

GANNETT CO INC /DE/
Form 5
February 10, 2003

FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Palmisano Samuel J. (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Gannett Co., Inc. ("GCI")			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) former director		
Gannett Co., Inc. 7950 Jones Branch Drive			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Year December 29, 2002		
(Street) McLean, VA 22107			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)			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		

(City) (State) (Zip)			Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
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 at End of Issuer's Fiscal year (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 5 (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)	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 at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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				(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
				(A)	(D)							
Phantom Stock⁽¹⁾	1-for-1	<u>(2)</u>		A5	946.699	Immed.		Common Stock	946.699	<u>(2)</u>		
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	<u>(3)</u>		A	249.501	Immed.		Common Stock	249.501	<u>(3)</u>	0	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Prior Forms 4 and 5 reported transactions under the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan in Table I, as transactions in Common Stock. These transactions are now reported in Table II, Column 9 of this Form 5 as transactions in Phantom Stock.

(2) Acquired on various dates between January 1, 2001 and December 30, 2001 pursuant to the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan, at prices ranging from \$60.4103 to \$67.9318 per share.

(3) Acquired on various dates between December 31, 2001 and April 15, 2002 pursuant to the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan, at prices ranging from \$69.23 to \$77.68 per share.

By: /s/ **Samuel J. Palmisano**

February 3, 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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