For the quarterly period ended: September 30, 2012
OR

## TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File No. 1-33741

## A. H. Belo Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Delaware <br> (State or other jurisdiction of <br> incorporation or organization) | 38-3765318 <br> (.R.S. employer <br> identification no.) |
| :---: | :---: |
| P. O. Box 224866 |  |
| Dallas, Texas |  |
| (Address of principal executive offices) |  |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (214) 977-8200 |  |

Indicate by check mark whether registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes |  |
| :---: |
| No |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes $\boxtimes$ No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Non-accelerated filer $\quad \square$ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes $\square$ No 区 Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.
Common Stock, \$. 01 par value $\quad \frac{\text { Outstanding at October 25, } 2012}{21,983,705^{*}}$

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## A. H. BELO CORPORATION

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## PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

## A. H. Belo Corporation and Subsidiaries

 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations| In thousands, except per share amounts (unaudited) | Three Months Ended September 30, |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net Operating Revenues |  |  |  |  |
| Advertising and marketing services | \$ 62,123 | \$ 65,229 | \$ 186,373 | \$ 203,034 |
| Circulation | 34,243 | 34,749 | 102,655 | 104,699 |
| Printing and distribution | 12,515 | 10,012 | 33,830 | 28,918 |
| Total net operating revenues | 108,881 | 109,990 | 322,858 | 336,651 |
| Operating Costs and Expenses |  |  |  |  |
| Salaries, wages and employee benefits | 43,364 | 44,958 | 131,992 | 143,552 |
| Other production, distribution and operating costs | 40,614 | 41,996 | 122,835 | 130,875 |
| Newsprint, ink and other supplies | 15,899 | 14,618 | 45,242 | 44,192 |
| Depreciation | 6,219 | 7,386 | 21,680 | 23,225 |
| Amortization | 1,309 | 1,310 | 3,929 | 3,930 |
| Pension plan withdrawal | - | - | - | 1,988 |
| Total operating costs and expenses | 107,405 | 110,268 | 325,678 | 347,762 |
| Income (loss) from operations | 1,476 | (278) | $(2,820)$ | $(11,111)$ |
| Other Income (Expense), Net |  |  |  |  |
| Other income, net | 594 | 764 | 2,422 | 2,475 |
| Interest expense | (128) | (132) | (506) | (510) |
| Total other income (expense), net | 466 | 632 | 1,916 | 1,965 |
| Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes | 1,942 | 354 | (904) | $(9,146)$ |
| Income tax expense | 501 | 489 | 1,286 | 4,538 |
| Net Income (Loss) | 1,441 | (135) | $(2,190)$ | $(13,684)$ |
| Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests | (42) | - | (42) | - |
| Net Income (Loss) Attributable to A. H. Belo Corporation | \$ 1,483 | \$ (135) | \$ $(2,148)$ | \$ (13,684) |
| Per Share Basis: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income (loss) attributable to A. H. Belo Corporation |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ 0.07 | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.10) | \$ (0.64) |
| Diluted | \$ 0.06 | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.10) | \$ (0.64) |
| Weighted average shares outstanding |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | 22,807 | 21,534 | 21,850 | 21,477 |
| Diluted | 22,928 | 21,534 | 21,850 | 21,477 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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## A. H. Belo Corporation and Subsidiaries

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

| In thousands (unaudited) | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 1,441 | \$ | (135) | \$ | $(2,190)$ | \$ | $(13,684)$ |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amortization of actuarial gains/losses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Defined benefit pension plans |  | 175 |  | - |  | 525 |  | - |
| Other post-retirement benefit plans |  | (165) |  | (162) |  | (495) |  | (469) |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss) |  | 10 |  | (162) |  | 30 |  | (469) |
| Comprehensive income (loss) |  | 1,451 |  | (297) |  | $(2,160)$ |  | $(14,153)$ |
| Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interests |  | (42) |  | - |  | (42) |  | - |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to A. H. Belo Corporation | \$ | 1,493 | \$ | (297) | \$ | $(2,118)$ | \$ | (14,153) |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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## A. H. Belo Corporation and Subsidiaries

## Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

| In thousands, except share amounts | $\begin{gathered} \text { September 30, } \\ 2012 \\ \text { (unaudited) } \end{gathered}$ | December 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |  |
| Current assets: |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 41,008 | \$ | 57,440 |
| Accounts receivable (net of allowance of $\$ 2,621$ and $\$ 2,921$ at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively) | 40,573 |  | 50,533 |
| Inventories | 10,140 |  | 9,918 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 1,419 |  | 1,380 |
| Assets held for sale | - |  | 2,396 |
| Prepaids and other current assets | 7,917 |  | 6,531 |
| Total current assets | 101,057 |  | 128,198 |
| Property, plant and equipment, at cost: |  |  |  |
| Land | 37,481 |  | 36,602 |
| Buildings and improvements | 193,868 |  | 192,810 |
| Publishing equipment | 270,152 |  | 276,792 |
| Other | 126,348 |  | 131,874 |
| Construction in process | 2,639 |  | 2,005 |
| Total property, plant and equipment | 630,488 |  | 640,083 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | $(482,210)$ |  | (476,665) |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 148,278 |  | 163,418 |
| Intangible assets, net | 13,021 |  | 16,950 |
| Goodwill | 24,582 |  | 24,582 |
| Investments | 7,845 |  | 6,112 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 1,199 |  | 1,452 |
| Other assets | 3,895 |  | 4,376 |
| Total assets | \$299,877 | \$ | 345,088 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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## A. H. Belo Corporation and Subsidiaries

## Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (continued)

| In thousands, except share amounts | September 30, <br> 2012 <br> (unaudited) | December 31, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity |  |  |
| Current liabilities: |  |  |
| Accounts payable | \$ 11,985 | \$ 18,062 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 18,982 | 18,007 |
| Other accrued expenses | 9,085 | 12,160 |
| Advance subscription payments | 20,520 | 22,491 |
| Total current liabilities | 60,572 | 70,720 |
| Long-term pension liabilities | 117,083 | 145,980 |
| Other post-employment benefits | 2,970 | 3,115 |
| Other liabilities | 2,627 | 3,794 |
| Commitments and contingent liabilities |  |  |
| Shareholders' equity: |  |  |
| Preferred stock, \$. 01 par value; Authorized 2,000,000 shares; none issued | - | - |
| Common stock, \$. 01 par value; Authorized 125,000,000 shares |  |  |
| Series A: issued $19,551,999$ and $19,182,236$ shares at |  |  |
| Series B: issued 2,411,616 and 2,398,017 shares at |  |  |
| Additional paid-in capital | 495,043 | 493,773 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | $(63,039)$ | $(63,069)$ |
| Accumulated deficit | $(315,684)$ | $(309,441)$ |
| Total shareholders' equity, A. H. Belo Corporation | 116,540 | 121,479 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 85 | - |
| Total shareholders' equity | 116,625 | 121,479 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$299,877 | \$ 345,088 |

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## A. H. Belo Corporation and Subsidiaries

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

| In thousands, except share amounts (unaudited) | Common Stock |  |  |  | Additional <br> Paid-in <br> Capital | Accumulated Other <br> Comprehensive <br> Income/(Loss) |  | Accumulated Deficit |  | Noncontrolling Interests |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares <br> Series A | Shares <br> Series B | Amount |  |  |  |  | Total |  |  |
| Balance at December 31, 2010 | 18,896,876 | 2,392,074 | \$ | 212 | \$ 491,542 | \$ | 2,569 |  |  | \$ | $(294,450)$ |  |  | \$ 199,873 |
| Net loss | - | - |  | - | - |  | - |  | $(13,684)$ |  | - | $(13,684)$ |
| Other comprehensive loss | - | - |  | - | - |  | (469) |  | - |  | - | (469) |
| Issuance of shares for restricted stock units | 244,803 | - |  | 3 | (3) |  | - |  | - |  | - | - |
| Issuance of shares from stock option exercises | 6,000 | - |  | - | 12 |  | - |  | - |  | - | 12 |
| Income tax on stock option activity | - | - |  | - | (27) |  | - |  | - |  | - | (27) |
| Share-based compensation | - | - |  | - | 2,014 |  | - |  | - |  | - | 2,014 |
| Conversion of Series B to Series A | 28,977 | $(28,977)$ |  | - | - |  | - |  | - |  | - | - |
| Dividends | - | - |  | - | - |  | - |  | $(2,704)$ |  | - | $(2,704)$ |
| Balance at September 30, 2011 | 19,176,656 | 2,363,097 | \$ | 215 | \$ 493,538 | \$ | 2,100 | \$ | $(310,838)$ | \$ | - | \$185,015 |
| Balance at December 31, 2011 | 19,182,236 | 2,398,017 | \$ | 216 | \$ 493,773 | \$ | $(63,069)$ | \$ | $(309,441)$ | \$ | - | \$ 121,479 |
| Net loss | - | - |  | - | - |  | - |  | $(2,148)$ |  | (42) | $(2,190)$ |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - |  | - | - |  | 30 |  | - |  | - | 30 |
| Capital contributions of noncontrolling interests | - | - |  | - | - |  | - |  | - |  | 127 | 127 |
| Issuance of shares for restricted stock units | 297,536 | - |  | 3 | (3) |  | - |  | - |  | - | - |
| Issuance of shares from stock option exercises | 69,326 | 16,500 |  | 1 | 161 |  | - |  | - |  | - | 162 |
| Share-based compensation | - | - |  | - | 1,112 |  | - |  | - |  | - | 1,112 |
| Conversion of Series B to Series A | 2,901 | $(2,901)$ |  | - | - |  | - |  | - |  | - | - |
| Dividends | - | - |  | - | - |  | - |  | $(4,095)$ |  | - | $(4,095)$ |
| Balance at September 30, 2012 | 19,551,999 | 2,411,616 | \$ | 220 | \$ 495,043 | \$ | $(63,039)$ | \$ | $(315,684)$ | \$ | 85 | \$116,625 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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## A. H. Belo Corporation and Subsidiaries

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

| In thousands (unaudited) | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Activities |  |  |
| Net loss | \$ $(2,190)$ | \$ (13,684) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operations: |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 25,609 | 27,155 |
| Share-based compensation | 1,112 | 2,014 |
| Amortization of actuarial (gains) losses | 30 | (469) |
| Earnings on equity method investments | $(1,733)$ | $(1,746)$ |
| (Gain) loss on disposal of fixed assets | (402) | 359 |
| Deferred income taxes | 214 | 377 |
| Provision for uncertain tax positions | 6 | - |
| Gain on recovery of investment | - | (729) |
| Pension plan withdrawal | - | 1,988 |
| Other non-cash items | - | 381 |
| Disposal (acquisition) of assets held for sale | 2,396 | $(3,096)$ |
| Net changes in operating assets and liabilities: |  |  |
| Accounts receivable | 9,960 | 16,686 |
| Funds held by Belo Corp. for future pension contributions | - | 3,410 |
| Inventories | (222) | 1,576 |
| Assets held for sale | - | 744 |
| Prepaids and other current assets | $(1,386)$ | (481) |
| Other assets | 481 | 266 |
| Accounts payable | $(6,077)$ | $(16,276)$ |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | (192) | $(1,338)$ |
| Pension liabilities | $(28,897)$ | $(53,538)$ |
| Other accrued expenses | $(3,081)$ | 3,282 |
| Advance subscription payments | $(1,971)$ | 895 |
| Other post-employment benefits | (145) | (209) |
| Net cash used in operations | $(6,488)$ | $(32,433)$ |
| Investing Activities |  |  |
| Capital expenditures, net | $(6,766)$ | $(6,077)$ |
| Proceeds from the recovery of an impaired investment | - | 729 |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed assets | 628 | 38 |
| Investments in partnerships | - | (169) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | $(6,138)$ | $(5,479)$ |
| Financing Activities |  |  |
| Dividends paid | $(4,095)$ | $(2,704)$ |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 162 | 12 |
| Capital contributions of noncontrolling interests | 127 | - |
| Net cash used in financing activities | $(3,806)$ | $(2,692)$ |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | $(16,432)$ | $(40,604)$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 57,440 | 86,291 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 41,008 | \$ 45,687 |
| Supplemental Disclosures: |  |  |
| Interest paid | \$ 269 | \$ 194 |
| Income tax paid, net of refunds | \$ 4,570 | \$ 1,019 |

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## A. H. Belo Corporation and Subsidiaries Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

## Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Description of Business. A. H. Belo Corporation ("A. H. Belo" or the "Company"), headquartered in Dallas, Texas, is a distinguished newspaper publishing and local news and information company that owns and operates four metropolitan daily newspapers and several associated Web sites, with publishing roots that trace to The Galveston Daily News, which began publication in 1842. A. H. Belo publishes The Dallas Morning News (www.dallasnews.com), Texas' leading newspaper and winner of nine Pulitzer Prizes; The Providence Journal (www.providencejournal.com), the oldest continuously-published daily newspaper in the United States and winner of four Pulitzer Prizes; The Press-Enterprise (www.pe.com) (Riverside, California), serving the Inland Southern California region and winner of one Pulitzer Prize; and The Denton Record-Chronicle (www.dentonrc.com), a daily newspaper serving Denton, Texas, approximately 40 miles north of Dallas. The Company publishes various niche publications targeting specific audiences, and its investments and/or partnerships include Classified Ventures, LLC, owner of cars.com, and the Yahoo! Inc. ("Yahoo!") Newspaper Consortium. A. H. Belo also owns and operates commercial printing, distribution and direct mail service businesses. In February 2008, the Company's former parent, Belo Corp. ("Belo"), separated its publishing operations in a spin-off transaction (the "Distribution") and A. H. Belo became an independent registrant listed on the New York Stock Exchange (trading symbol: AHC). Unless the context requires otherwise, all dollar and share amounts in the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are in thousands, except per share amounts.

Basis of Presentation. The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of A. H. Belo and its subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") for interim financial information and in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Transactions between the consolidated companies have been eliminated and noncontrolling interests in less than wholly-owned subsidiaries have been reflected in the condensed consolidated financial statements. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2012. The Company's operating segments are defined as its newspapers within a given market. The Company has determined that according to the applicable accounting guidance all of its operating segments meet the criteria to be aggregated into one reporting segment.

New Accounting Standards. In September 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2011-08 Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350); Testing Goodwill for Impairment. The purpose of this update is to simplify how entities, both public and nonpublic, test goodwill for impairment. ASU No. 2011-08 permits an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test described in Topic 350 . The more-likely-than-not threshold is defined as having a likelihood of more than 50 percent. The update is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company performs its annual impairment test each December 31 and the adoption of this ASU did not materially affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations or its liquidity.

## Note 2: Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The Company has recorded intangible assets consisting of goodwill and subscriber lists from its previous acquisitions. The carrying value of goodwill was $\$ 24,582$, net of cumulative impairment losses of $\$ 439,509$, as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011. The remaining goodwill is recorded at The Dallas Morning News reporting unit.

The table below sets forth the Company's identifiable intangible assets, consisting of subscriber lists that are amortized over an 18 year period:

|  | Total Subscriber Lists | The Dallas Morning News |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { The } \\ \text { Providence } \\ \text { Journal } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { The } \\ \text { Press- } \\ \text { Enterprise } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross balance at December 31, 2011 | \$ 114,824 | \$ | 22,896 | \$78,698 | \$ 13,230 |
| Accumulated amortization | $(97,874)$ |  | $(22,896)$ | $(64,853)$ | $(10,125)$ |
| Net balance at December 31, 2011 | \$ 16,950 | \$ | - | \$ 13,845 | \$ 3,105 |
| Gross balance at September 30, 2012 | \$ 114,824 | \$ | 22,896 | \$78,698 | \$ 13,230 |
| Accumulated amortization | $(101,803)$ |  | $(22,896)$ | $(68,132)$ | $(10,775)$ |
| Net balance at September 30, 2012 | \$ 13,021 | \$ | - | \$10,566 | \$ 2,455 |

## Note 3: Investments

The Company owns investment interests in various entities which are recorded under the equity method or cost method of accounting or consolidated if the Company holds a controlling financial interest. Under the equity method, the Company records its share of the investee's earnings or losses each period in other income (expense), net, in the condensed consolidated statements of operations. Under the cost method, the Company records earnings or losses when the amounts are realized. During the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, the Company recorded $\$ 607$ and $\$ 709$, respectively, of earnings from equity method investments. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, the Company recorded $\$ 1,733$ and $\$ 1,746$, respectively, of earnings from equity method investments. The table below sets forth the Company's investments as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011:

|  | September 30,2012 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2011 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Equity method investments | \$ | 6,763 | \$ | 5,030 |
| Cost method investments |  | 1,082 |  | 1,082 |
| Total investments | \$ | 7,845 | \$ | 6,112 |

Investments accounted for under the equity method include the following:

- Classified Ventures, LLC ("Classified Ventures") - The Company and Belo jointly own 6.6 percent of Classified Ventures. The other owners include Gannett Co., Inc., The McClatchy Company, Tribune Company, and The Washington Post Company. The two principal online businesses Classified Ventures operates are cars.com and apartments.com.
- ShopCo Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Wanderful Media ("Wanderful") - The Company owns an 11.4 percent interest in Wanderful, which owns FindnSave.com, a digital shopping platform where consumers can find national and local retail goods and services for sale. This platform uses the power of local media participation with advanced search and database technology to allow a consumer to view online sales circulars and local advertised offers or search for an item and receive a list of local advertisers and the price and terms offered for the searched item.

During the third quarter of 2012, The Dallas Morning News announced the Company entered into an operating agreement with a local advertising agency, forming Your Speakeasy, LLC ("Speakeasy"), which provides turnkey social media account management and content development services. The Company owns a 70 percent interest in the LLC, and accordingly, has consolidated Speakeasy's assets, liabilities and results of operations within its consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2012.

## Note 4: Exit and Disposal Liabilities

In the second quarter of 2011, as part of cost containment measures, the Company made staffing reductions across all of its operations. These staffing reductions were substantially completed in the fourth quarter of 2011 , resulting in severance and other termination costs of $\$ 3,052$ and the elimination of approximately 250 positions. In the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded severance and other termination costs of $\$ 1,149$ and $\$ 2,011$, respectively, to salaries, wages and employee benefits and paid $\$ 1,281$ and $\$ 1,581$, respectively, of severance and other termination benefits, resulting in a recorded liability of $\$ 430$ as of September 30, 2011.

## Note 5: Share-Based Compensation

On February 8,2008 , A. H. Belo established a long-term incentive plan under which eight million common shares were authorized for equity awards. In the connection with the Distribution, awards under the plan were issued to holders of Belo stock options and restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Subsequent awards can be granted to A. H. Belo employees and outside directors in the form of non-qualified stock options, incentive stock options, restricted shares, RSUs, performance shares, performance units or stock appreciation rights. The Company considers these awards in the calculation of its basic and diluted earnings per share. Anti-dilutive share-based awards excluded from the calculation of earnings per share consisted of 1,424 and 3,138 stock options and RSUs for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and excluded 2,392 and 3,138 stock options and RSUs for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

## A. H. Belo Stock Option Activity

The table below sets forth a summary of stock option activity under the A. H. Belo long-term incentive plan for the nine months ended September 30 , 2012:

|  | Number of Options | $\begin{gathered} \text { Weighted- } \\ \text { Average } \\ \text { Exercise Price } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2011 | 1,697 | S | 16.99 |
| Exercised | (86) | \$ | 1.90 |
| Canceled | (69) | \$ | 15.66 |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2012 | 1,542 | \$ | 17.85 |
| Vested and exercisable at September 30, 2012 | 1,542 | \$ | 17.85 |
| Vested and exercisable weighted average remaining contractual terms (in years) | 3.0 |  |  |

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## A. H. Belo RSU Activity

Under A. H. Belo's long-term incentive plan, the Board of Directors has awarded RSUs that vest over a period of one to three years. Upon vesting, the RSUs are redeemed 60 percent in A. H. Belo Series A common stock and 40 percent in cash. A liability of $\$ 1,327$ was recorded for the portion of the RSUs to be redeemed in cash as of September 30, 2012. During the vesting period, holders of RSUs participate in A. H. Belo dividends declared by receiving payments for dividend equivalents. The RSUs do not have voting rights. The table below sets forth a summary of RSU activity under the A. H. Belo long-term incentive plan for the nine months ended September 30, 2012:

|  | Total RSUs |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { RSUs } \\ \text { Redeemed in } \\ \text { Cash } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | sh <br> ents at <br> ing <br> e of <br> ck | WeightedAverage Price on Date of Grant |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Non-vested at December 31, 2011 | 1,002 |  |  |  |  | \$ | 6.01 |
| Granted | 376 |  |  |  |  | \$ | 4.82 |
| Vested | (496) | 298 | 198 | \$ | 950 | \$ | 5.10 |
| Canceled | (32) |  |  |  |  | \$ | 6.20 |
| Non-vested at September 30, 2012 | 850 |  |  |  |  | \$ | 6.01 |

Compensation expense related to stock awards is recorded on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the award. The table below sets forth compensation expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, related to the vesting of stock awards and the related adjustments to record the current market value to be redeemed in cash:

|  |  | A. H. Belo |  |  |  |  |  | $\frac{\text { Belo }}{\text { Equity Awards }}$Expense |  | Total Expense (Benefit) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Option Expense | RSU-Stock Expense | Total Equity Awards |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { RSU-Cash } \\ \text { Expense (Benefit) } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Three months ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2012 | \$- | \$ 189 | \$ | 189 | \$ | 199 | \$ | - | \$ | 388 |
|  | 2011 | \$ 49 | \$ 404 | \$ | 453 | \$ | (814) | \$ | - | \$ | (361) |
| Nine months ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2012 | \$- | \$ 1,112 | \$ | 1,112 | \$ | 713 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,825 |
|  | 2011 | \$162 | \$ 1,852 | \$ | 2,014 | \$ | (386) | \$ | 131 | \$ | 1,759 |

In the first quarter of 2011, all pre-Distribution options and RSUs issued by Belo to Company employees became fully vested and the Company no longer recognizes expense for these awards.

## Note 6: Pension and Other Retirement Plans

Defined Benefit Pension Plans. The Company sponsors two defined benefit pension plans, A. H. Belo Pension Plans I and II (collectively the "A. H. Belo Pension Plans"). A. H. Belo Pension Plan I provides benefits to certain employees primarily employed with The Dallas Morning News or the A. H. Belo corporate offices and A. H. Belo Pension Plan II provides benefits to certain employees at The Providence Journal. These plans were established on January 1, 2011, as a result of the Company's withdrawal from The G. B. Dealey Retirement Pension Plan (the "GBD Pension Plan"), a Belo-sponsored plan. No additional benefits are accruing under the A. H. Belo Pension Plans, as future benefits were frozen prior to the plans' establishment.

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The Company contributes to its pension plans in order to meet minimum funding requirements as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") rules. If available cash resources exist, the Company also considers making discretionary contributions to these plans in order to reduce the unfunded pension liability. The table below sets forth the required and voluntary contributions made to the Company's pension plans and the GBD Pension Plan during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |
| A. H. Belo Pension Plans |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Required Contributions | \$ | 4,600 | \$ | 10,409 | \$ | 18,072 | \$ | 16,305 |
| Voluntary Contributions |  | - |  | - |  | 10,000 |  | 30,000 |
| GBD Pension Plan |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 8,733 |
| Total | \$ | 4,600 | \$ | 10,409 | \$ | 28,072 | \$ | 55,038 |

The 2011 contribution to the GBD Pension Plan of $\$ 8,733$ represented the final amount due to this plan upon the Company's withdrawal at January 1 , 2011. Payment of this contribution was offset by $\$ 3,410$ of funds held by Belo for future pension plan contributions. In October 2012, the Company made a final required contribution for fiscal year 2012 of $\$ 4,600$ to the plans.

The Company estimates net periodic pension expense based on the expected return on plan assets, the interest on projected pension obligations and the amortization of actuarial gains and losses in accumulated other comprehensive loss. The table below sets forth components of net periodic pension expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |
| Interest cost | \$ | 4,325 | \$ | 4,675 | \$ | 12,975 | \$ | 14,025 |
| Estimated return on plan assets |  | $(4,600)$ |  | $(4,175)$ |  | $(13,800)$ |  | $(12,525)$ |
| Amortization of actuarial losses |  | 175 |  | - |  | 525 |  | - |
| Net periodic pension expense (benefit) | \$ | (100) | \$ | 500 | \$ | (300) | \$ | 1,500 |

In the third quarter of 2012, the Company announced it is offering, or will automatically distribute, lump sum payments to certain pension plan participants whose benefits have a present value of $\$ 30$ or less. The number of participants electing to receive these lump sum payments will not be known until later in 2012.

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Defined Contribution Plans. Under the A. H. Belo Savings Plan, the Company provides a $401(\mathrm{k})$ plan to all eligible employees. Through the A. H. Belo Transition Supplement Plan ("PTS plan"), the Company provides transition benefits to employees affected by the curtailment of the GBD Pension Plan in 2007. The transition benefits consist of supplemental contributions for a period of up to five years to the PTS plan. The Company anticipates contributions will be made to this plan based on eligible earnings of participants through the first quarter of 2013 . The table below sets forth the expense and the contributions applicable to each plan:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 401(k) Plan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Expense recognized | \$ | 356 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,109 | \$ | 840 |
| Company match |  | 1.50\% |  | - |  | 1.50\% |  | 1.50\% |
| PTS Plan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Expense recognized | \$ | 949 | \$ | 1,098 | \$ | 3,197 | \$ | 3,424 |
| Contributions | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 4,508 | \$ | 5,318 |

## Note 7: Long-term Debt

The Company operates with a credit agreement ("Credit Agreement") that has a total commitment of $\$ 25,000$. The Credit Agreement is subject to a borrowing base comprised of eligible accounts receivable and inventory, which determines the available borrowing capacity. If borrowing availability falls below $\$ 7,500$, a fixed charge coverage ratio covenant of 1:1 will apply.

At September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company had eligible collateral to secure borrowings under the Credit Agreement of $\$ 31,548$ and $\$ 38,680$ respectively, resulting in a borrowing base of $\$ 25,000$ for both dates. When letters of credit and other required reserves are deducted from the borrowing base, the Company had $\$ 21,200$ and $\$ 19,970$ of borrowing capacity available under the Credit Agreement as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. The Company had no borrowings under the revolving credit facility during 2012 or 2011.

## Note 8: Contingencies

On October 24, 2006, a group of former employees of The Dallas Morning News filed a lawsuit against various A. H. Belo-related parties in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. The plaintiffs' lawsuit mainly consists of claims of unlawful discrimination and ERISA violations. On March 28, 2011, the Court granted defendants summary judgment and dismissed all claims. Plaintiffs moved for reconsideration, which motion was denied by the United States Magistrate. On July 15, 2011, the plaintiffs appealed the decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. On August 20, 2012, the United States Court of Appeal for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the summary judgment.

In addition to the proceeding described above, a number of other legal proceedings are pending against the Company. In the opinion of management, liabilities, if any, arising from these other legal proceedings would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, liquidity, or financial condition.

## Note 9: Fair Value Measurements

On March 3, 2011, the Company completed the purchase of the personal residence of a Company officer pursuant to a retention and relocation arrangement. The residence was initially recorded at an estimated fair value of $\$ 2,696$, based on a purchase price of $\$ 3,096$ and net of anticipated holding and selling costs of $\$ 400$. The table below sets forth the assets and liabilities by major categories that are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as required by Accounting Standards Codification No. 820, Fair Value Measurements.


In the third quarter of 2011, the Company reassessed the holding and selling costs of the residence and recorded an additional $\$ 300$ of expense, lowering the carrying value of $\$ 2,396$. During June 2012, the Company sold the residence, resulting in a gain of $\$ 14$.

The three levels of inputs to valuation techniques in the hierarchy used to measure fair value are:
Level I - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets accessible at the reporting date for identical assets and liabilities.
Level II - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets. Quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not considered active or financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.
Level III - Prices or valuations that require inputs which are significant to the valuation and are unobservable.

## Note 10: Earnings per Share

The table below sets forth the reconciliation between weighted average shares used for calculating basic and diluted earnings per share ("EPS") for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Earnings (numerator) - - |  |  |  |  |
| Net income (loss) attributable to A. H. Belo Corporation | \$ 1,483 | \$ (135) | \$ $(2,148)$ | \$(13,684) |
| Shares (denominator) |  |  |  |  |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | 21,960 | 21,534 | 21,850 | 21,477 |
| Dilutive effect of participating securities | 847 | - | - | - |
| Weighted shares outstanding for basic EPS | 22,807 | 21,534 | 21,850 | 21,477 |
| Dilutive effect of employee stock options | 121 | - | - | - |
| Adjusted weighted average shares outstanding | 22,928 | 21,534 | 21,850 | 21,477 |
| Earnings per share: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ 0.07 | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.10) | \$ (0.64) |
| Diluted | \$ 0.06 | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.10) | \$ (0.64) |

## Note 11: Dividends

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company recorded and paid dividends of $\$ 1,371$ and $\$ 4,095$, respectively. During the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded and paid dividends of $\$ 1,351$ and $\$ 2,704$, respectively.

On September 13, 2012, the Company declared a special dividend of $\$ 0.24$ per share and a quarterly dividend of $\$ 0.06$ per share, both payable December 7 , 2012, to shareholders of record and to holders of outstanding RSU awards at the close of business on November 16, 2012.

## Note 12: Changes in Accounting Estimates

In the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, the Company accelerated the depreciation of certain property, plant and equipment that was determined to have a shorter remaining useful life than previously estimated. Accordingly, the Company recorded additional depreciation expense of $\$ 2,251$ and $\$ 1,017$ in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Depreciation expense over the next 18 years will increase (decrease) between $\$ 210$ and $\$(490)$ as a result of these changes in estimates.

In the second quarter of 2011, the Company also revised its estimate of the unfunded projected benefit obligation it assumed in connection to the withdrawal from the GBD Pension Plan. The revision resulted in the Company recording an additional loss of $\$ 1,988$.

## Note 13: Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Accumulated other comprehensive loss contains actuarial gains and losses associated with the A. H. Belo Pension Plans and gains and losses resulting from negative plan amendments and other actuarial experience related to other post-employment benefit plans. The Company records amortization of accumulated other comprehensive loss in salaries, wages and employee benefits in the condensed consolidated statements of operations. Gains and losses associated with the A. H. Belo Pension Plans are amortized over the weighted average remaining life expectancy of the participants, currently estimated to be 24 years. Gains and losses associated with the Company's other post-employment benefit plans are amortized over periods ranging between four to 12 years.

The table below sets forth the changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss as presented in the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  |  | 2011 |  |  |
|  | Defined |  |  | Defined |  |  |
|  | Total | Benefit Pension | Other Post- <br> Employment | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Benefit } \\ & \text { Pension } \end{aligned}$ | Other PostEmployment |
| Balance, beginning of period | $\overline{\$ 63,049}$ | $\overline{\$ 64,669}$ | \$ (1,620) | $\overline{\text { (2,262) }}$ | \$- | \$ $(2,262)$ |
| Amortization | (10) | (175) | 165 | 162 | - | 162 |
| Balance, end of period | \$63,039 | \$ 64,494 | \$ $(1,455)$ | \$ $(2,100)$ | \$- | \$ $(2,100)$ |


|  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  |  | 2011 |  |  |
|  | Total | Defined <br> Benefit <br> Pension <br> Plans | Other Post- <br> Employment <br> Benefit Plans | Total | Defined <br> Benefit <br> Pension | Other PostEmployment Benefit Plans |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$63,069 | \$65,019 | \$ $(1,950)$ | \$(2,569) | \$- | \$ $(2,569)$ |
| Amortization | (30) | (525) | 495 | 469 | - | 469 |
| Balance, end of period | \$63,039 | \$ 64,494 | \$ (1,455) | \$ $(2,100)$ | \$- | \$ $(2,100)$ |

## Note 14: Income Taxes

Income taxes are recorded using the liability method in accordance with applicable accounting guidance. The provision for income taxes reflects the Company's estimate of the effective rate expected to be applicable for the full fiscal year, adjusted by any discrete events, which are reported in the period in which they occur. This estimate is re-evaluated each quarter based on the Company's estimated tax expense for the year.

The Company recognized income tax expense of $\$ 501$ and $\$ 489$ for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and $\$ 1,286$ and $\$ 4,538$ for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Tax expense represents effective income tax rates of 25.8 percent and 138.1 percent, for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and (142.3) percent and (49.6) percent, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 decreased due to a one-time charge of $\$ 2,961$ in 2011 related to a pre-Distribution audit adjustment by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Company evaluates uncertain tax positions and recognizes a liability for the tax benefit associated with an uncertain position only if it is more likely than not the position will not be sustained on examination by taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company recorded a liability for uncertain tax positions of $\$ 411$ and $\$ 333$, respectively. Interest and penalties of $\$ 30$ were recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, as interest expense.

The Company currently projects taxable losses for the year 2012 for federal income tax purposes and in certain state income tax jurisdictions. Net operating losses can be carried forward to offset future taxable income. The Company's net operating loss carryforwards begin to expire in the year 2016 if not utilized.

## Note 15: Property Tax Settlement

During July 2012, a Rhode Island court approved a consent judgment related to past tax assessments of real estate by the City of Providence. Under this judgment, The Providence Journal received a credit of $\$ 2,500$ to be applied against future tax payments. Accordingly, other production, distribution and operating costs were reduced by $\$ 2,500$ in the third quarter of 2012 .

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## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

(Unless the context requires otherwise, all dollar and share amounts in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are in thousands, except per share amounts. )
The following information should be read in conjunction with the Company's Financial Statements filed as part of this report.

## Overview

A. H. Belo, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, is a distinguished newspaper publishing and local news and information company that owns and operates four metropolitan daily newspapers and several associated Web sites, with publishing roots that trace to The Galveston Daily News, which began publication in 1842. A. H. Belo publishes The Dallas Morning News (www.dallasnews.com), Texas' leading newspaper and winner of nine Pulitzer Prizes; The Providence Journal (www.providencejournal.com), the oldest continuously-published daily newspaper in the United States and winner of four Pulitzer Prizes; The Press-Enterprise (www.pe.com) (Riverside, California), serving the Inland Southern California region and winner of one Pulitzer Prize; and The Denton Record-Chronicle (www.dentonrc.com), a daily newspaper serving Denton, Texas, approximately 40 miles north of Dallas. The Company publishes various niche publications targeting specific audiences, and its investments and/or partnerships include Classified Ventures, LLC, owner of cars.com, and the Yahoo! Newspaper Consortium. A. H. Belo also owns and operates commercial printing, distribution and direct mail service businesses.
A. H. Belo intends for the discussion of its financial condition and results of operations that follows to provide information that will assist in understanding its financial statements, the changes in certain key items in those statements from period to period, and the primary factors that accounted for those changes, as well as how certain accounting principles, policies, and estimates affect its financial statements. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to current presentation.

## Overview of Significant Activity in the Third Quarter of 2012

- During the third quarter of 2012, the Company continued to encounter strong competition for print advertising revenues from digital alternatives and other advertising mediums, but realized improvements in printing and distribution revenues as a result of new and expanded printing and distribution contracts. Total revenues declined by 1.0 percent when compared to the third quarter of 2011, due to advertising and circulation, partially offset by stronger printing and distribution revenues. Operating expenses decreased 2.6 percent, reflecting lower personnel and production-related expenses.
- The Company continues to develop and market its portfolio of digital offerings, including 508 Digital, in which The Dallas Morning News provides marketing services such as development of mobile Web sites, search engine marketing and optimization, and social media marketing for its customers' Web presence. Additionally, in the third quarter, The Dallas Morning News announced the Company entered into an operating agreement with a local advertising agency, forming Your Speakeasy LLC, which targets larger business customers and provides turnkey social media account management and content development services.
- During July 2012, a Rhode Island court approved a consent judgment related to past tax assessments of real estate by the City of Providence. Under this judgment, The Providence Journal received a credit of $\$ 2,500$ to be applied against future tax payments. Accordingly, other production, distribution and operating costs were reduced by $\$ 2,500$ in the third quarter of 2012.
- On September 7, 2012, the Company paid a dividend of $\$ 0.06$ per share, or $\$ 1,371$, to its shareholders of record and to holders of outstanding RSU awards at the close of business on August 17, 2012. On September 13, 2012, the Company declared a special dividend of $\$ 0.24$ per share and a quarterly dividend of $\$ 0.06$ per share, both payable December 7, 2012, to shareholders of record and to holders of outstanding RSU awards at the close of business on November 16, 2012.
- During the third quarter of 2012 the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 1,000 shares of the Company's Series A or Series B Common Stock.


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## Results of Operations

|  | Three Months EndedSeptember 30. |  |  | Nine Months EndedSeptember 30. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | Percentage Change | 2011 | 2012 | Percentage Change | 2011 |
| Total net operating revenues | \$108,881 | (1.0)\% | \$109,990 | \$322,858 | (4.1)\% | \$336,651 |
| Total operating costs and expenses | 107,405 | (2.6)\% | 110,268 | 325,678 | (6.4)\% | 347,762 |
| Total other income (expense), net | 466 | (26.3)\% | 632 | 1,916 | (2.5)\% | 1,965 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 1,942 | nm | 354 | (904) | (90.1)\% | $(9,146)$ |
| Income tax expense | 501 | 2.5\% | 489 | 1,286 | (71.7)\% | 4,538 |
| Net income (loss) | 1,441 | nm | (135) | $(2,190)$ | (84.0)\% | $(13,684)$ |
| Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests | (42) | nm | - | (42) | nm | - |
| Net income (loss) attributable to A. H. Belo Corporation | \$ 1,483 | nm | \$ (135) | \$ $(2,148)$ | (84.3)\% | \$ (13,684) |

"nm" - Percent change is not meaningful.

## Newspaper Revenues

## The Dallas Morning News

The table below sets forth the components of The Dallas Morning News' net operating revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | Percent of Total Revenues | Percentage Change | 2011 | Percent of Total Revenues | 2012 | Percent of Total Revenues | Percentage Change | 2011 | Percent of Total Revenues |
| Advertising and marketing services | \$ 41,621 | 60.0\% | (2.0)\% | \$ 42,466 | 59.8\% | \$122,647 | 59.6\% | (7.2)\% | \$132,149 | 60.4\% |
| Display | 15,057 |  | (6.2)\% | 16,048 |  | 45,147 |  | (14.2)\% | 52,619 |  |
| Classified | 7,128 |  | 1.5\% | 7,024 |  | 20,476 |  | (6.5)\% | 21,894 |  |
| Preprints | 13,619 |  | (2.7)\% | 13,998 |  | 40,705 |  | (1.1)\% | 41,174 |  |
| Digital | 5,817 |  | 7.8\% | 5,396 |  | 16,319 |  | (0.9)\% | 16,462 |  |
| Circulation | 22,087 | 31.9\% | (3.8)\% | 22,951 | 32.4\% | 66,538 | 32.4\% | (4.6)\% | 69,717 | 31.9\% |
| Printing and distribution | 5,638 | 8.1\% | 2.3\% | 5,510 | 7.8\% | 16,470 | 8.0\% | (2.5)\% | 16,897 | 7.7\% |
|  | \$ 69,346 | 100.0\% | (2.2)\% | \$ 70,927 | 100.0\% | \$205,655 | 100.0\% | (6.0)\% | \$218,763 | 100.0\% |

Display - Revenues decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2012, due to a decline in general advertising, partially offset by an increase in retail advertising. Revenues decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 due to declines in both general and retail advertising, of which approximately $\$ 1,076$ was attributable to non-recurring advertising associated with the Super Bowl which was held in the Dallas area in February 2011. The improvement in retail advertising for the three months ended September 30, 2012 is due to an increase in food, beverage and electronics advertising.

Classified - Revenues increased for the three months ended September 30, 2012, due to higher employment advertising. Revenues decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, primarily due to a decline in automotive and employment advertising.

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Preprint - Revenues decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to a decline in newspaper advertising inserts, partially offset by higher home delivery mail advertising.

Digital - Revenues increased for the three months ended September 30, 2012, due to higher automotive, employment and real estate classified advertising and due to growth of marketing services revenue associated with 508 Digital. Revenues decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, primarily due to $\$ 1,140$ of non-recurring revenue associated with a discontinued digital advertising platform and $\$ 420$ of non-recurring revenue associated with the 2011 Super Bowl. These revenue declines were partially offset by higher automotive, employment and real estate classified advertising and marketing services revenue associated with 508 Digital.

Advertising revenues from The Dallas Morning News niche publications were $\$ 5,727$ and $\$ 5,608$, for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and $\$ 16,447$ and $\$ 16,675$, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Revenues for Briefing and Al Dia increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, and revenues associated with Quick decreased by $\$ 114$ and $\$ 830$ for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, due to the discontinuance of this publication on August 4, 2011. Advertising revenues from niche publications are a component of total display, classified, preprint and digital revenues of The Dallas Morning News presented above.

Circulation - Revenues decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to a decline in print home delivery and single copy volumes. This decline was partially offset by a price increase related to digital online delivery. The Dallas Morning News continues to assess and adjust its print and digital consumer pricing and content strategy and continues to focus on building high-quality print and digital audiences by improving and expanding its digital product portfolio.

Printing and distribution - Revenues increased in the three months ended September 30, 2012, due to increased distribution of third-party newspapers, and revenues decreased in the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to a decline in commercial printing volumes as the Company focused on larger and more profitable customers.

## The Providence Journal

The table below sets forth the components of The Providence Journal net operating revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | Percent of Total Revenues | Percentage Change | 2011 | Percent of Total Revenues | 2012 | Percent of Total Revenues | Percentage Change | 2011 | Percent of Total Revenues |
| Advertising and marketing services | \$ 10,474 | 45.7\% | (12.9)\% | \$12,028 | 52.9 \% | \$33,702 | 48.5\% | (11.8)\% | \$ 38,213 | 55.5\% |
| Display | 2,708 |  | (8.3)\% | 2,953 |  | 8,614 |  | (8.1)\% | 9,369 |  |
| Classified | 3,497 |  | (19.1)\% | 4,320 |  | 11,871 |  | (15.2)\% | 13,996 |  |
| Preprints | 2,907 |  | (7.0)\% | 3,125 |  | 8,788 |  | (10.3)\% | 9,800 |  |
| Digital | 1,362 |  | (16.4)\% | 1,630 |  | 4,429 |  | (12.3)\% | 5,048 |  |
| Crculation | 8,856 | 38.7\% | 5.5\% | 8,396 | 36.9 \% | 26,107 | 37.5\% | 5.2\% | 24,809 | 36.1\% |
| Printing and distribution | 3,583 | 15.6\% | 54.4\% | 2,320 | 10.2 \% | 9,757 | 14.0\% | 68.8\% | 5,780 | 8.4\% |
|  | \$22,913 | 100.0\% | 0.7\% | \$22,744 | 100.0\% | \$69,566 | 100.0\% | 1.1\% | \$68,802 | 100.0\% |

Display - Revenues decreased in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to a decline in retail and general advertising.
Classified - Revenues decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2012, due to a decline in legal, automotive, obituaries, and employment advertising, partially offset by an increase in real estate advertising. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, revenues decreased due to a decline in automotive and employment advertising.

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Preprint - Revenues decreased in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to a decline in newspaper advertising inserts which was partially offset by increased home delivery mail advertising

Digital - Revenues decreased for three months ended September 30, 2012, due to a decline in retail display advertising. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, revenues decreased due to a decline in retail display advertising, partially offset by higher automotive classified advertising.

Circulation - Revenues increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to a change from a buy-sell arrangement with home delivery carriers to a fee for delivery arrangement. Under this new arrangement, higher revenues are recognized which are offset by higher distribution expenses.

Printing and distribution - Revenues increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to The Providence Journal's continued expansion of single copy distribution services for national and local newspapers. The Providence Journal also increased its commercial printing services to existing customers and added a regional newspaper customer, contributing to the growth.

## The Press-Enterprise

The table below sets forth the components of The Press-Enterprise net operating revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | Percent of Total Revenues | Percentage Change | 2011 | Percent of Total Revenues | 2012 | Percent of Total Revenues | Percentage Change | 2011 | Percent of Total Revenues |
| Advertising and marketing services | \$ 10,028 | 60.3\% | (6.6)\% | \$10,735 | 65.8\% | \$30,024 | 63.0\% | (8.1)\% | \$ 32,672 | 66.6\% |
| Display | 2,509 |  | 2.8\% | 2,440 |  | 7,384 |  | (9.7)\% | 8,179 |  |
| Classified | 2,895 |  | (13.5)\% | 3,345 |  | 8,706 |  | (11.3)\% | 9,819 |  |
| Preprints | 3,126 |  | (6.7)\% | 3,350 |  | 9,384 |  | (6.7)\% | 10,056 |  |
| Digital | 1,498 |  | (6.4)\% | 1,600 |  | 4,550 |  | (1.5)\% | 4,618 |  |
| Circulation | 3,300 | 19.9\% | (3.0)\% | 3,402 | 20.8\% | 10,010 | 21.0\% | (1.6)\% | 10,173 | 20.7\% |
| Printing and distribution | 3,294 | 19.8\% | 51.0\% | 2,182 | 13.4\% | 7,603 | 16.0\% | 21.8\% | 6,241 | 12.7\% |
|  | \$16,622 | 100.0\% | 1.9\% | \$16,319 | 100.0\% | \$47,637 | 100.0\% | (3.0)\% | S 49,086 | 100.0\% |

Display - Revenues increased for the three months ended September 30, 2012, due to an increase in general advertising, partially offset by a decline in retail advertising. Display advertising revenues decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to a decline in retail advertising.

Classified - Revenues decreased in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to a decline in legal, employment, automotive, real estate and other categories.

Preprint - Revenues decreased in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to a decline in newspaper advertising inserts and home delivery mail advertising.

Digital - Revenues decreased in the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to a decline in real estate and other digital classified advertising.

Circulation - Revenues decreased in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to volume declines in daily home delivery and daily and Sunday single copy sales, and the discontinuation of The Business Press publication at the end of the second quarter of 2011.

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Printing and distribution - Revenues increased in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to new commercial print and home delivery distribution contracts. The Press-Enterprise was notified in October 2012 that the new owners of a significant commercial printing customer would cease printing its publication at the Company's Riverside facility on October 15, 2012, well before the expiration of the multi-year contract. The Company is pursuing multiple remedies and has not identified any losses which are considered probable associated with this customer.

## Operating Costs and Expenses

The table below sets forth the components of the Company's operating costs and expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | Percentage Change | 2011 | 2012 | Percentage Change | 2011 |
| Salaries, wages and employee benefits | \$43,364 | (3.6)\% | \$44,958 | \$131,992 | (8.1)\% | \$143,552 |
| Other production, distribution and operating costs | 40,614 | (3.3)\% | 41,996 | 122,835 | (6.1)\% | 130,875 |
| Newsprint, ink and other supplies | 15,899 | 8.8 \% | 14,618 | 45,242 | 2.4 \% | 44,192 |
| Depreciation | 6,219 | (15.8)\% | 7,386 | 21,680 | (6.7)\% | 23,225 |
| Amortization | 1,309 | (0.1)\% | 1,310 | 3,929 | - \% | 3,930 |
| Pension plan withdrawal | - | - \% | - | - | nm | 1,988 |
| Total operating costs and expenses | \$107,405 | (2.6)\% | \$110,268 | \$325,678 | (6.4)\% | \$347,762 |

Salaries, wages and employee benefits decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to lower headcount and employee related expenses. During the third quarter of 2012, The Providence Journal extended voluntary separation offers to certain employee groups, resulting in the elimination of 11 positions.

Other production, distribution and operating costs decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, primarily due to the execution of a consent judgment related to past tax assessments of real estate by the City of Providence. Under this judgment, The Providence Journal received a credit of $\$ 2,500$ to be applied against future tax payments. Reduced outside service costs, including legal, consulting and temporary services, also accounted for the lower expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

Newsprint, ink and other supplies expense increased for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to greater cost of supplements and ink. During the three months ended September 30, 2012, the Company's publishing operations used 16,348 metric tons of newsprint at an average cost of $\$ 632$ per metric ton compared to 16,164 metric tons, at average cost of $\$ 635$ per metric ton for the same period in 2011 . For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company's publishing operations used 47,609 metric tons of newsprint at an average cost of $\$ 629$ per metric ton compared to 49,895 metric tons, at average cost of $\$ 641$ per metric ton for the same period in 2011.

Depreciation expense decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to lower depreciable fixed assets as a result of reduced capital spending in recent years. The lower expense was partially offset by additional depreciation expense of $\$ 370$ and $\$ 1,881$ in the first and second quarters of 2012 due to a change in the estimated life of certain production assets.

Pension plan withdrawal loss was $\$ 1,988$ for the nine months ended September 30,2011 . This loss is related to the finalization of the allocation of the assets and liabilities from the GBD Pension Plan in the second quarter of 2011.

Interest expense related to letters of credit and unused borrowing commitments decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, this decrease was partially offset by $\$ 114$ in interest expense incurred on a settlement made with the Internal Revenue Service for a tax matter from prior to the Distribution.

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The Company includes in other income, net, the following items as set forth in the table below:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | Percentage Change | 2011 | 2012 | Percentage Change | 2011 |
| Earnings from equity method investments | \$ 607 | (14.4)\% | \$ 709 | \$1,733 | (0.7)\% | \$1,746 |
| Interest income | 29 | (23.7)\% | 38 | 102 | (27.7)\% | 141 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of fixed assets | (68) | nm | 48 | 402 | nm | (359) |
| Recovery of investment previously written off | - | - \% | - | - | -\% | 729 |
| Other income | 26 | 183.9\% | (31) | 185 | (15.1)\% | 218 |
| Total other income, net | \$594 | (22.3)\% | \$764 | \$2,422 | (2.1)\% | \$2,475 |

Earnings from equity method investments decreased due to losses recognized on the Company's interest in Wanderful, in which the Company invested in the fourth quarter of 2011. These losses partially offset the investment income recognized from Classified Ventures and the positive current year impact of the Company no longer owning an interest in Belo Investment, LLC, which previously resulted in the Company recognizing investment losses. Additionally, during the first quarter of 2011, the Company recorded a gain of $\$ 729$ related to the sale of an investment that had been previously written off.

## Adjusted Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization

In addition to net income, the Company also evaluates earnings after adjusting for depreciation, amortization, interest and taxes ("EBITDA") and after adding back pension expense, non-cash impairment expense and net investment-related losses, as applicable ("Adjusted EBITDA"). The table below sets forth the Company's EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | Percentage Change | 2011 | 2012 | Percentage Change | 2011 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to A. H. Belo Corporation | \$ 1,483 | nm | \$ (135) | \$ (2,148) | 84.3\% | \$(13,684) |
| Depreciation and amortization | 7,528 | (13.4)\% | 8,696 | 25,609 | (5.7)\% | 27,155 |
| Interest expense | 128 | (3.0)\% | 132 | 506 | (0.8)\% | 510 |
| Income tax expense | 501 | 2.5 \% | 489 | 1,286 | (71.7)\% | 4,538 |
| EBITDA | 9,640 | 5.0 \% | 9,182 | 25,253 | 36.4 \% | 18,519 |
| Addback: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pension expense | 849 | (46.9)\% | 1,598 | 2,897 | (58.1)\% | 6,912 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$10,489 | (2.7)\% | \$10,780 | \$ 28,150 | 10.7 \% | \$ 25,431 |

Neither EBITDA nor Adjusted EBITDA is a measure of financial performance under GAAP. Management uses EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and similar measures in internal analyses as supplemental measures of the Company's financial performance and to assist with performance comparisons against its peer group of companies and for operating decisions. EBITDA or similar measures are also common alternative measures of performance used by investors, financial analysts and rating agencies to evaluate financial performance. Neither EBITDA nor Adjusted EBITDA should be considered in isolation or as a substitute for cash flows provided by operating activities or other income or cash flow data prepared in accordance with GAAP, and these non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to similarly-titled measures of other companies.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company believes it has sufficient access to liquidity from several sources, such as operations, existing liquid assets and from unused borrowing capacity under its Credit Agreement, to meet its foreseeable liquidity needs. The table below sets forth the Company's sources of liquidity:

| Sources of Liquidity | September 30, <br> 2012 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $\$ 41,008$ |
| Accounts receivable, net | $\underline{40,573}$ |
|  | $\underline{\$ 81,581}$ |
| Unused borrowing capacity | $\$ 21,200$ |

The Company operates with a $\$ 25,000$ Credit Agreement, which expires in September 2014. The Credit Agreement serves as a working capital facility and is subject to a borrowing base and other covenants and restrictions, including maintenance of defined financial ratios, restrictions on capital expenditures and dividends, and limitations on indebtedness, liens, and asset sales. The borrowing base is calculated using eligible accounts receivable and inventory, as defined in the Credit Agreement. A decrease in the borrowing base could limit the Company's borrowing capacity. At September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company had eligible collateral to secure the Credit Agreement of $\$ 31,548$ and $\$ 38,680$, respectively, resulting in a borrowing base of $\$ 25,000$ at both dates. When letters of credit and other required reserves are deducted from the borrowing base, the Company had $\$ 21,200$ and $\$ 19,970$ of borrowing capacity available under the Credit Agreement as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. There were no borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreement at any time during 2012 or 2011.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company paid dividends of $\$ 1,371$ and $\$ 4,095$, respectively, to holders of outstanding RSU awards and shareholders of record on the declared record dates. On September 13, 2012, the Company declared a quarterly dividend of $\$ 0.06$ per share payable and a special dividend of $\$ 0.24$ per share. The quarterly dividend and special dividend are payable to shareholders of record and to holders of outstanding RSU awards at the close of business on November 16, 2012.

## Operating Cash Flows and Liquidity

Net cash flows used in operations for the nine months ended September 30,2012 and 2011, were $\$ 6,488$ and $\$ 32,433$, respectively. The increase in cash flows of $\$ 25,945$ between these two periods is primarily due to lower pension contributions of $\$ 23,556$, improvements in recurring operating cash flow of $\$ 5,291$ due to cost reduction efforts, and receipt of $\$ 2,410$ in the second quarter of 2012 related to the sale of the residence which had been acquired for $\$ 3,096$ in the first quarter of 2011 pursuant to an employment agreement with a Company officer. These improvements were offset by $\$ 6,510$ in reduced cash flow due to tax payments of $\$ 2,961$ in 2012 and tax receipts of $\$ 3,549$ in the first quarter of 2011 related to a prior year's tax returns.

## Investing Cash Flows

Net cash flows used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, were $\$ 6,138$ and $\$ 5,479$, respectively, reflecting capital expenditures of $\$ 6,766$ and $\$ 6,077$ for the nine months ended September 30,2012 and 2011, respectively. Proceeds were received in the first quarter of 2012 from the sale of a vacant office building and in the first quarter of 2011 from the sale of a previously impaired investment.

## Financing Cash Flows

Net cash flows used in financing activities were $\$ 3,806$ and $\$ 2,692$ for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Both periods reflect dividends paid, totaling \$4,095 in 2012 and \$2,704 in 2011.

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## Contractual Obligations

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company made required contributions of $\$ 4,600$ and $\$ 18,072$, respectively, to the A. H. Belo Pension Plans. A voluntary contribution of $\$ 10,000$ was made in the second quarter of 2012 for the purpose of reducing the pension liability and funding costs. In October 2012, the Company made a final required contribution for fiscal year 2012 of $\$ 4,600$ to the plans.

Additional information related to the Company's contractual obligations is available in Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, filed on March 12, 2012, with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## Critical Accounting and Policies and Estimates

In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ASC 810 - Consolidation, the Company consolidates the financial statements of less than whollyowned subsidiaries and separately presents the related noncontrolling interests on each consolidated financial statement.

## Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this communication concerning A. H. Belo Corporation's business outlook or future economic performance, anticipated profitability, revenues, expenses, dividends, capital expenditures, investments, impairments, business initiatives, pension plan contributions and obligations, real estate sales, future financings, and other financial and non-financial items that are not historical facts, are "forward-looking statements" as the term is defined under applicable federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those statements.

Such risks, uncertainties and factors include, but are not limited to, changes in capital market conditions and prospects, and other factors such as changes in advertising demand, interest rates and newsprint prices; newspaper circulation trends and other circulation matters, including changes in readership patterns and demography, and audits and related actions by the Audit Bureau of Circulations; challenges in achieving expense reduction goals in a timely manner, and the resulting potential effect on operations; technological changes; development of Internet commerce; industry cycles; changes in pricing or other actions by competitors and suppliers; consumer acceptance of new products and business initiatives; regulatory, tax and legal changes; adoption of new accounting standards or changes in existing accounting standards by the Financial Accounting Standards Board or other accounting standard-setting bodies or authorities; the effects of Company acquisitions, dispositions and co-owned ventures and investments; returns and discount rates on pension plan assets; general economic conditions; significant armed conflict; and other factors beyond our control, as well as other risks described elsewhere in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, and in the Company's other public disclosures, and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

There have been no material changes in A. H. Belo's exposure to market risk from the disclosure included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

## Item 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) required by Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(b) and 15d-15(b), the Company's Chief Executive Officer and the Company's Chief Financial Officer have concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective.
(b) Changes in internal controls. There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

## Item 1. Legal Proceedings

On October 24, 2006, a group of former employees of The Dallas Morning News filed a lawsuit against various A. H. Belo-related parties in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. The plaintiffs' lawsuit mainly consists of claims of unlawful discrimination and ERISA violations. On March 28, 2011, the Court granted defendants summary judgment and dismissed all claims. Plaintiffs moved for reconsideration, which motion was denied by the United States Magistrate. On July 15, 2011, the plaintiffs appealed the decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. On August 20, 2012, the United States Court of Appeal for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the summary judgment.

In addition to the proceeding described above, a number of other legal proceedings are pending against A. H. Belo. In the opinion of management, liabilities, if any, arising from these other legal proceedings would not have a material adverse effect on A. H. Belo Corporation's results of operations, liquidity, or financial condition.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors

Other than as set forth below, there have been no material changes from the risk factors disclosed under the heading "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## Negotiated Service Agreement between the U. S. Postal Service and One of Its Major Customers Could Have a Negative Impact on Preprint Advertising Revenue

In April 2012, The United States Postal Service ("USPS") executed a Negotiated Service Agreement ("NSA") with one of its major customers that produces preprint advertisements distributed through direct mail and newspaper inserts by the Company and by other major newspapers across the United States. The NSA, which received regulatory approval in August 2012, provides the customer with discounted mailing rates and enables the customer to have a competitive advantage over newspaper companies in reaching consumers through a high saturation distribution program. The competitive advantage could result in the loss of preprint advertising revenue to the Company's newspapers. The Company believes the NSA violates federal law and a lawsuit by the Newspaper Association of America challenging the regulatory approval is pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

## Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

There have been no unregistered sales of the Company's equity securities during the period covered by this report. In addition, there have been no Company purchases of securities during the period covered by this report.

## Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

## Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None.

## Item 5. Other Information

None.

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## Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibits marked with an asterisk $(*)$ are incorporated by reference to documents previously filed by A. H. Belo Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as indicated. All other documents are filed with this report. Exhibits marked with a tilde ( $\sim$ ) are management contracts, compensatory plan contracts or arrangements filed pursuant to Item 601(b)(10)(iii)(A) of Regulation S-K.

## Exhibit

2.1* Separation and Distribution Agreement by and between Belo Corp. and A. H. Belo Corporation dated as of February 8, 2008 (Exhibit 2.1 to A. H. Belo Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 12, 2008 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741) (the "February 12, 2008 Form 8-K"))
3.1* Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of A. H. Belo Corporation (Exhibit 3.1 to Amendment No. 3 to A.H.Belo Corporation's Form 10 dated January 18, 2008 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741) (the "Third Amendment to Form 10"))
3.2* Certificate of Designations of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of A. H. Belo Corporation dated January 11, 2008 (Exhibit 3.2 to PostEffective Amendment No. 1 to Form 10 dated January 31, 2008 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))
3.3* Amended and Restated Bylaws of A. H. Belo Corporation, effective January 11, 2008 (Exhibit 3.3 to the Third Amendment to Form 10)
4.1* Certain rights of the holders of A. H. Belo Corporation's Common Stock are set forth in Exhibits 3.1-3.3 above
4.2* Specimen Form of Certificate representing shares of A. H. Belo Corporation's Series A Common Stock (Exhibit 4.2 to the Third Amendment to Form 10)
4.3* Specimen Form of Certificate representing shares of A. H. Belo Corporation's Series B Common Stock (Exhibit 4.3 to the Third Amendment to Form 10)
4.4* Rights Agreement dated as of January 11, 2008 between A. H. Belo Corporation and Mellon Investor Services LLC (Exhibit 4.4 to the Third Amendment to Form 10)
10.1 Financing agreements:
(1)* Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of January 30, 2009 (Exhibit 10.1 to A. H. Belo Corporation's Current Report on Form 8K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 2, 2009 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741) (the "February 2, 2009 Form 8-K"))
(2)* Amended and Restated Pledge and Security Agreement dated as of January 30, 2009 (Exhibit 10.2 to the February 2, 2009 Form 8-K)
(a)* First Amendment to Amended and Restated Security Agreement dated as of May 2, 2011 (Exhibit 10.1(9) to A. H. Belo Corporation's Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 4, 2011 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))

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Description
(3)* First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 18, 2009 (Exhibit 10.1(5) to A. H. Belo Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 13, 2009 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))
(4)* Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of December 3, 2009 (Exhibit 10.1 to A. H. Belo Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 4, 2009 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))
(5)* Fourth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 10, 2011 (Exhibit 10.1(8) to A. H. Belo Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 11, 2011 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))
(6)* Fifth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and First Amendment to Amended and Restated Security Agreement dated as of May 2, 2011 (Exhibit 10.1(9) to A. H. Belo Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 4, 2011 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))
(7)* Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 18, 2010 (Exhibit 10.1(7) to A. H. Belo Corporation's Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 3, 2010 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))
10.2 Compensatory plans and arrangements:
(1)* A. H. Belo Savings Plan (Exhibit 10.4 to the February 12, 2008 Form 8-K)
(a)* First Amendment to the A. H. Belo Savings Plan dated September 23, 2008 (Exhibit 10(2)(1)(a) to A. H. Belo Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 14, 2008 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))
(b)* Second Amendment to the A. H. Belo Savings Plan effective March 27, 2009 (Exhibit 10.1 to A. H. Belo Corporation's Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 2, 2009 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741) (the "April 2, 2009 Form 8-K"))
(c)* Third Amendment to the A. H. Belo Savings Plan effective March 31, 2009 (Exhibit 10.2 to the April 2, 2009 Form 8-K)
(d)* Fourth Amendment to the A. H. Belo Savings Plan dated September 10, 2009, (Exhibit 10.1 to A. H. Belo Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 10, 2009 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))
(2) * A. H. Belo 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan (Exhibit 10.5 to the February 12, 2008 Form 8-K)
(a)* First Amendment to A. H. Belo 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan effective July 23, 2008 (Exhibit 10 (2)(a) to A. H. Belo Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 14, 2008 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))
(b)* Form of A. H. Belo 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan Non-Employee Director Evidence of Grant (for Non-Employee Director Awards) (Exhibit 10.2.(2)(b) to A. H. Belo Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 13, 2010 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741) (the "1st Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q"))

## Exhibit

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(c)* Form of A. H. Belo 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan Evidence of Grant (for Employee Awards) (Exhibit 10.2.(2)(C) to the 1st Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q)
(d)* Form of A. H. Belo 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan Evidence of Grant (Exhibit 10.1 to A. H. Belo Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2012 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))
(e)* Form of A. H. Belo Cash Long-Term Incentive Evidence of Grant (Exhibit 10.2 to A. H. Belo Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2012 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))
(3)* A. H. Belo Pension Transition Supplement Restoration Plan effective January 1, 2008 (Exhibit 10.6 to the February 12, 2008 Form 8-K)
(a)* First Amendment to the A. H. Belo Corporation Pension Transition Supplement Restoration Plan dated March 31, 2009 (Exhibit 10.4 to the April 2, 2009 Form 8-K)
(4)* A. H. Belo Corporation Change In Control Severance Plan (Exhibit 10.7 to the February 12, 2008 Form 8-K)
(a)* Amendment to the A. H. Belo Corporation Change in Control Severance Plan dated March 31, 2009 (Exhibit 10.3 to the April 2, 2009 Form 8-K)
(5)* John C. McKeon Retention and Relocation Agreement effective September 22, 2010 (Exhibit 10.2(5) to A. H. Belo Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 11, 2011 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))
(6)* John C. McKeon Severance Agreement and General Release effective January 3, 2012 (Exhibit 10.1 to A. H. Belo Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 19. 2012 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))

Agreements relating to the Distribution of A. H. Belo Corporation:
(1)* Tax Matters Agreement by and between Belo Corp. and A. H. Belo Corporation dated as of February 8, 2008 (Exhibit 10.1 to the February 12, 2008 Form 8-K)
(a)* First Amendment to Tax Matters Agreement by and between Belo Corp. and A. H. Belo Corporation dated September 14, 2009 (Exhibit 10.1 to A. H. Belo Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 15, 2009 (Securities and Exchange Commission file No. 001-33741))
(2) * Employee Matters Agreement by and between Belo Corp. and A. H. Belo Corporation dated as of February 8, 2008 (Exhibit 10.2 to the February 12, 2008 Form 8-K)
(a)* Amendment to Employee Matters Agreement as set forth in the Pension Plan Transfer Agreement dated as of October 6, 2010 (Exhibit 10.1 to the October 8, 2010 Form 8-K) (the "October 8, 2010 Form 8-K"))
(3)* Services Agreement by and between Belo Corp. and A. H. Belo Corporation dated as of February 8, 2008 (Exhibit 10.3 to the February 12, 2008 Form 8-K)
(4)* Separation and Distribution Agreement by and between Belo Corp. and A. H. Belo Corporation dated as of February 8 , 2008 (See Exhibit 2.1 to the February 12, 2008 Form 8-K)
(5)* Pension Plan Transfer Agreement by and between Belo Corp. and A. H. Belo Corporation dated as of October 6, 2010 (Exhibit 10.1 to A. H. Belo Corporation's Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 8, 2010 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741) )
(6)* Agreement among A. H. Belo Corporation, Belo Corp., and The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, effective March 9, 2011 (Exhibit 10.3(6) to A. H. Belo Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 11, 2011 (Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 001-33741))

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| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 31.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 32 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 <br> of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 101.INS** | XBRL Instance Document |
| 101.SCH** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema |
| 101.CAL** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document |
| 101.DEF** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document |
| 101.LAB** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document |
| 101.PRE** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document |
| ** | In accordance with Regulation S-T, the XBRL-related information in Exhibit No. 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q shall be deemed |
| "furnished" and not "filed". |  |

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## SIGNATURES

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

## A. H. BELO CORPORATION

By: /s/ Alison K. Engel
Alison K. Engel
Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ Michael N. Lavey
Michael N. Lavey
Vice President/Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

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$31.1 \quad$ Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101.INS** XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH ${ }^{* *} \quad$ XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
** In accordance with Regulation S-T, the XBRL-related information in Exhibit No. 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q shall be deemed "furnished" and not "filed".

## SECTION 302 CERTIFICATION

## I, Robert W. Decherd, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of A. H. Belo Corporation, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of A. H. Belo Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 31, 2012
/s/ Robert W. Decherd
Robert W. Decherd
Chairman of the Board, President and
Chief Executive Officer

## SECTION 302 CERTIFICATION

I, Alison K. Engel, Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer of A. H. Belo Corporation, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of A. H. Belo Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 31, 2012
/s/ Alison K. Engel
Alison K. Engel
Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer

## CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO

## 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,

AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002
In connection with the Quarterly Report of A. H. Belo Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending September 30, 2012, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, Robert W. Decherd, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Alison K. Engel, Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:
(1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.
/s/ Robert W. Decherd
Robert W. Decherd
Chairman of the Board, President and
Chief Executive Officer
October 31, 2012
/s/ Alison K. Engel

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[^0]:    * Consisting of 19,572,149 shares of Series A Common Stock and 2,411,556 shares of Series B Common Stock.

[^1]:    See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

[^2]:    See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

[^3]:    Alison K. Engel
    Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer
    October 31, 2012

