

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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See Instruction 1(b).

Form 3 Holdings Reported

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Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Riddle W. Curtis</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Gannett Co., Inc. ("GCI")</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Senior Group President/East Newspaper Group and President and Publisher, The News Journal</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Year <b>December 29, 2002</b>		
Gannett Co., Inc. 7950 Jones Branch Drive						5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		
(Street) <b>McLean, VA 22107</b>								
(City) (State) (Zip)			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					

**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	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			(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
					(A)	(D)								
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	02/21/01		A5	824.230		Immed.		Common Stock	824.230	\$67.50			
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	02/20/02		A	695.658		Immed.		Common Stock	695.658	\$74.39	13,032.348 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

By: /s/ **W. Curtis Riddle** **February 3, 2003**  
 Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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