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Form 5

February 11, 2003

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_ Form 3 Holdings

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Add Johnson James | 2. Issuer Nam Gannett Co. , | | | 6. Relationship of Person(s) to Issuer (Check | 1 0 | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|-------|---|-------------------------|--|--|------------|---|--|
| (Last) Gannett Co., Inc 7950 Jones Bran | of Reporting Person, | | | Mont | h/Year mber 29, 2002 | X Director 10% Owner _ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | |
| McLean, VA 22 | (Street) | | | | Date | of Original th/Year) | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | Table | I Non-De | erivative | ities Acquired, Dispo | sposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | |
| | action Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) Amount (A) P | | (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of | () | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | Year) | (Month/Day/ Year) | | 7 mount | or (D) | 11100 | Issuer's Fiscal year (Instr. 3 & 4) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)

| (org.) pass, cams, warrants, operous, conversion securities, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|---------------------|----|--------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Title of | 2. Conver- | 3. Trans- | 3A. | 4. | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable | 7 | . Title and Amount | 8. Price of | 9. Number | 10. | 11. Nat |
| Derivative | sion or | action | Deemed | Trans- | Derivative | and Expiration | О | of Underlying | Derivative | of | Owner- | of Indir |
| Security | Exercise | Date | Execution | action | Securities | Date | S | Securities | Security | Derivative | ship | Benefic |
| | Price of | | Date, | Code | Acquired (A) | (Month/Day/ | (] | Instr. 3 & 4) | (Instr. 5) | Securities | Form | Owners |
| (Instr. 3) | Derivative | (Month/ | if any | | or Disposed | Year) | | | | Beneficially | of Deriv- | (Instr. 4 |
| | Security | Day/ | (Month/ | (Instr. | of (D) | | | | | Owned | ative | |
| | | Year) | Day/ | 8) | | | | | | at End of | Security: | |
| | | | Year) | | (Instr. 3, 4 & | | | | | Year | Direct | |
| | | | | | 5) | | | | | (Instr. 4) | (D) | |
| | | | | | (A) (D) | | | Title | | | or | |
| | | | | l . | (-) | | | | | <u> </u> | | |

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| | | | | | Exer-cisable | Expira- tion Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | |
|--|---------|----------|----|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|-----|-----------|-------------------------------|--|
| Phantom Stock | 1-for-1 | (1) | A5 | 1,086.688 | Immed. | | Common Stock | 1,086.688 | (1) | 1,194.879 | D | |
| Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$71.50 | 05/07/02 | A | 3,500 | (2) | | Common Stock | 3,500 | | 3,500 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Acquired on various dates between January 1, 2001 and December 30, 2001 pursuant to Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan, at prices ranging from \$60.4103 to \$67.9318 per share.

(2) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on May 7, 2003.

By: /s/ <u>Todd A. Mayman</u> Attorney-in-Fact **February 11, 2003**

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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