

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CHAPPLE THOMAS L</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE  (Street) MCLEAN VA 22107  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [ GCI ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) SrVP, C Admn O and Gen Counsel
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/25/2003	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/25/2003		M		20,000	A	\$37.375	24,997.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		700	D	\$78.98	24,297.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		600	D	\$78.97	23,697.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		200	D	\$78.96	23,497.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		6,000	D	\$78.85	17,497.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		100	D	\$78.81	17,397.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		1,500	D	\$78.8	15,897.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		400	D	\$78.79	15,497.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		500	D	\$78.78	14,997.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		1,600	D	\$78.75	13,397.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		500	D	\$78.74	12,897.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		500	D	\$78.73	12,397.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		700	D	\$78.72	11,697.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		500	D	\$78.71	11,197.543	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2003		S		6,200	D	\$78.7	4,997.543	D	
Common Stock								1,780.451 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$37.375	09/25/2003		M			20,000	12/10/1997 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/10/2006	Common Stock	20,000	\$0	2,280	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of June 30, 2003.
- The initial option for 22,280 shares vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 10, 1997.

**Remarks:**

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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