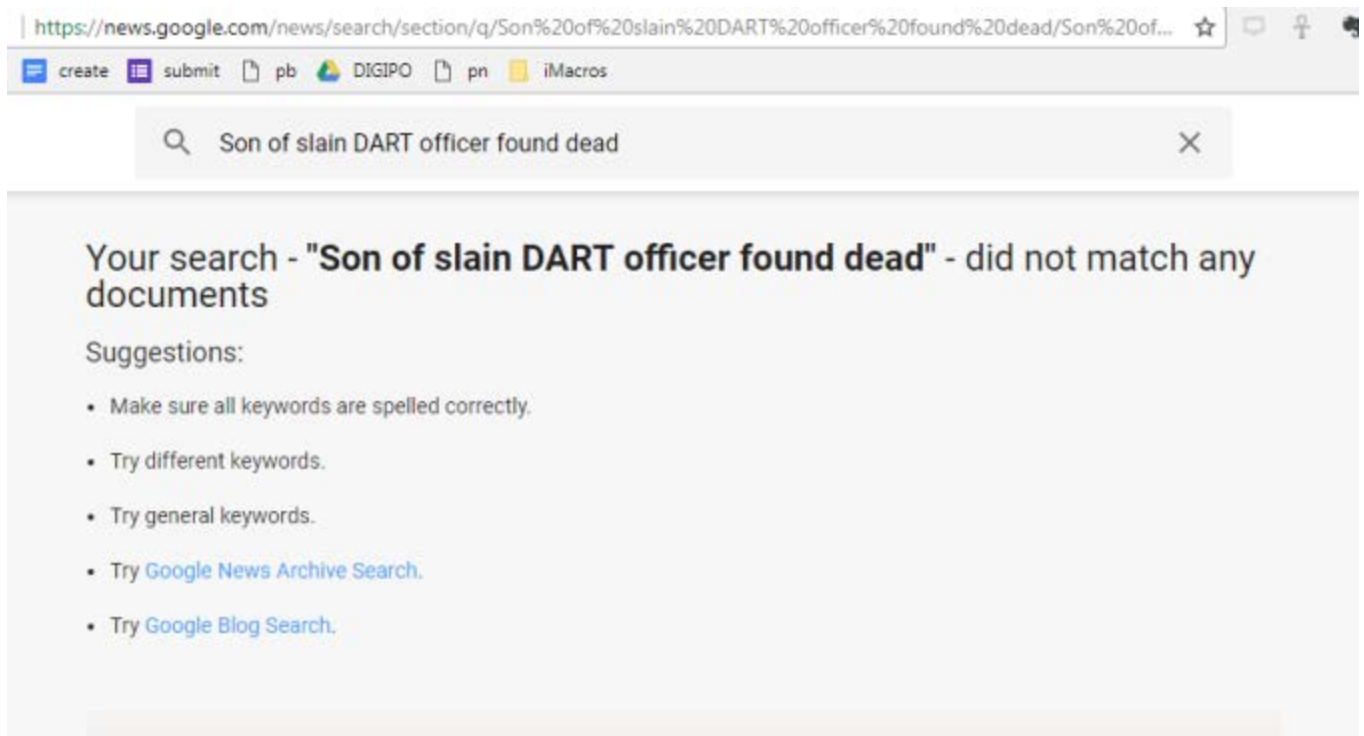


(Pictured: The News “Reader” view of Google News. The search returns only a few results with no snippets of the search words in context.)

The big differences are the reduction in clutter, the use of a card-based interface, the better highlighting of local and in-depth coverage, and better paths to related content, whether through fact-checks or topical tags. For people browsing the news, the new interface does a better job of flagging expertise and exposing people to diverse perspectives.

While the “reader” interface provides a better reading and browsing experience **it provides a bad experience for verification**. There are no snippets of keywords in context, there’s no access to date filters, and old content is not available through the interface.

Here, for example, is what we get when we search for the DART officer story in the “News Reader” interface:



(Pictured: The News “Reader” view of Google News for search terms on an older story. Despite a massive amount of stories being written on this subject there are no results.)

This is because the event, which happened two weeks ago, is already too old for the “reader” view. If you click the Google News Archive link, it will take you to both the older interface and the older news articles.

The reader view also is missing a number of important tools for verification that we’ll talk about using later, like full date range filtering and keyword in context.

If you use the select-and-right-click method we show here, you should end up at the “news archive” view which is what you want. If you end up in the news reader by mistake, your best move is to go to google.com, make your search, and click the news tab. In general use the reader view for browsing recent news, but avoid it when using Google News for verification purposes.