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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 McLean | | VA | 22107 | 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) ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE | | |
| John B. Jaske | | | officer | c/o Gannett Co., Inc. 7950 Jones Branch Drive McLean VA 22107 | | | 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 or | 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 | 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 | Cynthia Hewitt Merrill Lynch 1201 Market Street, Suite 2000 Wilmington, DE 19801 | 37,950 | \$3,039,795 | 252,198,649 | On or after 03/02/05 | NYSE |
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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

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 | | ate you cquired | Nature of Acquisition Transaction | Name of Person from Whom Acquired (If gift, also give date donor acquired) | | Amount of Securities Date of Acquired Payment | | Nature of Payment |
|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------------------|
| Common Stock | | | Stock Option Exercise | Gannett Co., Inc. | | 37,950 | Upon exercise on or after 03/02/05 | Cash or stock |
| was not made in table or in a note given. If the con obligation, or if the arrangement | | as were purchased and full payment therefor cash at the time of purchase, explain in the thereto the nature of the consideration sideration consisted of any note or other payment was made in installments describe and state when the note or other obligation n full or the last installment paid. | | 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 Address of Seller | Title of Securities Sold | | Date of Sale | | Amount of Securities Sold | Gross Proceeds | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| John B. Jaske c/o Gannett Co., Inc. 7950 Jones Branch Drive McLean, VA 22107 | Common Stock Common Stock | | 12/2 12/2 | | 3500 400 | \$283,325 \$32,388 | | | | | |
| REMARKS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| INSTRUCTIONS: | 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. | | | tereby repre se informati | sents by sig on in regard | t the securities to which this no ning this notice that he does no d to the current and prospective sold which has not been publicl | t know an e operatio | y material ns of the | | | | |
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| Marci | | | | /s/ Todd A. Mayman, Attorney-in-Fact | | act | | | | | |
| Date of Notice | | | | Signature | | | | | | | |

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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)