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The McClatchy Company
(Name of Issuer)
Class A Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)
579489-10-5
(CUSIP Number)
Karole Morgan-Prager, Esq.  Vice President and Corporate Secretary  The McClatchy Company  2100 Q Street  Sacramento, CA 95816  (916) 321-1000
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)
May 14, 2003
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Note

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SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. 579489-10-5
1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).  Gary Pruitt
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*  (a)  (b)
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) Not applicable
5. Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization United States	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7. Sole Voting Power 228,894
	8. Shared Voting Power 12,500,000
	9. Sole Dispositive Power 228,894
	10. Shared Dispositive Power 12,500,000
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 12,728,894	
12. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)	
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 39.44 %	
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)	
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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This statement relates to the Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class A Common Stock"), of The McClatchy Company, a Delaware corporation. The principal executive offices of The McClatchy Company are located at 2100 Q Street, Sacramento, California 95816.

Item 2. Identity and Background

This statement is filed on behalf of Gary Pruitt, a United States citizen, whose business address is 2100 Q Street, Sacramento, California 95816. The present principal occupation or employment of Gary Pruitt is as the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of The McClatchy Company. During the last five years, Gary Pruitt has not been (i) convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), or (ii) a party to a

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civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Because the shares to which this Statement relates were not acquired by purchase, Item 3 is not applicable. See Items 4 and 5(a) below.

### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

On May 14, 2003, Gary Pruitt became one of four co-trustees of five separate trusts established for the benefit of McClatchy family members, replacing Erwin Potts as a co-trustee. Sole voting and dispositive power of the five trusts, each containing 2,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock of McClatchy Newspapers, Inc., was held by Charles K. McClatchy until his death on April 16, 1989. In December of 1996, McClatchy Newspapers, Inc. declared a five-for-four stock split, and the 2,000,000 shares in each of the five trusts was increased to 2,500,000 shares. Subject to the terms of the Stockholders' Agreement dated as of September 17, 1987, described in Item 6 below, each holder of Class B Common Stock has the right to convert Class B Common Stock into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.

By written appointment of successor trustees dated July 19, 1982, Charles K. McClatchy appointed William Ellery McClatchy, James B. McClatchy, William K. Coblentz, William M. Roth and Erwin Potts to succeed him as co-trustees. Said persons became co-trustees of each of said trusts by reason of the death of Charles K. McClatchy on April 16, 1989.

Effective May 17, 2000, William M. Roth resigned as a co-trustee and did not name a successor, which resulted in a decrease in the number of co-trustees from five to four. Effective as of May 14, 2003, by written appointment of successor trustees, Erwin Potts appointed Gary Pruitt to succeed him as a co-trustee. As a result William Ellery McClatchy, James B. McClatchy, William K. Coblentz and Gary Pruitt currently share voting and dispositive power over the shares in said trusts.

Effective March 19, 1998, each outstanding share of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock of McClatchy Newspapers, Inc. was converted, into one share of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock, respectively, of The McClatchy Company in connection with the merger of McClatchy Newspapers, Inc. with and into MNI Mergerco, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of The McClatchy Company.

Gary Pruitt and the trusts or any of them may, from time to time, increase, reduce or dispose of their respective investments in The McClatchy Company, depending on general economic conditions, economic conditions in the markets in which The McClatchy Company operates, the market price of the Class A Common Stock, the availability of funds, borrowing costs, other opportunities available to Gary Pruitt (and/or the trusts), and other considerations.

Gary Pruitt did not become co-trustee of the trusts, and does not currently intend to exercise his duties as co-trustee for, the purpose of implementing any plans or proposals which relate to, or would result in, any of the actions specified in clauses (b) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

Gary Pruitt is currently the Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of The McClatchy Company, having served in these capacities since 2001, 1995 and 1996, respectively. In these roles, Gary Pruitt is actively involved in managing the business and affairs of The McClatchy Company and formulating The McClatchy Company's business strategies. In these roles, Gary Pruitt intends to suggest and, from time to time, implement, plans or proposals which relate to, or would result in, one or more of the actions specified in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

- The aggregate number of shares of Class A Common Stock of The McClatchy Company beneficially owned by Gary Pruitt is 12,728,894, which includes 216,250 shares subject to stock options which are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days. The percentage of the Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by Gary Pruitt is approximately 39.44, based on a total of 19,556,954 shares of Class A Common Stock issued and outstanding as of April 30, 2003, as contained in The McClatchy Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 30, 2003, the most recently available filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission of The McClatchy Company. As of April 30, 2003, a total of 26,524,147 shares of Class B Common Stock were issued and outstanding.
- The number of shares of Class A Common Stock as to which Gary Pruitt has:
  - i. Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 228,894;
  - ii. Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 12,500,000;
  - iii. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of: 228,894;
  - iv. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of: 12,500,000.

Of the 12,728,894 shares noted above: (1) 216,250 are subject to stock options which are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days; and (2) 12,500,000 shares of Class B Common Stock held under five separate trusts, each with 2,500,000 shares and different income beneficiaries. Gary Pruitt, James B. McClatchy, William Ellery McClatchy and William K. Coblentz share joint voting and investment control with respect to these trusts. The filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be construed as an admission that Gary Pruitt is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the beneficial owner of 12,500,000 of these shares.

The following information applies to those persons with whom the power to vote, direct the vote, dispose of or direct the disposition of is shared:

- A. Name: William K. Coblentz
- B. Residence or business address: 222 Kearny Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, California 94108.
- C. Present principal occupation or employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted: William K. Coblentz is an attorney at law and senior partner in the law firm (professional corporation) of Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass, with offices located at 222 Kearny Street, San Francisco, California 94108.
- D. During the last five years, William K. Coblentz has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).
- E. During the last five years, William K. Coblentz has not been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction resulting in a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- F. Citizenship: United States.

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- Name: William Ellery McClatchy
  - Residence or business address: The McClatchy Company, 2100 Q Street, Sacramento, California 95816.

- Present principal occupation or employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted: Retired.
- During the last five years, William Ellery McClatchy has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).
- During the last five years, William Ellery McClatchy has not been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction resulting in a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- Citizenship: United States.

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- A. Name: James B. McClatchy
- B. Residence or business address: The McClatchy Company, 2100 Q Street, Sacramento, California 95816.
- C. Present principal occupation or employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted: Publisher of The McClatchy Company, with principal executive offices at 2100 Q Street, Sacramento, California 95816.
- D. During the last five years, James B. McClatchy has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).
- E. During the last five years, James B. McClatchy has not been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction resulting in a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- F. Citizenship: United States.
  - c. None.
  - d. Only those persons identified in Item 5(b) above.
  - e. Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

The holders of shares of Class B Common Stock are parties to an agreement, the intent of which is to preserve control of the company by the McClatchy family. Under the terms of the agreement, the Class B shareholders have agreed to restrict the transfer of any shares of Class B Common Stock to one or more "Permitted Transferees," subject to certain exceptions. A "Permitted Transferee" is any current holder of shares of Class B Common Stock of McClatchy; any lineal descendant of Charles K. McClatchy; or a trust for the exclusive benefit of, or in which all of the remainder beneficial interests are owned by, one or more of lineal descendants of Charles K. McClatchy. Subject to the terms of the agreement, each holder of shares of Class B Common Stock has the right to convert Class B Common Stock into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.

In the event that a Class B shareholder attempts to transfer any shares of Class B Common Stock in violation of the agreement, or upon the happening of certain other events enumerated in the agreement as "Option Events," each of the remaining Class B shareholders has an option to purchase a percentage of the total number of shares of Class B Common Stock proposed to be transferred equal to such remaining Class B shareholder's ownership percentage of the total number of outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock. If all the shares proposed to be transferred are not purchased by the remaining Class B shareholders, McClatchy has the option of purchasing the remaining shares. In general, any shares not purchased under this procedure will be converted into shares of Class A Common Stock and

then transferred freely (unless, following conversion, the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock would constitute less than 25% of the total number of all outstanding shares of common stock of McClatchy). The agreement can be terminated by the vote of the holders of 80% of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock who are subject to the agreement. The agreement will terminate on September 17, 2047, unless terminated earlier in accordance with its terms.

In accordance with The McClatchy Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, Class A shareholders have the right, voting as a separate class, to elect that number of directors constituting 25% (or the nearest larger whole number) of the total number of members of the board of directors and to remove any director elected by the Class A shareholders. On all matters other than the election and removal of directors, each share of Class A Common Stock entitles the holder to one-tenth (1/10) of a vote. Class B shareholders have the right, voting as a separate class, to elect that number of directors not elected by the Class A shareholders and to remove any director elected by the Class B shareholders. On all matters other than the election and removal of directors, each share of Class B Common Stock entitles the holder to one vote.

Except as may be contemplated by the Stockholders' Agreement dated as of September 17, 1987, described above, a copy of which has been made publicly available as Exhibit 10.12 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed by McClatchy Newspapers, Inc. on January 26, 1988 (Registration No. 3-17270), and except for the contracts, arrangements, understandings and relationships described elsewhere in this Statement, Gary Pruitt is not a party to any contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships with respect to any securities of The McClatchy Company, including, but not limited to, the transfer or voting of any of the securities of The McClatchy Company, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

The Stockholders' Agreement dated as of September 17, 1987, which was filed as Exhibit 10.12 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed by McClatchy Newspapers, Inc. on January 26, 1988 (Registration No. 3-17270), is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 22, 2003    /s/ Gary B. Pruitt

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