

GANNETT CO INC /DE/
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Gavagan George R. (Last) (First) (Middle) 7950 Jones Branch Drive (Street) McLean, VA 22107 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 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) Vice President and Controller <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | | | |
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| 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | | | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year January 8, 2003 | | 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 | | | | | |
| | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | |
| 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 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 | 01/08/03 | | M | | 2,320 | A | \$32.00 | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/08/03 | | S | | 2,320 | D | \$75.05 | 1,986 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 901.051 ⁽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 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion or | 3. Transaction | 3A. Deemed | 4. Trans- | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration | 7. Title and Amount of | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Number of Derivative | 10. Owner- | 11. Nature of Indirect |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Date (Month/ Day/ Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year) | Action of Code of Derivative Securities (Instr. 8) (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) | | | | Date (Month/Day/ Year) | | Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | | Security (Instr. 5) | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | ship Form of Deriv- ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exer-cisable | Expira- tion Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$32.00 | 01/08/03 | | M | | | 2,320 ⁽²⁾ | | 12/12/03 | Common Stock | 2,320 | | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of December 31, 2002.
- (2) The initial option for 7,320 shares vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 12, 1996.

By: /s/ **George R. Gavagan** **January 9, 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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