

MCCLATCHY CO
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BALLANTINE ELIZABETH

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2100 Q STREET
(Street)

SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MCCLATCHY CO [MNI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/17/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V	Amount	(D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
			Code	V					
Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.22	05/17/2006	A	1	03/01/2007	05/17/2016	Class A Common Stock	750	\$ 0
Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.22	05/17/2006	A	1	03/01/2008	05/17/2016	Class A Common Stock	750	\$ 0
Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.22	05/17/2006	A	1	03/01/2009	05/17/2016	Class A Common Stock	750	\$ 0
Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.22	05/17/2006	A	1	03/01/2010	05/17/2016	Class A Common Stock	750	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BALLANTINE ELIZABETH 2100 Q STREET SACRAMENTO, CA 95816	X			

Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth
Ballantine 05/17/2006
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Director's stock option granted pursuant to The McClatchy Company 2001 Director Option Plan

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