

GANNETT CO INC /DE/
Form 4
January 21, 2003

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
| Jaske John B. | | | Gannett Co., Inc. ("GCI") | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | | | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year | | |
| Gannett Co., Inc. 7950 Jones Branch Drive | | | | | | January 16, 2003 | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | | |
| McLean, VA 22107 | | | | | | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|----------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|------------|--------------------------------|--|---|------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/16/03 | | M | | 24,500 | A | \$37.375 | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/16/03 | | F | | 4,175 | D | \$73.65 | | | 29,317 | | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | 120.121 ⁽¹⁾ | | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | 800.546 | | | I | By 401(k) Plan ⁽²⁾ | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | ⁽³⁾ | | | | | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|-----|---|-----------------|--|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$37.375 | 01/16/03 | | M | | 24,500 | (4) | 12/10/06 | | Common Stock | 24,500 | | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) These shares are held in the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan and the information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of December 31, 2002.
- (2) The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of December 31, 2002.
- (3) The reporting person no longer has a reportable beneficial interest in 300 shares of common stock reported in the reporting person's prior ownership reports as being owned by a family member.
- (4) The initial option for 24,500 shares vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 10, 1997.

By: /s/ **Todd A. Mayman**
Attorney-in-Fact

January 21, 2003
 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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