FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MOON CRAIG		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)		GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI]						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	06/01/2003		Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		(Mont	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
·			,		Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify					
(Street)			below) below) Pres./Publisher of USA Today		1	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)									
			Table I - N	on-Derivat	ive Securities Beneficial	ly Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownershi Form: Direct or Indirect (I (Instr. 5)	ect (D) (Instr. 5)		Beneficial Ownership	
Common Stock					941	D				
Common Stock					3,119.126(1)	I	By 40	1(k) Plan		
		(e Securities Beneficially ints, options, convertible		;)			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			
Employee S	Stock Option (right t	to buy)	12/09/1998 ⁽²⁾	12/09/2007	Common Stock	10,000	59.5	D		
Employee S	Stock Option (right t	to buy)	12/08/1999 ⁽³⁾	12/08/2008	Common Stock	15,400	65	D		
Employee S	Stock Option (right t	to buy)	12/08/1999 ⁽⁴⁾	12/08/2008	Common Stock	3,000	70.9375	D		
Employee S	Stock Option (right t	to buy)	12/07/2000 ⁽⁵⁾	12/07/2009	Common Stock	24,000	74.5	D		
Employee S	Stock Option (right t	to buy)	07/24/2001 ⁽⁶⁾	07/24/2010	Common Stock	13,500	56.25	D		
Employee S	Stock Option (right t	to buy)	12/05/2001 ⁽⁷⁾	12/05/2010	Common Stock	16,500	54.31	D		
Employee S	Stock Option (right t	to buy)	12/04/2001	12/04/2011	Common Stock	2,000	69.35	D		
Employee S	Stock Option (right t	to buy)	12/04/2002 ⁽⁸⁾	12/02/2011	Common Stock	30,000	69.35	D		
Employee S	Stock Option (right t	to buy)	12/04/2002 ⁽⁹⁾	12/02/2011	Common Stock	20,000	72.24	D		
Employee S	Stock Option (right t	to buy)	12/03/2003 ⁽¹⁰⁾	12/03/2012	Common Stock	62,000	70.21	D		
Phantom St	tock		08/08/1988 ⁽¹¹⁾	08/08/1988 ⁽¹¹	Common Stock	5,947.137	0(12)	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This information is based on a plan statement dated as of May 29, 2003.
- 2. The initial option for 10,000 shares vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 9, 1998.
- $3. \ The initial option for 15,400 \ shares \ vested in four equal annual installments \ beginning \ on \ December \ 8,1999.$
- 4. The initial option for 3,000 shares vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 8, 1999.
- 5. The initial option for 24,000 shares vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 7, 2000.
- 6. The initial option for 13,500 shares vests in four equal annual installments beginning on July 24, 2001.
- 7. The initial option for 16,500 shares vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 5, 2001.
- 8. The initial option for 30,000 shares vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 4, 2002.
- 9. The initial option for 20,000 shares vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 4, 2002.
- 10. The initial option for 62,000 shares vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 3, 2003.
- 11. These shares of phantom stock are payable on various dates selected by the reporting person or as provided in the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan.
- 12. These shares of phantom stock convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

Craig A. Moon

06/09/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 5 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CONSTITUTES AND APPOINTS

EACH OF THOMAS L. CHAPPLE, BARBARA W. WALL AND TODD A. MAYMAN, SIGNING SINGLY,

THE UNDERSIGNED'S TRUE AND LAWFUL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT TO:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Gannett Co., Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, 5 and 144 in accordance with the Securities laws of the United States and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms and timely file such forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or other authority where such filing is required; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms with respect to the

undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 9th day of June, 2003.

/s/ Craig A. Moon Craig A. Moon

WITNESS: /s/ Todd A. Mayman