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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Last)

2100 Q STREET

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MITCHELL THEODORE

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

MCCLATCHY CO [MNI]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2005

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

below)

SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned Following

Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. 5. TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) Derivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pri **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security				Acqu (A) o	oosed O) tr. 3,					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option (right to buy)	\$ 69.81	05/18/2005	A		1		03/01/2006	05/18/2015	Class A Common Stock	750	\$ 0
Option (right to buy)	\$ 69.81	05/18/2005	A		1		03/01/2007	05/18/2015	Class A Common Stock	750	\$ 0
Option (right to buy)	\$ 69.81	05/18/2005	A		1		03/01/2008	05/18/2015	Class A Common Stock	750	\$ 0
Option (right to buy)	\$ 69.81	05/18/2005	A		1		03/01/2009	05/18/2015	Class A Common Stock	750	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Transfer and the same	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MITCHELL THEODORE 2100 Q STREET SACRAMENTO, CA 95816	X						

Signatures

Theodore
Mitchell

**Signature of Reporting Person

O5/18/2005

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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