# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of

Date of Report: January 14, 1997

GANNETT CO., INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-6961 (Commission File Number) 16-0442930 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1100 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22234 (Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(703) 284-6000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

#### ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

#### EXCHANGE OF RADIO STATIONS FOR TELEVISION STATIONS

On December 9, 1996, the Company concluded a transaction with Jacor Communications, Inc. to acquire WTSP-TV, the CBS affiliate in Tampa, in exchange for radio stations KIIS AM/FM, Los Angeles, KSDO-AM/KKBH-FM, San Diego, and WDAE-AM/WUSA-FM, Tampa.

This transaction was completed under the terms of an asset exchange agreement between the parties. For income tax purposes, the transaction will be treated as a tax free exchange with only minimal income tax due as a result.

In the Company's opinion (with which the Company's independent accountants, Price Waterhouse, LLP, concur), for financial reporting purposes, the transaction should be accounted for under Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 29, Accounting for Non-Monetary Transactions, under which the exchange of similar assets (in this case, broadcast stations) is accounted for as a non-monetary transaction for which no gain or loss is recognized.

Because of the unique nature of the transaction, the Company sought to obtain the concurrence of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") with respect to its proposed accounting treatment. Several discussions involving the Company, Price Waterhouse representatives and the SEC staff were held for this purpose prior to the closing of the transaction.

The SEC staff, however, disagreed with the accounting treatment proposed by the Company and Price Waterhouse, and instead concluded that the Company should record the transaction as two simultaneous but separate events; that is, a sale of radio stations for which a non-cash gain must be recognized, and the acquisition of the television station to be accounted for under the purchase method. The gain to be reported on the exchange of radio stations is to be measured by the difference between the estimated fair value of the assets exchanged over the Company's carrying value or basis in the properties it exchanged. Under this approach, the Company has estimated the fair value of the assets exchanged to be \$170,000,000, while its carrying value or basis in the radio stations is approximately \$12 million. In the fourth quarter of 1996, therefore, for financial reporting purposes, the Company is required to report a pre-tax, non-cash, non-operating gain of \$158 million on this transaction. The television station acquired in the exchange is to be recorded at estimated fair value or \$170,000,000.

On an after-tax basis, this accounting treatment will result in a non-cash increase in earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 1996 of \$.66. Further, the purchase accounting required for the television station

obtained in the transaction results in the recording of \$158,000,000 in additional tangible and intangible asset value which will be charged against broadcast earnings over periods up to 40 years.

### SALE OF MULTIMEDIA ENTERTAINMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In December, 1996, the Company sold its television entertainment programming business, Multimedia Entertainment, which had been acquired in December 1995 as part of the acquisition of Multimedia, Inc. Because of the proliferation of talk shows which made this niche of the television syndication business extremely competitive and because of reduced advertiser acceptance of certain of these programs, Multimedia Entertainment's revenues and earnings continued a long pattern of decline through the date of the sale. The "Donohue" show had been its most successful program and it ceased airing in September of 1996. The Company therefore decided to exit the business. The selling price for this transaction approximated the value assigned to it by the Company upon acquisition. Therefore, no gain was recognized on the sale.

The operating results for Multimedia Entertainment during the period it was owned by the Company will be reported as a discontinued operation in the Company's financial statements (along with the results of the Company's Outdoor business, which was sold in the third quarter of 1996). The Company's previously issued financial statements for 1996 and 1995 have been restated to reflect this classification change. Accordingly, earnings from continuing operations previously reported for the nine months ended September 1996 have been reduced from \$2.47 per share to \$2.38 per share. For the year ended December 31, 1995, previously reported earnings per share from continuing operations have been reduced from \$3.29 to \$3.28 (Multimedia Entertainment was owned for only one month in 1995). These restated financial statements are included in this filing.

### SUMMARY OF INCOME FROM CONTINUING AND DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

After giving effect to the restatement discussed above, the Company's earnings per share data are as follows.

Earnings Per Share	Nine Mont Sep	chs Ended otember	Year Ended December
	1996 	1995 	1995 
Earnings from continuing operations	\$ 2.38	\$ 2.22	\$ 3.28
Earnings from discontinued operations	.17	.08	.13
Gain on sale of Outdoor	2.09		
Net income per share	\$ 4.64 ====	\$ 2.30 ====	\$ 3.41 ====

CHANGE IN BUSINESS SEGMENT REPORTING AND RESTATEMENT OF SEGMENT INFORMATION

Prior to sale, the operating results of the Outdoor and Entertainment businesses were reported within the Company's "Other Businesses" segment. These two businesses were the largest within that segment and are now reported as discontinued operations and therefore are no longer reported with business segment information.

The "Other Businesses" segment also included the Alarm Security business, acquired in the Multimedia, Inc. purchase, and certain other smaller businesses, including Telematch, Gannett Direct Marketing Services and Gannett Telemarketing. In the aggregate, these remaining businesses are not material in relation to the Company's consolidated operating results or financial condition (less than 1%). Accordingly, the Company has elected to change its business segment resporting to eliminate this "Other Businesses" segment. The Alarm Security business is now reported with the Cable business (Cable and security segment) with which it is headquartered and managed. The other smaller businesses mentioned above are now reported in the Newspaper Publishing segment with which they are managed. The accompanying Business Segment Information for 1995 and 1996 has been restated to reflect these changes.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

See Exhibit list.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

GANNETT CO., INC.

Dated: January 14, 1997 By: /s/

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Larry F. Miller Senior Vice President, Financial Planning and Controller Exhibit

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Restated unaudited statements of income for  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ 99-1

the quarters ended March 31, 1996 and March 26, 1995; June 30, 1996 and June 25, 1995; September 29, 1996 and September 24, 1995; and December 31, 1995; for the three quarters ended September 29, 1996 and September 24, 1995; and for the year ended December 31, 1995.

Attached

Restated unaudited business segment information for the quarters ended March 31, 1996 and March 26, 1995; June 30, 1996 and June 25, 1995; September 29, 1996 and September 24,1995; and December 31, 1995; for the three quarters ended September 29, 1996 and September 24, 1995; and for the year ended December 31, 1995.

	Quarter	% Inc	
	March 31, 1996	March 26, 1995	
Net Operating Revenues:	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b> 540 740	7.0
Newspaper advertising Newspaper circulation	\$ 556,885 229,417	\$ 516,742 211,964	
Broadcasting	141,688	96,983	
Cable and security	56,612	0	
Other .	39,281	0 37,535	
Total	1,023,883	863,224	18.6
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Operating Expenses:			
Cost of sales and operating expenses,	F00 F1F	F01 776	17 7
exclusive of depreciation Selling, general and administrative,	590,515	501,776	17.7
exclusive of depreciation	168,707	155,004	8.8
Depreciation	48,837	155,004 35,248	38.6
Amortization of intangible assets	23,515	11,201	109.9
Total	831,574	703,229	18.3
Total			
Operating income	192,309	159,995	20.2
Non-operating income (expense):			
Interest expense	(39,528)	(11,732)	236.9
Other	(1,583)	(529)	199.2
Total	(41,111)	(12,261)	235.3
Income before income taxes		147,734	
Provision for income taxes	64,750	59,700	
T E			(4.0)
Income from continuing operations Discontinued operations:	86,448	88,034	(1.8)
Income from discontinued operations,			
net of income taxes	2,902	(1,828)	258.8
Gain on sale of Outdoor business,			
net of income taxes	0	0	
Net income	\$ 89,350	\$ 86,206	3.6
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Earnings per share:			
Earnings from continuing operations Earnings from discontinued operations	\$0.61	\$0.63	(3.2)
Discontinued operations, net of tax		(\$0.01)	400.0
Gain on sale of Outdoor, net of tax		\$0.00	
Net income per share	\$0.64 ====	\$0.62 ====	3.2
Dividends per share	==== \$0.35	\$0.34	2.9
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Note: This statement has been restated to reflect Multimedia Entertainment (sold in December, 1996) as a discontinued operation.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
Gannett Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries
Unaudited, in thousands of dollars (except per share amounts)

Newspaper advertising Newspaper circulation Broadcasting Cable and security	\$	604,980 227,260 176,306 57,732	\$ 567,134 214,045 120,880 0	6.7 6.2 45.9
Other	-	43,016	43,294	(0.6) 
Total		L,109,294	945,353	17.3
Operating Expenses: Cost of sales and operating expenses, exclusive of depreciation Selling, general and administrative,		587,515	507,070	15.9
exclusive of depreciation Depreciation Amortization of intangible assets		168,590 49,034 23,481	156,880 34,948 11,167	7.5 40.3 110.3
Total		828,620	710,065	16.7
Operating income		280,674	235,288	19.3
Non-operating income (expense): Interest expense Other		(38,403) (657)	(10,878) (1,198)	253.0 (45.2)
Total		(39,060)	(12,076)	
Income before income taxes Provision for income taxes		241,614 104,375	223,212 90,500	8.2
Income from continuing operations Discontinued operations:	_	137,239	132,712	3.4
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes Gain on sale of Outdoor business,		12,777	6,711	90.4
net of income taxes	_	0	0	
Net income	\$ =	150,016 ======	139,423 ======	7.6 =====
Earnings per share: Earnings from continuing operations Earnings from discontinued operations:		\$0.98	\$0.95	3.2
Discontinued operations, net of tax Gain on sale of Outdoor, net of tax		\$0.09 \$0.00	\$0.05 \$0.00	80.0 
Net income per share		\$1.07 ====	\$1.00 ====	7.0 =====
Dividends per share		\$0.35 =====	\$0.34 =====	2.9

	Quarter ended						% Inc
	Sept	. 29, Ì	-			1995	
Net Operating Revenues:	\$	EOE	011	Ф	EOG	0.01	15 1
Newspaper advertising Newspaper circulation	Ф		814	\$		3,821 9,445	
Broadcasting			197 879				
Cable and security			332		102	0	70.7 
Other			481				(3.2)
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Total		1,092,	703		864	1,863	26.3
Operating Expenses:							
Cost of sales and operating expenses,							
exclusive of depreciation		612,	888		510	661	20.0
Selling, general and administrative,							
exclusive of depreciation			533		148	3,996	17.1 42.0
Depreciation			772		34	1,347	42.0
Amortization of intangible assets		23,	472			1,168	110.2
Total						5,172	
Total		059,	665		700		21.9
Operating income			038			,691	
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Non-operating income (expense):							
Interest expense		(34,	111)		(9	,113)	274.3
Other .			917)			Ĺ <b>, 1</b> 00	
Total			028)		(8	3,013)	
Income before income taxes			010			L,678	
Provision for income taxes			800			L,400	36.5
Income from continuing energtions		111					23.2
Income from continuing operations Discontinued operations:		111,	210		96	0,278	23.2
Income from discontinued operations,							
net of income taxes		8	861		-	823	52.2
Gain on sale of Outdoor business,		٥,	001		•	,, 020	02.2
net of income taxes		294,	580			0	
Net income	\$	414,	651	\$	96	6,101	331.5
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Earnings per share:							
Earnings from continuing operations		\$0	.79		\$	80.64	23.4
Earnings from discontinued operations							
Discontinued operations, net of tax			0.06			80.05	20.0
Gain on sale of Outdoor, net of tax	(	-	2.09			80.00	
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Net income per share		-	2.94 ====			80.69 ====	326.1 =====
Dividends per share			.36			 	2.9
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Quarter Ended December 31, 1995

Net Operating Revenues:		
Newspaper advertising	\$	626,553
Newspaper circulation	•	233,719
Broadcasting		143,537
Cable and security		17,831
Other		48,787
Total		1,070,427
Operating Expenses:		
Cost of sales and operating expenses,		
exclusive of depreciation		590,236
Selling, general and administrative,		
exclusive of depreciation		158,245
Depreciation		39,196
Amortization of intangible assets		15,792
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Total		803,469
Operating income		266,958
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Non-operating income (expense):		(00 450)
Interest expense		(20,452)
Other		4,381
Total		(16,071)
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Income before income taxes		250,887
Provision for income taxes		102,500
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Income from continuing operations		148,387
Discontinued operations:		0,00.
Income from discontinued operations,		
net of income taxes		7,145
Gain on sale of Outdoor business,		,
net of income taxes		Θ
Net income	\$	155,532
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Earnings per share:		
Earnings from continuing operations		\$1.06
Earnings from discontinued operations:		
Discontinued operations, net of tax		\$0.05
Gain on sale of Outdoor, net of tax		\$0.00
Net income per share		\$1.11
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Dividends per share		\$0.35
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	Three Quart	% Inc	
	Sept. 29, 1996		
Net Operating Revenues: Newspaper advertising	\$ 1,747,679	\$ 1,592,697	9.7
Newspaper circulation	685,874	635,454	7.9
Broadcasting Cable and security	496,873 172,676	322,650 0	54.0 
Other	122,778	122,639	0.1
Total	3,225,880	2,673,440	20.7
Operating Expenses: Cost of sales and operating expenses			
exclusive of depreciation Selling, general and administrative,	1,790,918	1,519,507	17.9
exclusive of depreciation	511,830	460,880	11.1
Depreciation Amortization of intangible assets	146,643	104,543	40.3
Amortization of intangible assets	70,468 	33,536	
Total	2,519,859	2,118,466	18.9
Operating income	706,021	554,974	27.2
Non-operating income (expense):			
Interest expense Other	(112,042) (6,157)	(31,723) (627)	253.2 882.0
Total	(118,199)	(32,350)	265.4
Income before income taxes Provision for income taxes	587,822 252,925	522,624 211,600	12.5 19.5
FIOVISION FOR INCOME CAXES	232,923		
Income from continuing operations Discontinued operations:	334,897	311,024	7.7
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes Gain on sale of Outdoor business,	24,540	10,706	129.2
net of income taxes	294,580	0	
Net income	\$ 654,017	\$ 321,730	103.3
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Earnings per share: Earnings from continuing operations Earnings from discontinued operations	\$2.38 s:	\$2.22	7.2
Discontinued operations, net of ta	x \$0.17	\$0.08	112.5
Gain on sale of Outdoor, net of ta	x \$2.09	\$0.00 	
Net income per share	\$4.64	\$2.30	101.7
Dividends per share	==== \$1.06	==== \$1.03	2.9
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Year Ended December 31, 1995

Net Operating Revenues:		
Newspaper advertising	\$	2,219,250
Newspaper circulation	_	869,173
Broadcasting		466,187
Cable and security		17,831
Other		171,426
Total		3,743,867
Operating Expenses:		
Cost of sales and operating expenses, exclusive of depreciation		2 100 742
Selling, general and administrative,		2,109,743
exclusive of depreciation		619,125
Depreciation		143,739
Amortization of intangible assets		49,328
Total		2,921,935
Operating income		821,932
Non-operating income (expense):		
Interest expense		(52,175)
Other .		3,754
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Total		(48,421)
Income before income taxes		773,511
Provision for income taxes		314,100
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Income from continuing operations		459,411
Discontinued operations:		,
Income from discontinued operations,		
net of income taxes		17,851
Gain on sale of Outdoor business,		
net of income taxes		0
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Net income	\$	477,262 ======
Earnings per share:		
Earnings from continuing operations		\$3.28
Earnings from discontinued operations:		Ψ0120
net of tax		\$0.13
Net income per share		\$3.41
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Dividends per share		\$1.38
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		%Inc			
	М	arch 31, 1996	Ma	arch 26, 1995	
Operating Revenues:		005 500	•	700 044	
Newspaper publishing	\$	825,583	\$	766,241	
Broadcasting		141,688 56,612		96,983	46.1
Cable and security		56,612		0	
Total	\$		\$	863,224	18.6
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Operating Income:					
(net of depreciation and amortization)					
Newspaper publishing	\$	146,971	\$	150,741	(2.5)
Broadcasting		50,039		26,240	90.7
Cable and security		11,717		0	
Corporate				(16,986)	
Total	\$	192,309			20.2
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Depreciation and Amortization:					
Newspaper publishing	\$	40,716	\$	36,724	10.9
Broadcasting		13, 119		7,064	85.7
Cable and security		15,961		0	
Corporate		2,556		2,661	(3.9)
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Total	\$	72,352	\$	46,449	55.8
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Operating Cash Flow:					
Newspaper publishing	\$	187,687	\$	187,465	0.1
Broadcasting	Ψ	63,158	Ψ	33,304	89.6
Cable and security		27,678		0	
Corporate		(13.862)		(14,325)	3.2
		(13,862)			
Total	\$	264,661	\$	206,444	28.2
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	J	Quarte une 30, 1996	%Inc	
Operating Revenues: Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security		875,256 176,306 57,732	824,473 120,880 0	45.9 
Total	\$	1,109,294	\$ 945,353 ======	17.3 =====
Operating Income: (net of depreciation and amortization) Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security Corporate	\$	(16,586)	205,350 47,366 0 (17,428)	4.8
Total	\$	280,674 =====	\$ 235,288 ======	
Depreciation and Amortization: Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security Corporate	\$	40,743 12,899 16,317 2,556	36,692 7,006 0 2,417	11.0 84.1  5.8
Total	\$	72,515	\$ 46,115	57.2
Operating Cash Flow: Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security Corporate	\$	243,822 95,008 28,389 (14,030)	\$ 242,042 54,372 0 (15,011)	0.7 74.7 
Total	\$	353,189 ======	\$ 281,403 ======	25.5 =====

	Se	Quarte pt. 29, 1996		%Inc
Operating Revenues: Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security	\$	855,492 178,879 58,332	\$ 760,076 104,787 0	12.6 70.7
Total	\$	1,092,703	\$ 864,863 ======	26.3
Operating Income: (net of depreciation and amortization) Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security Corporate	\$	159,783 76,116 11,546 (14,407)	136,344 38,513 0 (15,166)	
Total	\$	233,038 ======	\$ 159,691 ======	45.9 =====
Depreciation and Amortization: Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security Corporate	\$	40,282 12,886 16,609 2,467	36,169 6,991 0 2,355	84.3  4.8
Total	\$	72,244 ======	\$ 45,515 ======	58.7 =====
Operating Cash Flow: Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security Corporate	\$	200,065 89,002 28,155 (11,940)	172,513 45,504 0 (12,811)	16.0 95.6  6.8
Total	\$	305,282 ======	\$ 205,206	48.8 =====

	Quarter ended		
	Dece	mber 31, 1995	
Operating Revenues:			
Newspaper publishing	\$	909,059	
Broadcasting		143,537	
Cable and security		17,831	
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Total	\$	1,070,427	
Operating Income:			
(net of depreciation and amortization	)		
Newspaper publishing	\$	209,134	
Broadcasting		70,746	
Cable and security		4,801	
Corporate		(17,723)	
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Total	\$	266,958 ======	
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Depreciation and Amortization:			
Newspaper publishing	\$	39,347	
Broadcasting	-	9,046	
Cable and security		4,407	
Corporate		2, 188	
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Total	\$	54,988	
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Operating Cash Flow:	\$	240 401	
Newspaper publishing	Ф	248,481	
Broadcasting		79,792	
Cable and security Corporate		9,208	
σοι μοι ατε		(15,535)	
Total	\$	321,946	
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Operating Revenues: Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security	\$	2,556,331 496,873 172,676	\$ 2,350,790 322,650 0	8.7 54.0 
Total	\$	3,225,880	\$ 2,673,440	20.7
Operating Income: (net of depreciation and amortization) Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security Corporate	\$	509,833 208,264 35,335 (47,411)	492,435 112,119 0 (49,580)	3.5 85.8  4.4
Total	\$	706,021 ======	\$ 554,974 ======	27.2
Depreciation and Amortization: Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security Corporate	\$	121,741 38,904 48,887 7,579	\$ 21,061 0 7,433	2.0
Total	\$	217,111 ======	\$ 138,079 ======	57.2 =====
Operating Cash Flow: Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security Corporate	\$	631,574 247,168 84,222 (39,832)	602,020 133,180 0 (42,147)	4.9 85.6  5.5
Total	\$	923,132	\$ 693,053 ======	33.2

	ear Ended mber 31, 1995
Operating Revenues: Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security	\$ 3,259,849 466,187 17,831
Total	\$ 3,743,867
Operating Income: (net of depreciation and amortization Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security Corporate	\$ 701,569 182,865 4,801 (67,303)
Total	\$ 821,932 ======
Depreciation and Amortization: Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security Corporate	\$ 148,932 30,107 4,407 9,621
Total	\$ 193,067 ======
Operating Cash Flow: Newspaper publishing Broadcasting Cable and security Corporate	\$ 850,501 212,972 9,208 (57,682)
Total	\$ 1,014,999 ======