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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Ad Arnelle H. Jess			me and Tic		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)								
(Last) Gannett Co., Ir 7950 Jones Bra	of Reporting Person,				Mo	Statement for nth/Day/Year nuary 24, 2003	X Director						
(Street) McLean, VA 22107								f Amendment, te of Original onth/Day/Year)	(Check Applical X Form filed by Person Form filed by	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	Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired,						Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Execution Date,	3. Trans action C (Instr. 8 Code	ode	4. Securitie (A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	(A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
		1 Cal)	(D)					(Instr. 3 & 4)					

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

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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)

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1. Title of	2. Conver-	3.	3A.	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature
Derivative	sion or	Trans-	Deemed	Trans-	Number	and Expiration	Amount of	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indirect
Security	Exercise	action	Execution	action	of	Date	Underlying	Security	Securities	ship	Beneficial
	Price of	Date	Date,	Code	Derivativ	@Month/Day/	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	Ownership
(Instr. 3)	Derivative		if any		Securitie	Year)	(Instr. 3 & 4)		Owned	of Deriv-	(Instr. 4)
	Security	(Month/	(Month/	(Instr.	Acquired				Following	ative	
		Day/	Day/	8)	(A) or				Reported	Security:	
		Year)	Year)		Disposed				Transaction(s)	Direct	
					of (D)				(Instr. 4)	(D)	
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			Code	(A)	(D)	Date	Expira-	Title	Amount			(Instr. 4)	
						Exer-cisable	tion		or				
							Date		Number				
									of				
									Shares				
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	1/24/03	A	10.1		Immed.		Common Stock	10.1	\$72.23	1,511.033	D	

Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ <u>Todd A. Mayman</u> Attorney-in-Fact January 28, 2003

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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