



The Gazette Completes Acquisition of Community Newspapers From Chesapeake Publishing Corporation

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GAITHERSBURG, Md.--March 1, 2001--The Gazette, a unit of The Washington Post Company (NYSE:WPO), announced today that it has completed the acquisition of Southern Maryland Newspapers from Chesapeake Publishing Corporation, Elkton, MD. The purchase price was not disclosed.

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