

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 6057(b) 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 <div style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2024</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

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: Form 5558 automatic extension the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
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1a Name of plan <u>SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP, INC.</u> <u>8 DEARBORN SQUARE</u> <u>KANKAKEE, IL 60901</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1991</u> 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-3279874</u> 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>815-937-3311</u> 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>511110</u>

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.	10/14/2025	SALLY HENDRON
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	145
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	38
	6a(2)	33
	6b	10
	6c	107
	6d	150
	6e	1
	6f	151
	6g(1)	141
6g(2)	118	
6h	0	
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 Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2E 2F 2G 2J 2S 2T 3D 3H

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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) **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
- (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

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

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

<p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt;">2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<p>A Name of plan SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p>001</p>
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP, INC.</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-3279874</p>	

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
TRANSAMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
36-6071399	70688	QK63049	118	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

<p>(a) Total amount of commissions paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1646</p>	<p>(b) Total amount of fees paid</p>
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

JOHN DRAPER & JOHN MCGOWAN **RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC**
60 S 6TH ST
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
1646			7

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Part II	Investment and Annuity Contract Information	
	Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.	
4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	630850
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	
6	Contracts With Allocated Funds:	
a	State the basis of premium rates ▶	
b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d
e	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
f	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)	
a	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b 668921
c	(1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1) 352
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3) 16571
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ TRANSFER IN, LOAN PRINCIPAL & INTEREST PAID	7c(5) 9546
	(6) Total additions	7c(6) 26469
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d 695390
e	Deductions:	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1) 60390
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2) 3994
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶ LOANS ISSUED	7e(4) 156
(5) Total deductions	7e(5) 64540	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d).....	7f 630850

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
- b** Dental
- c** Vision
- d** Life insurance
- e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f** Long-term disability
- g** Supplemental unemployment
- h** Prescription drug
- i** Stop loss (large deductible)
- j** HMO contract
- k** PPO contract
- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a	Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)	
	(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)	
	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)	
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)
b	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)	
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)	
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)
	(4) Claims charged		9b(4)
c	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --		
	(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)	
	(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)	
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)	
	(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)	
	(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)	
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)	
	(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)	
	(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)		9c(2)
d	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)
	(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)
	(3) Other reserves		9d(3)
e	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information 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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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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)..... 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

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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)

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MAIL STOP E1 CR
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52499

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(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?
12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	41186	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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(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?
33 71	SECURITIES BROKER	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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60 S 6TH STREET
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

(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?
16 23 53	BROKER	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	29765	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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
TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	0
(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.	
AMERICAN FUNDS 5300 ROBIN HOOD ROAD NORFOLK, VA 23513	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	0
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COHEN & STEERS 280 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	0
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DODGE & COX 555 CALIFORNIA STREET 40TH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FEDERATED HERMES P.O. BOX 219318 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	0
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FRANKLIN 100 FOUNTAIN PARKWAY ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	0
(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.	
HARTFORD P.O. BOX 219060 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

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PIMCO 650 NEWPORT CENTER DR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
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NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
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COHEN & STEERS 280 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

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
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
(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.	
DODGE & COX 555 CALIFORNIA STREET 40TH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
(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.	
FEDERATED HERMES P.O. BOX 219318 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
(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.	
FRANKLIN 100 FOUNTAIN PARKWAY ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation HARTFORD P.O. BOX 219060 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	(b) Service Codes (see instructions) 33 71	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation 0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation PIMCO 650 NEWPORT CENTER DR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 RBC WEALTH MANAGEMENT	(b) Service Codes (see instructions) 16 23 53	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation 29765
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS 13-3689044	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. COMMISSIONS	

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:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A Name of plan SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-3279874

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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.

	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets		
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	3942
(3) Other	1b(3)	
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	
(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)	6936
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	
(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)	10776519
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	630850
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(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	12678743	11418247
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k		
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	12678743	11418247

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)	51036	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		51036
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(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)	561	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	16571	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		17132
(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)	186501	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		186501
(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)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(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)		1740190
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1994859

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3214169	
(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)		3214169
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	41186	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		41186
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3255355

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-1260496
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

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) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

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

(1) Name: **PORTE BROWN LLC**

(2) EIN: **36-2663358**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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 lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

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.)	X		8750
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.)		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.)		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.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	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?		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?		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?		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.)	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.)		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?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		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.		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? Yes No
 If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year 0.

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)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

A Name of plan SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-3279874	

Part I	Distributions
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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.....

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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): 13-3689044

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.....

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Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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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 (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	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 or other authority 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
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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. 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.
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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 (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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 lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

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 lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

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 lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

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 lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

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 lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	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 line 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 lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
 High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 15 years or more

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:
 Yes.
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. Other. Provide explanation: _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702459A.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the SNG Retirement Plan Committee
Small Newspaper Group Retirement Plan and Trust
360 E. Randolph Street, Suite 1504
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Small Newspaper Group Retirement Plan and Trust, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 (in liquidation), and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended (in liquidation), and the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 (ongoing), and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Small Newspaper Group Retirement Plan and Trust's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note E to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Small Newspaper Group Retirement Plan and Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

The accompanying December 31, 2023 financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Plan will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Notes A and C to the financial statements, the trustees of the Plan authorized the termination of the Plan effective November 1, 2024. The December 31, 2023 financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary upon termination. The Plan has changed its basis of accounting from going concern basis used in presenting the 2023 financial to the liquidation basis used in presenting the 2024 financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Small Newspaper Group Retirement Plan and Trust's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) and schedule of delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion—

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

PORTE BROWN LLC
Certified Public Accountants



Elk Grove Village, Illinois
October 9, 2025

SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 (IN LIQUIDATION) AND DECEMBER 31, 2023 (ONGOING)

	<u>2024</u> <u>(In Liquidation)</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>(Ongoing)</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value (Notes E & F)		
Registered investment companies	\$ 10,776,519	\$ 11,995,133
Stable value fund	<u>630,850</u>	<u>668,921</u>
	<u>11,407,369</u>	<u>12,664,054</u>
Receivables		
Participant contributions	3,942	3,241
Notes receivable from participants	<u>-</u>	<u>11,448</u>
	<u>3,942</u>	<u>14,689</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>11,411,311</u>	<u>12,678,743</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 11,411,311</u>	<u>\$ 12,678,743</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS (IN LIQUIDATION)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Investment Income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments (Note E)	\$ 1,756,867
Interest and dividends	<u>186,501</u>
	<u>1,943,368</u>
Contributions	
Participant	51,036
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>455</u>
Total additions	<u>1,994,859</u>

DEDUCTIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Benefits paid to participants	3,221,105
Administrative expenses	<u>41,186</u>
Total deductions	<u>3,262,291</u>

NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS (1,267,432)

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Beginning of year	<u>12,678,743</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 11,411,311</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Small Newspaper Group Retirement Plan and Trust (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

GENERAL

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Small Newspaper Group, Inc. and Kankakee Daily Journal Company, LLC (collectively, the "Company"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

PLAN TERMINATION

The Company was sold during 2024 and the trustees of the Plan executed a resolution to terminate the Plan effective November 1, 2024. Upon termination, all contributions, expenses, losses, and earnings were allocated to participant accounts and remaining Plan assets will be distributed at such time that is determined to be accordance with the terms of the Plan and applicable law.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Participants may elect to contribute pre-tax earnings (elective deferrals), roth elective deferrals and voluntary after-tax contributions up to current Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") regulations. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. All employees are eligible to participate in the Plan upon completion of 90 days of service with the Company and have attained age 21 for employee deferrals. Eligible employees can enter the Plan on the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date the eligibility requirements are met. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified retirement plans, roth deferrals and voluntary after-tax contributions. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at two percent of eligible compensation invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. The Company may also contribute a discretionary profit-sharing contribution. All employees are eligible when they have completed two years of service and attained age 21 for the discretionary profit sharing. This amount is allocated to the Plan's participants who are employed on the last day of the year, unless terminated due to death, disability, or attainment of normal retirement age. The Company did not elect to make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution for the year ended December 31, 2024. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain IRS limitations.

PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's elective contribution, roth deferrals, after-tax contributions, the Company's discretionary profit-sharing contribution (if applicable), investment earnings, and administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant compensation or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is what can be provided from the participant's vested account.

SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

VESTING

Participants are vested immediately in their deferral contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their account is based on years of service. A participant is 100 percent vested after one year of credited service. Upon Plan termination, effective November 1, 2024, participants became 100% vested in their accounts.

NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS

Participants may borrow from their account a minimum loan of \$1,000 and up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement a participant or his beneficiary may elect to receive a single lump-sum payment, installment, or partial payments. For termination of services for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in their account as a lump-sum payment, installment, or partial payment.

FORFEITED ACCOUNTS

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$0. Forfeitures may be used to reduce future employer contributions or pay plan expenses.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The summary of significant accounting policies is presented to assist in understanding the Plan's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Plan's management, which is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the Plan as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 are prepared using the liquidation basis of accounting in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 are prepared using the accrual method of accounting in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measure for the 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 normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making estimates, actual results may differ from those estimates.

INVESTMENT VALUATION AND INCOME RECOGNITION

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract 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. See Note F for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation or depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. As of December 31, 2024, the notes receivable from participants were not expected to be collectible and had been written off as deemed distributions. As of December 31, 2023, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

Benefit obligations are recorded when paid.

EXPENSES

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation or depreciation of fair value of investments.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 9, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE C - PLAN TERMINATION

The Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. The Plan was terminated effective November 1, 2024. Upon Plan termination, participants became 100% vested in their accounts. All assets will be liquidated and paid to participants.

SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE D - TAX STATUS

The Plan is a volume submitter plan sponsored by Transamerica Retirement Solution Corporation that has been adopted by the Company. The volume submitter plan obtained its latest opinion letter on June 30, 2020, by which the Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company that the Plan and related trust, as then designed, were designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability if the plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the U.S. Federal or Illinois taxing jurisdictions. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE E - CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation/depreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2024, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Transamerica Retirement Solutions, LLC, as agent for State Street Bank and Trust Company and Transamerica Life Insurance Company (the trustee and custodian of the Plan).

NOTE F - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

FASB ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, 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).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC Topic 820 are described as follows:

- 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.

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NOTE F - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

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.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Registered investment companies: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares, which are based on quoted market prices, held by the Plan as of the end of the year.

Stable value fund: A deposit liability of the issuer with no defined maturities. Valued at contract value which is also the fair value.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of the 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.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 10,776,519	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,776,519
Stable value fund	-	630,850	-	630,850
Investments at fair value	\$ 10,776,519	\$ 630,850	\$ -	\$ 11,407,369

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 11,995,133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,995,133
Stable value fund	-	668,921	-	668,921
Investments at fair value	\$ 11,995,133	\$ 668,921	\$ -	\$ 12,664,054

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE G - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE H - PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by Transamerica Life Insurance Company the custodian for the Plan and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. These transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

NOTE I - RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO SCHEDULE H OF FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the accompanying 2024 and 2023 financial statements to the Schedule H of Form 5500.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets available for benefits, per the financial statements	\$ 11,411,311	\$ 12,678,743
Add: Participant notes receivable deemed uncollectible	<u>6,936</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets available for benefits, per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 11,418,247</u>	<u>\$ 12,678,743</u>

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements to the Schedule H of Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Benefits paid to participants, per the financial statements	\$ 3,221,105
Less: Participant notes receivable deemed uncollectible	<u>(6,936)</u>
Benefits paid to participants, per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 3,214,169</u>

SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4I - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

DECEMBER 31, 2024

FEIN: 36-6066572
Plan Number: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
		Registered investment companies		
	Hartford	Hartford Core Equity R4	**	\$ 1,753,090
	American Funds	American Funds Fundamental Investor R4	**	1,675,969
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030	**	1,451,923
	American Funds	American Funds Growth Fund of America R4	**	1,319,425
	American Funds	American Funds Washington Mutual R4	**	995,086
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Inv	**	958,129
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045	**	645,928
	American Funds	American Funds American Balanced R4	**	435,095
	Vanguard	Vanguard 500 Index Adm	**	256,138
	American Funds	American Funds EuroPacific Growth R4	**	236,322
	American Funds	American Funds Int'l Growth and Income R4	**	143,215
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm	**	129,974
	Federated	Federated Hermes Mid-Cap Index	**	113,433
	Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox Income	**	107,920
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040	**	104,858
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025	**	74,025
	PIMCO	PIMCO Low Duration A	**	65,938
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020	**	65,731
	American Funds	American Funds Intermediate Bond Fund of America R4	**	57,519
	Franklin	Franklin Gold & Precious Metals A	**	40,135
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050	**	37,953
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055	**	35,050
	Cohen & Steers	Cohen & Steers Realty Income A	**	33,090
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035	**	28,567
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060	**	12,006
				<u>10,776,519</u>
		Stable value fund:		
*	Transamerica Life Ins. Co.	Stable Value Strategy - TLIC	**	<u>630,850</u>
	Total investments per Schedule H Form 5500			<u><u>\$ 11,407,369</u></u>

* Represents a party-in-interest

** Investment is fully participant-directed and therefore cost has been excluded

See independent auditors' report

SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

DECEMBER 31, 2024

FEIN: 36-6066572
Plan Number: 001

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2023 Plan Year	None	\$ 3,241	None	None
2024 Plan Year	None	\$ 5,509	None	None

Delinquent participant contributions were corrected outside of VFCP in 2025

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SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

DECEMBER 31, 2024

FEIN: 36-6066572
Plan Number: 001

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2023 Plan Year	None	\$ 3,241	None	None
2024 Plan Year	None	\$ 5,509	None	None

Delinquent participant contributions were corrected outside of VFCP in 2025

Schedule C, Line 2(h) Formula Descriptions

Small Newspaper Group Retirement Plan & Trust
 EIN No.: 36-3279874, Plan No. 001
 Plan Year Ending: 12/31/2024

Indirect Compensation in the form of revenue sharing was paid to the following Service Providers:

TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	13-3689044
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	04-3523567

Revenue amounts are shown in annualized basis points of plan assets invested in applicable fund

Fund Family	Fund Name	Start Date	End Date	Revenue to Transamerica Retirement Solutions	Revenue to National Financial Services
AMERICAN FUNDS	AMER FDS INTERM BD FND AMER R4	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	33.845	1.155
AMERICAN FUNDS	AMERICAN BALANCED FUND R-4	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	33.845	1.155
AMERICAN FUNDS	AMERICAN EUROPACIFIC, R4 CLASS	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	33.845	1.155
AMERICAN FUNDS	AMERICAN FUNDAMENTAL INVEST R4	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	33.845	1.155
AMERICAN FUNDS	AMERICAN FUNDS INTL GROWTH AND INCOME R4	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	33.845	1.155
AMERICAN FUNDS	AMERICAN NEW WORLD, R4	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	33.845	1.155
AMERICAN FUNDS	AMERICAN WASHINGTON MUTUAL	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	33.845	1.155
COHEN & STEERS	COHEN & STEERS REAL ESTATE SECURITIES A	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	43.515	1.485
DODGE & COX	DODGE & COX INCOME I	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	7.736	0.264
FEDERATED HERMES	FEDERATED HERMES MID-CAP INDEX SERVICE	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	29.010	0.990
FRANKLIN	FRANKLIN GOLD & PRECIOUS METLS	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	48.350	1.650
HARTFORD	HARTFORD CORE EQUITY R4	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	38.680	1.320
PIMCO	PIMCO LOW DURATION A	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	35.779	1.221
AMERICAN FUNDS	THE GROWTH FUND OF AMERICA R-4	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	33.845	1.155

SMALL NEWSPAPER GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4I - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
		Registered investment companies		
	Hartford	Hartford Core Equity R4	**	\$ 1,753,090
	American Funds	American Funds Fundamental Investor R4	**	1,675,969
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030	**	1,451,923
	American Funds	American Funds Growth Fund of America R4	**	1,319,425
	American Funds	American Funds Washington Mutual R4	**	995,086
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Inv	**	958,129
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045	**	645,928
	American Funds	American Funds American Balanced R4	**	435,095
	Vanguard	Vanguard 500 Index Adm	**	256,138
	American Funds	American Funds EuroPacific Growth R4	**	236,322
	American Funds	American Funds Int'l Growth and Income R4	**	143,215
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm	**	129,974
	Federated	Federated Hermes Mid-Cap Index	**	113,433
	Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox Income	**	107,920
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040	**	104,858
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025	**	74,025
	PIMCO	PIMCO Low Duration A	**	65,938
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020	**	65,731
	American Funds	American Funds Intermediate Bond Fund of America R4	**	57,519
	Franklin	Franklin Gold & Precious Metals A	**	40,135
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050	**	37,953
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055	**	35,050
	Cohen & Steers	Cohen & Steers Realty Income A	**	33,090
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035	**	28,567
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060	**	12,006
				10,776,519
		Stable value fund:		
*	Transamerica Life Ins. Co.	Stable Value Strategy - TLIC	**	630,850
	Total investments per Schedule H Form 5500			\$ 11,407,369

* Represents a party-in-interest

** Investment is fully participant-directed and therefore cost has been excluded

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