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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## **FORM 144**

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ATTENTION: Transmit for filing 3 copies of this form concurrently with either placing an order with a broker to execute sale or executing a sale directly with a market maker.

1(a) NAME OF ISSUER(Please type	(b) IRS IDENT. NO.		(c) S.E.C. FILE NO.				
Gannett Co., Inc.	16-0442930		1-6961				
1(d) ADDRESS OF ISSUER ST	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE		(e) TELEPHONE	E NO.	
7950 Jones Branch Drive	VA	22107			AREA CODE	NUMBER	
						(703)	854-6000
2(a) NAME OF PERSON FOR WHOSE ACCOUNT THE SECURITIES ARE TO BE SOLD	(b) IRS IDENT. NO		(c) RELATIO ISSUER	ONSHIP TO	(d) ADDRES ZIP CODE	S STREET	CITY STATE
Craig A. Dubow			officer		Gannett Co 7950 Jones 22107	., Inc. Branch Drive M	cLean VA

INSTRUCTION: The person filing this notice should contact the issuer to obtain the I.R.S. Identification Number and the S.E.C. File Number.

3( <i>a</i> )	(b)	SEC USE ONLY	( <i>c</i> )	( <i>d</i> )	(e)	(f)	(g)
Title of the Class of Securities	Name and Address of Each Broker Through Whom the Securities are to be Offered	Broker-Dealer File Number	Number of Shares or Other	Aggregate Market Value	Number of Shares or Other	Approximate Date of Sale (See instr.	Name of Each Securities

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To Be Sold	or Each Market Maker who is Acquiring the Securities	Units To Be Sold (See instr. 3(c))	(See instr. 3(d))	Units Outstanding (See instr. 3(e))	3(f)) (MO. DAY YR.)	Exchange (See instr. 3(g))
Common Stock	Tony Fagella Deutsche Bank Alex Brown 280 Park Avenue, 3E New York, NY 10017	19,375	\$1,567,825	269,705,112	On or after 10/15/03	NYSE

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. (a) Name of Issuer

(b) Issuer's I.R.S. Identification Number

(c) Issuer's SEC file number, if any

- (d) Issuer's address, including zip code
- (e) Issuer's telephone number, including area code
- 2. (a) Name of person for whose account the securities are to be sold

(b) Such person's I.R.S. identification number, if such person is an

entity

- (c) Such person's relationship to the Issuer(e.g., officer, director,
- 10% stockholder or member of immediate family of any of the

foregoing)

(d) Such person s address, including zip code

3. (a) Title of the class of securities to be sold

(b) Name and address of each broker through whom the securities are intended to be sold

(c) Number of shares or other units to be sold (if debt securities, give the aggregate face amount)

(d) Aggregate market value of the securities to be sold as of a specified date within 10 days

prior to filing of this notice

(e) Number of shares or other units of the class outstanding, or if debt securities the face

amount thereof outstanding, as shown by the most recent report or statement published by

- the issuer
- (f) Approximate date on which the securities will be sold

(g) Name of each securities exchange, if any, on which the securities are intended to be sold

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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### TABLE I - SECURITIES TO BE SOLD

Title of the Class		Pate you cquired	Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Whom Acc (If gift, also give	Name of Person from Whom Acquired <i>gift, also give date donor</i> <i>acquired</i> )		Amount of Securities Date of Acquired Payment	
Common Stock	On or a	fter 10/15/03	Stock Option Exercise	Gannett Co., Inc.		19,375	Upon exercise on or after 10/15/03	Cash or stock
was not made in table or in a note given. If the com obligation, or if the arrangement		s were purchased and full p cash at the time of purchase thereto the nature of the con- sideration consisted of any r payment was made in install and state when the note or o n full or the last installment	e, explain in the nsideration note or other ments describe ther obligation	person for v positions, p	whose account the ut or other option aph (d)(3) of Rule	e acquisition of the y are to be sold ha to dispose of secu 144, furnish full i	d any short rities referred	

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

### TABLE II - SECURITIES SOLD DURING THE PAST 3 MONTHS

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

Name and Add	lress of Seller	Title of Securities Sold			Date	of Sale	Amount of Securities Sold	Gross Pre	oceeds
REMARKS:									
INSTRUCTIONS:				ATTENTION:					
See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.			hereby rep information	resents by sign in regard to	ning this notic the current a	urities to which this not we that he does not know nd prospective operation n publicly disclosed.	v any material	adverse	
	October :	15, 2003				/s/ Todd	A. Mayman, Attorne	y-in-Fact	
	Date of	Notice					Signature		

This notice shall be signed by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold. At least one copy of the notice shall be mutually signed. Any copies not manually signed shall bear typed or printed signatures.

ATTENTION: Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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

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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 1st day of October, 2002.

<u>/s/ Craig A. Dubow</u> Signature WITNESS:<u>/s/ Jennifer L. Albosta</u> Jennifer L. Albosta

Craig A. Dubow Print Name