

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 5

Annual statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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SUBJECT COMPANY

GANNETT CO INC /DE/

CIK: **39899** | IRS No.: **160442930** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Diercks Ardyth R.		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) 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		Senior Vice President/Gannett Television and President and General Manager of WUSA-TV
(Street) McLean, VA 22107			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		
(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 Indirect Beneficial 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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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	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration	7. Title and Amount of Underlying	8. Price of Derivative	9. Number of Derivative	10. Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	Date (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		Date (Month/Day/Year)		Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Securities 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 Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	(1)	A5	1,186.795		Immed.		Common Stock	1,186.795	(1)			
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	04/02/01	I5		936.075			Common Stock	936.075	\$59.4983			
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	04/18/01	I5		3.266			Common Stock	3.266	\$65.20			
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	(2)	A	886.157		Immed.		Common Stock	886.157	(2)			
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	04/01/02	I		1,200.105			Common Stock	1,200.105	\$76.7158			
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	04/30/02	I		3.637			Common Stock	3.637	\$73.20	1,040.946 (3)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) 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.

(2) Acquired on various dates between December 31, 2001 and August 29, 2002 pursuant to Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan, at prices ranging from \$69.2302 to \$77.68 per share.

(3) 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/ **Ardyth R. Diercks**

February 7, 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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