GANNETT CO INC /DE/

Form 4 April 24, 2003

## FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*					me and Tio		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s)							
Miller Larry F. (Last) Gannett Co., Inc 7950 Jones Bran	of Repo	ortin	entification g Person, (voluntary)		Mo	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year April 22, 2003		to Issuer (Check all applicable)  _ Director _ 10% Owner  X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Executive Vice President/Operations						
McLean, VA 22					Dat (Me	f Amendment, se of Original onth/Day/Year)	(C <u><b>X</b></u> Pe Re	theck Applical Form filed by erson Form filed by eporting Perso	One Reporting  More than One					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired,							Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	3. Transaction (Instr. 8 Code	Code	4. Securitie or Dispose (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	d of (Î		) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)		6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	4/22/03		M		14,500	A	\$56.2							
Common Stock	4/22/03		M		26,000	A	\$54.3	1						
Common Stock	4/22/03		S		12,500	D	\$75.5	0						
Common Stock	4/22/03		S		3,800	D	\$75.5	5						
Common Stock	4/22/03		S		1,200	D	\$75.5	6						
Common Stock	4/22/03		S		5,000	D	\$75.6	0						
Common Stock	4/22/03		S		5,000	D	\$75.6	8						
Common Stock	4/22/03		S		13,000	D	\$76.0	0	100	D				

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Common Stock				1,834	I	By Spouse
Common Stock				<b>1,136.770</b> (1)	I	By 401k Plan

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)

Derivative Security	Exercise	Trans- action Date	Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	of De Se Ac (A Di	Number crivative curities equired ) or sposed (D)	6. Date Exerc and Expiration Date (Month/Day/ Year)		7. Title an Amount o Underlyin Securities (Instr. 3 &	f g	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Owner- ship Form	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	&		Date Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$56.25	4/22/03		М		14,500	(2)	7/24/10	Common Stock	14,500		14,500	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$54.31	4/22/03		M		26,000	(3)	12/5/10	Common Stock	26,000		26,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of March 31, 2003.
- (2) The intial option for 29,000 shares began vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on July 24, 2001.
- (3) The intial option for 52,000 shares began vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on December 5, 2001.

By: /s/ <u>Todd A. Mayman</u> Attorney-in-Fact

April 24, 2003
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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