Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2009

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan;
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan; or
- [X] a single-employer plan;
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report;
- [ ] the final return/report;
- [ ] an amended return/report;
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558;
- [ ] automatic extension;
- [ ] the DFVC program;
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
JOURNAL REGISTER COMPANY, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS & RETIREMENT PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2001

2a Plan sponsor's name and address (employer, if for a single-employer plan) (Address should include room or suite no.)
JOURNAL REGISTER EAST, INC.

790 TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD
YARDLEY, PA 19067

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-2518039

2c Sponsor's telephone number 215-504-4200

2d Business code (see instructions) 511110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2010	JOHN COLLINS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2010	GARY STRUENING
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same")
JOURNAL REGISTER EAST, INC.

790 TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD
YARDLEY, PA 19067

3b Administrator's EIN
22-2518039

3c Administrator's telephone number
215-504-4200

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name

4b EIN

4c PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	3254
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year (welfare plans complete only lines **6a, 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a	Active participants	**6a**	2329
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	13
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	562
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	2904
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	**6e**	3
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	2907
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	1810
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	147
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)		Insurance
(2)		Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	X	Trust
(4)		General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)		Insurance
(2)		Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	X	Trust
(4)		General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

(1)	X	**R** (Retirement Plan Information)
(2)		**MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(3)		**SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

(1)	X	**H** (Financial Information)
(2)		**I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3)		**A** (Insurance Information)
(4)	X	**C** (Service Provider Information)
(5)	X	**D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6)		**G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2009** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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JOURNAL REGISTER COMPANY, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS & RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
JOURNAL REGISTER EAST, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
22-2518039

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

94-1687665

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

WITHUM SMITH & BROWN

22-2027092

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	ACCOUNTANT	44340	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER AND S

13-5674085

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 52 56 59 60 62 63 72	RECORDKEEPER	24530	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

MCCARTER & ENGLISH, LLP

22-1534652

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
29	LEGAL COUNSEL	8893	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3 If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a	Name: WITHUMSMITHBROWN, PC	**b** EIN:	22-2027092
c	Position: AUDITOR		
d	Address: 5 VAUGHN DRIVE PRINCETON, NJ 08540	**e** Telephone:	609-520-1188

Explanation: ENGAGED ANOTHER FIRM TO PERFORM AUDIT AND ASSIST IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PROCESS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

a	Name:	**b** EIN:	
c	Position:		
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:	

Explanation:

a	Name:	**b** EIN:	
c	Position:		
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:	

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a	Name:	**b** EIN;	
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d	Address:	**e** Telephone:	

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
JOURNAL REGISTER EAST, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
22-2518039

Part I **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RETIREMENT PRESERVATION TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
22-6484011-001	C	9498833

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EQUITY INDEX TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
22-6575237-014	C	3156816

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	98224	
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	96982	107836
(3) Other	1b(3)	923	838
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	31608	34483
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	1428162	1306137
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	12268590	12655649
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	28620387	34120597
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	42544876	48225540
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		38557
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	38557
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	42544876	48186983

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)		
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2863743	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	20388	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		2884131
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	15	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	84279	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		84294
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	730582	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		730582
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0

			(a) Amount	(b) Total
2b	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0
	(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		1644341
	(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
	(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
	(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
	(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		6076160
c	Other income	2c		25434
d	Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		11444942
	Expenses			
e	Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
	(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	5312564	
	(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
	(3) Other	2e(3)		
	(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		5312564
f	Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g	Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		296503
h	Interest expense	2h		
i	Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
	(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
	(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
	(4) Other	2i(4)	77841	
	(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		77841
j	Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		5686908
	Net Income and Reconciliation			
k	Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		5758034
l	Transfers of assets:			
	(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
	(2) From this plan	2l(2)		115927

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [ ] Unqualified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [X] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? [X] Yes [ ] No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: SMART & ASSOCIATES, LLP **(2)** EIN: 80-0136426

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a	Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	
b	Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		500000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? If yes, enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)
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SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2009

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009

A Name of plan
JOURNAL REGISTER COMPANY, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS & RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
JOURNAL REGISTER EAST, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
22-2518039

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 22-3513863 94-1687665

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year. **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box(es). If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

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d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If item 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete items (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate item 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

SMART AND ASSOCIATES, LLP

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Trustees
Journal Register Company, Inc.
401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan

We were engaged to audit the financial statements and supplemental schedule of the Journal Register Company, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan (the "Plan") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These financial statements and supplemental schedule are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2008 were audited by other auditors whose report dated October 14, 2009, disclaimed an opinion on those financial statements for the same reasons described in the following paragraph.

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the 2009 information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Bank of America, N.A. (formerly Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., FSB), the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the 2009 financial statements and supplemental schedule. We have been informed by the Plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The Plan administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, that the information provided to the Plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we are unable to, and do not, express an opinion on the 2009 financial statements and supplemental schedule taken as a whole. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Smart and Associates, LLP

October 11, 2010

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JOURNAL REGISTER COMPANY, INC.
401(k) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN

Financial Statements,
Independent Auditors' Report and
Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2009 and 2008

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JOURNAL REGISTER COMPANY, INC.
401(k) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN
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JOURNAL REGISTER COMPANY, INC.
401(k) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
ASSETS		
Investments:		
Common/collective trusts	$12,655,649	$12,268,590
Registered investment companies	34,120,597	28,620,387
Participant loans	1,306,137	1,428,162
Total investments	48,082,383	42,317,139
Cash, interest-bearing	34,483	31,608
Receivables:		
Participant contributions	107,836	96,982
Employer contributions	-	98,224
Accrued interest income	388	373
Other	450	550
Total receivables	108,674	196,129
Net assets available for benefits at fair value	48,225,540	42,544,876
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	693,047	1,525,888
Net assets available for benefits	$48,918,587	$44,070,764

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

JOURNAL REGISTER COMPANY, INC.
401(k) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the year ended December 31, 2009

Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation of investments	$ 6,735,501
Interest and dividends	967,035
Investment income	7,702,536
Contributions:	
Participant	2,863,743
Rollover	20,388
Total contributions	2,884,131
Other additions	25,434
Total additions	10,612,101
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Distributions to participants	5,274,007
Deemed distributions of participant loans	296,503
Administrative fees	77,841
Total deductions	5,648,351
Assets transferred out to other plans	(115,927)
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	4,847,823
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	44,070,764
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	$48,918,587

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

1. Description of the Plan:

The following brief description of the Journal Register Company, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all non-union employees of the participating employers (the "Employers") of Journal Register East, Inc. (the "Sponsor") and its parent company, Journal Register Company (the "Company") and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA").

Eligibility:

An employee who has reached the age of 21 or older and has completed one year of service at any of the Employers is eligible to participate in the Plan. Upon satisfaction of the requirements, the employee can then enter into the Plan on the first day of the calendar month following the date that eligibility requirements are met.

Contributions:

Employee Contributions:

Any eligible employee may participate in the Plan by completing a salary reduction agreement and electing to contribute on a pre-tax basis an amount of not more than 60 percent of total annual compensation, excluding overtime, bonuses and any other incentive pay. Total participant pre-tax contributions may not exceed amounts in accordance with Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") guidelines, which for the calendar year 2009 limits contributions to $16,500. Those participants that have attained the age of 50 may defer up to an additional $5,500 as catch-up contributions.

Participants may transfer to their Plan accounts part or all of an "eligible rollover distribution" received from a prior employer's qualified plan.

Employer Matching Contributions:

In accordance with Plan provisions, the Employers matching contribution will not exceed zero percent (0%) of the first five percent (5%) of compensation contributed as pre-tax contributions and an amount not to exceed 50 percent (50%) of the next one percent (1%) of compensation contributed as pre-tax contributions. All employer matching contributions were suspended effective January 1, 2009. For 2009, federal law requires that the aggregated amounts contributed to the participant account by the participant and the employer may not exceed the lesser of $49,000 ($54,500 if the participant's age is 50 or older) or 100 percent of the participant's compensation, as adjusted from time to time by the IRS for increases in the cost of living.

1. Description of the Plan, continued:

Contributions, continued:

Employer Safe Harbor Matching Contributions:

All employer safe-harbor matching contributions were suspended effective January 1, 2009. Consequently, the Employers and Sponsor no longer made employer safe-harbor matching contributions for the Plan year ended December 31, 2009.

Prior to 2009, the Employers made matching contributions equal to 100 percent (100%) of the first three percent (3%) of the participant's compensation made as pre-tax contribution plus 50 percent (50%) of the pre-tax contribution above three percent (3%) of the compensation but no exceeding five percent (5%) of the participant's compensation. Those safe-harbor contributions made in 2007 and 2008 were fully vested.

Profit-sharing Contributions:

The Employers may make a discretionary profit sharing contribution. The participant's share of the profit sharing contribution, if any, will be allocated to the participant's account based on the ratio that the participant's compensation bears to the total compensation of all participants eligible for a share of the profit sharing contribution. In addition to the eligibility requirements of the Plan, the participant must be employed on the last day of the Plan year to be eligible to receive an allocation of the profit sharing contribution, if any, that is made by the Employers. For the Plan year ended December 31, 2009, the Employers did not make a profit sharing contribution to the Plan.

Participant Accounts:

Each participant is credited with the participant's contributions, the Company's matching contributions, and the allocations of a) the Company's discretionary profit sharing contributions, and b) Plan earnings and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations of Plan earnings are made on a daily basis based on the participant's share of the specific funds in which their accounts are invested in. Other allocations are based on eligible compensation or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Investment Options:

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers fourteen registered investment companies, more commonly referred to as mutual funds, and two common/collective trusts as investment options for the participants. Additionally, participants may direct their investments into portfolios that are based on the participants' risk tolerance ranging from conservative to aggressive. The underlying investments are automatically reallocated to more conservative investments as the participant nears retirement. These portfolios use the investment options available under the Plan to achieve their risk tolerance objectives.

1. Description of the Plan, continued:

Vesting:

Participant contributions and any allocated amounts of interest, dividends and net capital gains or losses thereon are fully vested. Employer matching contributions, plus any allocated interest, dividends and net capital gains and losses thereon, are 100 percent vested immediately upon participation in the Plan. Employer contributions associated with transferred account balances from predecessor plans, plus any allocated interest, dividends, and net capital gains or losses thereon, will fully vest at various rates depending on the predecessor plan provisions in which the employee participated. All employer contributions are immediately and fully vested upon death, disability or reaching normal retirement age.

Profit-sharing contributions vest at 20 percent for each year of service beginning with the end of the second year of service through the end of the sixth year of service at which time the participant is fully vested. A participant's vested percentage is based on participation in any prior Journal Register Company 401(k) plans.

Payment of Benefits:

Distributions under the Plan will be made upon a participant's death, disability, normal retirement or other termination of employment. Retirement distributions are made upon attainment of age 65, at the option of the participant, in a lump sum payment, installment payments, or rollover to a qualified plan. Death benefits will be paid to the designated beneficiary in a payment method selected by the beneficiary.

Employees who retire, become permanently disabled, or withdraw from the Plan generally will receive the non-forfeitable portion of their account balance subject to the following rules:

- If the employee's non-forfeitable account balance exceeds $5,000, benefit payment will not commence prior to the employee reaching normal retirement age of 65, unless the employee consents in writing to receive the payment prior to retirement.
- If the employee's non-forfeitable account balance does not exceed $5,000, the Plan administrator will distribute the funds in one lump sum payment as soon as administratively practicable after the date of the employee's retirement, disability or withdrawal.

At any time during their employment, if an employee is in immediate financial need, he or she may apply for a hardship withdrawal no greater than the financial need and only after other forms of meeting the financial need have been explored and exhausted. The Plan administrator will then determine whether such withdrawal is necessary to satisfy the participant's financial hardship.

Participant Loans:

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts, the lesser of a maximum of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate plus one percent at the time of the loan. The term of the loan shall not exceed five years unless the loan is used to purchase the participant's primary residence, in which case the maximum payment term is 15 years. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

1. Description of the Plan, continued:

Forfeited Accounts:

Forfeitures are retained in the Plan and used to reduce future employer contributions or Plan administrative expenses. At December 31, 2009 and 2008 there were unapplied forfeitures of $16,237 and $3,490, respectively. During 2009, nonvested accounts were forfeited which amounted to $73,330. In 2009, $60,583 was applied to Plan administrative expenses.

Administrative Expenses:

All costs and expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan, including fees and expenses of the trustee, are either paid by the Plan and charged against and withdrawn against the trust or paid by one of the Employers or the Sponsor.

Administrative expenses include such costs as accounting, audit, legal, trustee, custodial, investment management and recordkeeping fees. These expenses are reflected as administrative expenses in the accompanying Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Basis of Accounting:

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

The Plan invests in investment contracts through a common/collective trust. Accounting standards for defined contribution retirement plans require that investment contracts be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined-contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. As required under accounting standards, the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits present the fair value of the investment contracts as well as the adjustment of the fully benefit-responsive investment contracts from fair value to contract value. The Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits is prepared on a contract value basis.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition:

Investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued:

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition, continued:

Shares of registered investment companies are valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. The Plan's interest in common/collective trusts are based on the fair value of the trust's underlying investments as reported by the trustee. Participant loans receivable are valued at amortized cost which approximates fair value.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Purchases and sales of shares of registered investment companies and common/collective trusts are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The Plan presents in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits, the net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of its investments, which consist of the realized gains (or losses) and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments bought, sold and held during the year.

Payment of Benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events:

The Plan has evaluated events and transactions subsequent to the Plan's year-end through the time that the financial statements were available to be issued on October 11, 2010. Based on this evaluation, the Plan is not aware of any events or transactions that occurred subsequent to the Plan's year-end but prior to October 11, 2010 that would require recognition or disclosure in its financial statements.

3. Information Prepared and Certified by Trustee:

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Bank of America, N.A. (formerly Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., FSB ("Merrill Lynch")), the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and participant loans reflected on the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and in Note 4 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and on the accompanying supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2009. Additionally, the completeness and accuracy of the related investment activity reflected in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009 has been certified by the trustee.

4. Investments:

The following investments constitute more than five percent of the Plan's net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2009 and 2008:

	2009	2008
Common/collective trusts:		
Merrill Lynch - Retirement Preservation Trust, at contract value	$ 10,191,880	$ 10,977,608
Merrill Lynch - Equity Index Trust 12, at fair value	3,156,816	2,816,869
Registered investment companies, at fair value:		
Davis Selected Advisors, LP - New York Venture Fund Class A	6,535,626	5,583,435
Pacific Investment Management Co. - Total Return Fund Class A	6,024,376	5,491,509
Thornburg - International Value Fund Class A	4,147,843	3,323,070
American Funds - Growth Fund of America R3	3,044,518	2,587,842
Blackrock - Equity Dividend Class A	2,607,707	*
Van Kampen - Equity and Income Fund Class A	*	2,234,583

* Investment represented less than 5% of net assets available for benefits.

During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Plan's investments appreciated (including realized gains and losses) in value as follows:

Registered investment companies	$ 6,076,160
Common/collective trusts	659,341
Net appreciation in investments	$ 6,735,501

5. Fair Value Measurements:

The Financial Accounting Standards Board, Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* ("ASC 820"), establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements).

5. Fair Value Measurements, continued:

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

In instances in which the inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the fair value measurement has been determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Plan's assessment of the significance of a particular item to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, including the consideration of inputs specific to the asset.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2009 and 2008:

December 31, 2009	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	$34,120,597	$ -	$ -	$34,120,597
Common/collective trusts (CCT)	-	12,655,649	-	12,655,649
Participant loans	-	-	1,306,137	1,306,137
Total assets at fair value	$34,120,597	$12,655,649	$ 1,306,137	$48,082,383

December 31, 2008	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	$28,620,387	$ -	$ -	$28,620,387
Common/collective trusts (CCT)	2,824,000	9,401,590	43,000	12,268,590
Participant loans	-	-	1,428,162	1,428,162
Total assets at fair value	$31,444,387	$ 9,401,590	$ 1,471,162	$42,317,139

5. Fair Value Measurements, continued:

The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 assets for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value:

	Participant Loans	CCT	Total
Balance, January 1, 2009	$ 1,428,162	$ 43,000	$ 1,471,162
Transfers out	-	(43,000)	(43,000)
Issuances and settlements, net	(122,025)	-	(122,025)
Balance, December 31, 2009	$ 1,306,137	$ -	$ 1,306,137

6. Party-in-Interest Transactions:

Certain Plan investments are managed by Merrill Lynch. Merrill Lynch is an affiliate of Bank of America, N.A., the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. During 2009, Merrill Lynch received $24,530 of administrative fees.

7. Tax Status:

The Plan was developed from the Merrill Lynch defined contribution 401(k) prototype plan. The prototype plan received a favorable opinion letter from the IRS dated March 31, 2008 in which the IRS stated that the prototype plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). As part of the Plan's contractual arrangement with Merrill Lynch, the prototype plan will be amended to comply with changes in regulations to remain qualified under the IRC. As such, the Plan has not requested a separate determination letter from the IRS.

The Plan administrator and the Plan tax counsel believe that the Plan, in form and operation, complies with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

8. Risks and Uncertainties:

The Plan provides for investments in various registered investment companies and in common/collective trusts. These registered investment companies and common/collective trusts, in turn, invest in various types of investment securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

9. Plan Termination:

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company may terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100 percent vested in their accounts.

10. Transfers:

Certain participants were transferred out of the Plan to the Journal Register East, Inc. Affiliates 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan, an affiliated Company plan, as a result of changes in the eligibility status of those participants.

11. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500:

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits as reported in the financial statements to the Form 5500:

	December 31,	
	2009	2008
Net assets available for benefits per financial statements	$48,918,587	$44,070,764
Add: Benefit claims payable	(38,557)	-
Less: Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully-benefit responsive investments	(693,047)	(1,525,888)
Net assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500	$48,186,983	$42,544,876

The following is a reconciliation of total additions per financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, to total income on Schedule H of Form 5500:

Total additions per financial statements	$10,612,101
Less: Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully-benefit responsive investments at December 31, 2009	(693,047)
Add: Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully-benefit responsive investments at December 31, 2008	1,525,888
Total income per Schedule H of Form 5500	$11,444,942

The following is a reconciliation of distributions to participants per financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, to total benefit payments on Schedule H of Form 5500:

Distributions to participants per financial statements	$ 5,274,007
Add: Benefit claims payable at December 31, 2009	38,557
Total benefit payments per Schedule H of Form 5500	$ 5,312,564

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

JOURNAL REGISTER COMPANY, INC.
401(k) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN
Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2009

EIN: 22-2518039 Plan # 002 Schedule H, Part IV, Item 4(i)

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	Van Kampen	Equity & Income Class A	(1)	2,407,931
*	BlackRock	Equity Dividend Class A	(1)	2,607,707
	Alliance NFJ	Small Cap Value Class A	(1)	1,977,384
	Federated Funds	U.S. Government Securities	(1)	1,841,309
	Alger	Midcap Growth Institutional Portfolio	(1)	1,821,549
*	BlackRock	Global Allocation Fund Class A	(1)	1,320,178
	Victory	Established Fund	(1)	701,713
	Oppenheimer	Global Fund	(1)	826,547
	Van Kampen	Small Cap Growth Class A	(1)	495,625
	Mainstay	High Yield Corp Bond Fund	(1)	368,291
	Participant loans	Interest rates from 4.25% - 10.25%, maturing through September 2018	-	1,306,137

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