

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

( ) Form 3 Holdings Reported  
 ( ) Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Martore, Gracia C.  
 Gannett Co., Inc.  
 1100 Wilson Boulevard  
 Arlington, Virginia 22234

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Gannett Co., Inc.  
 "GCI"

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

December 31, 1997

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)

( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)  
 Vice President/Treasury Services and Investor Relations

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock	12/12/97	G	17	D	N/A	2,973	D	
Common Stock						624.218	I	(1)
Common Stock	To 09/30/97					485.652	I	(2)

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Amount	A/D	Exercisable Date	Expiration Date					
Stock Options/Option Tender Rights	\$59.50	12/09/97	A	6,100	A	12/09/01	12/09/07	Common Stock 6,100	0	6,100	D	
Stock Incentive Rights	N/A	12/09/97	A	210	A	12/09/01	12/09/01	Common Stock 210	0	210	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Held by the trustee of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan, The Northern Trust Company.  
 (2) Held by the trustee of the Company's 401(k) Plan, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Gracia C. Martore