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	FORM 4			
STATEMENT	OF CHANGES IN BENEF	ICIAL OWNERSHIP		
Section 17(a) of the		rities Exchange Act of 1934, ing Company Act of 1935 or Company Act of 1940		
[ X] Check this box if no lo obligations may continu				
1. Name and Address of Repor	ting Person*			
Bentley	Sara	М.		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		
Gannett Co., Inc. 1100 Wils	on Boulevard			
	(Street)			
Arlington	Virginia	22234		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or	Trading Symbol			
Gannett Co., Inc. ("GCI")				
3. IRS or Social Security Nu	umber of Reporting P	erson (Voluntary)		
4. Statement for Month/Year		=======================================		
May, 2001				
5. If Amendment, Date of Ori	ginal (Month/Year)			

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer

[ ] Director [ ] 10% Owner [ X ] Officer (give title below) [ ] Other (specify below)  Group President/Northwest Newspaper Group		
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)  [ X] Form filed by one Reporting Person		
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Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,  or Beneficially Owned		
4. Securities Acquired 3. Disposed of (D) Transaction (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		
2. Code	Price	
Common Stock 05/22/01 M 11,600 A		
Common Stock 05/22/01 S 11,600 D		
Common Stock To 04/30/01		
Common Stock To 03/31/01		
Common Stock		

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

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

<sup>\*</sup> If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction  $4\,\mbox{(b)}\,\mbox{(v)}\,.$ 

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1. Title of	Price of	3. Trans-	action Code	5. Number Derivat Securit Acquire or Disp of(D)	tive ties ed (A) posed	Expiration	on Date ay/Year)		ying es and 4)
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ative	(Month/ Day/ Year)	8)  Code V	4 and 5	5)  (D)	Exer- cisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$23.6250	05/22/01	М		11,600	12/13/97	12/13/01	Common Stock	11,600

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#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Held by the trustee of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan, The Northern Trust Company.
- (2) Held by the trustee of the Company's 401(k) Plan, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company.
- (3) Held by spouse and/or immediate family member of reporting person. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

/s/Sara M. Bentley	6/05/01
**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 procedures.

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