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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
Gannett Co., Inc.	1100 Wilson Boulevard	
	(Street)	
Arlington	Virginia	22234
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Gannett Co., Inc. ("GCI")

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

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4. Statement for Month/Year

December, 1999

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President/Gannett Television

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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person

Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/10/99	M	2,955	A	\$37.3750	See Below	D
Common Stock	12/10/99	S	2,955	D	\$78.0159	See Below	D
Common Stock	12/10/99	M	1,850	A	\$59.5000	See Below	D
Common Stock	12/10/99	S	1,850	D	\$78.0159	See Below	D
Common Stock	12/10/99	M	600	A	\$66.0000	See Below	D
Common Stock	12/10/99	S	600	D	\$78.0159	See Below	D
Common Stock	12/10/99	M	3,355	A	\$65.0000	See Below	D
Common Stock	12/10/99	S	3,355	D	\$78.0159	See Below	D

Common Stock	12/13/99	M	1,400	A	\$32.0000	See Below	D
Common Stock	12/13/99	S	1,400	D	\$78.1250	See Below	D
Common Stock	12/13/99	M	750	A	\$33.7500	See Below	D
Common Stock	12/13/99	S	750	D	\$78.1250	0	D
Common Stock	To 9/30/99					446.0245	I (1)
Common Stock	To 11/30/99					772.908	I (2)

* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 5(b)(v)

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

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Table II -- Derivative Securities 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)	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Stock Options	\$37.3750	12/10/99	M	2,955	12/10/00 12/10/06	Common Stock	2,955 0	2,955	D	
Stock Options	\$59.5000	12/10/99	M	1,850	12/09/01 12/09/07	Common Stock	1,850 0	3,700	D	
Stock Options	\$66.0000	12/10/99	M	600	12/09/01 12/09/07	Common Stock	600 0	600	D	
Stock Options	\$65.0000	12/10/99	M	3,355	12/08/02 12/08/08	Common Stock	3,355 0	10,065	D	
Stock Options	\$32.0000	12/13/99	M	1,400	12/12/99 12/12/03	Common Stock	1,400 0	0	D	
Stock Options	\$33.7500	12/13/99	M	750	12/12/99 12/12/03	Common Stock	750 0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

/s/Ardyth R. Diercks

1/7/00

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient. See Instruction 6 for procedure.

Alternatively, this form is permitted to be submitted to the Commission in electronic format at the option of the reporting person pursuant to Rule 101(b)(4) of Regulation S-T.

