

GANNETT CO INC /DE/  
Form 4  
March 18, 2003

**FORM 4**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>McCorkindale Douglas H.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle)			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)		
Gannett Co., Inc. 7950 Jones Branch Drive			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director — 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — Other (specify below)		
McLean, VA 22107						4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>March 14, 2003</b>		<b>Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer</b>
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					
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)			6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)

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)	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)	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)
			Code	V							
<b>Phantom Stock</b>	<b>1-for-1</b>	<b>3/14/03</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>793.033</b>	<b>Immed.</b>		<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>793.033</b>	<b>\$70.94</b>	<b>94,160.814</b>	<b>D</b>

Explanation of Responses:

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

**March 18, 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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