

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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Form 3 Holdings Reported

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Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Sherlock Gary F.			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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Year December 29, 2002		
Gannett Co., Inc. 7950 Jones Branch Drive						Group President/Atlantic Newspaper Group and President & Publisher, The Journal News		
(Street)						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		
McLean, VA 22107			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)					
(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			
Common Stock							5,988	D	
Common Stock							868.384⁽¹⁾	I	By 401(k) Plan

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed Execution	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities	10. Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		(Month/Day/Year)	Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		(Instr. 5)	Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)		Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date				
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	02/21/01		A5	697.002		Immed.		Common Stock	697.002	\$67.50		
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	02/20/02		A	578.035		Immed.		Common Stock	578.035	\$74.39	11,259.119 ⁽²⁾	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of September 30, 2002.

(2) 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/ **Gary F. Sherlock**

February 7, 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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